

Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District
March 24, 2015
Regular Meeting Minutes

Present: Board of Education Trustees: Carolee Brakewood, Thomas Corbia, James Dreves, Anne Capeci and Robert Johnson

Also Present: Dr. Edward Kliszus, Superintendent of Schools,

Absent: Frank Sisca, School District Attorney (Sisca Sisca and Associates)

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Brakewood called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Kliszus and Dr. Combs presented Certificates of Recognition to PCHS students who scored 3 or higher on last year's Grade 8 NY State Assessments, and those PCHS students who achieved a perfect score on the 2014 NY State Regents Exams. Certificates were also presented to the students' guidance counselors and Dr. Combs.

Mr. Durney and Mr. Barret, recognized the achievements of the Modified, Junior Varsity and Varsity Cheerleading Teams. Mr. Durney pointed out that these student athletes must also maintain a certain academic record to participate,

The presentation of these certificates was delayed from the March 3 Board meeting due to a snowstorm. All of the student received the congratulations of the Board of Education Trustees.

2005-2016 BUDGET UPDATE

Dr. Kliszus presented an update of the Preliminary Budget, pointing out that an estimate of state aid has still not been received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandra Villanova of 73 Hawley Avenue addressed the half-days of school in the calendar and their impact on working parents. As the King Street PTA president, she presented ideas for changing the calendar.

Dan Keller, of Renshaw Place, commented on his concerns that non-resident students may be attending our schools. He also addressed the pick-up system at Edison School.

Servie Parvatia of 23 Austin Place, also addressed half-days of school and their impact on parents' work schedule. She also discussed the after-care program and requested that the program be set in place before the end of this school year.

Tom Ceruzzi of White Avenue praised the schools and the Board in dealing with the growing population and serving the needs of the students

Arnold Loring of 60 Upland Street requested the Board to allowing residents to apply for senior exemption of STAR

SUPERINTENDENT'S REQUEST FOR ACTION

Upon the motion of Mr. Johnson and a second by Ms. Capeci, the following actions were unanimously approved:

1. Axa Josie Quijada, New Rochelle, New York be approved for a three-year probationary appointment as Special Education Teacher, at Step 1-Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective April 7, 2015 through March 31, 2018. Mrs. Quijada received a B.A. and a M.S.Ed. Degree from The College of New Rochelle. Mrs. Quijada received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment March 23, 2015. Her assignment will be at

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John F. Kennedy School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Derek Bastone who resigned.

2. Andrea Naselli, North White Plains, New York be approved for a three-year probationary appointment as Special Education Teacher, at Step 1-Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective April 7, 2015 through March 31, 2018. Ms. Naselli received a B.A. Degree and a M.S. Degree from Pace University. Ms. Naselli received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment September 13, 2013. Her assignment will be at King Street School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Theodore D'Alessio who resigned.

3. The following individual(s) be appointed to position(s) for the 2014-2015 school year:

Michelle Santucci	Mentor Training – Park Avenue School	\$42 per hour
Jenna Broems	After School Teacher – Middle School	42 per hour
Brett Conetta	After School Substitute Teacher – Middle School	42 per hour
Sari Shuster	After School Teacher – Middle School	42 per hour
Joseph Gilson	Debate Club Advisor – High School	589
Michael Stabile	Environmental Club Co-Advisor – High School	294.50
Alexander Miller	Environmental Club Co-Advisor – High School	294.50
Joseph Fontana	Gardening Club Advisor – High School	589
Maria Recchia	Science Research Club Advisor – High School – Feb-June	294.50
Katie Cassolino	National Art Honor Society – High School	618
Mike Li	Asian-American/Ping-Pong Club Advisor – High School	589
Sara Sadoff	Career Cruisers Club Co-Advisor – High School	362.50
Aaron Glazer	Career Cruisers Club Co-Advisor – High School	362.50
Diane Windas	One World Youth Club Advisor – High School	725
Linda Ventura	Tri-M Music Honor Society Advisor – High School	618
Alexander Moore	Badminton Club Co-Advisor – High School	294.50
Jesse Fernandez	Badminton Club Co-Advisor – High School	294.50
Antoinette DellaVecchia	Lacrosse Club Co-Advisor – High School	362.50
Paula Sarles	Lacrosse Club Co-Advisor – High School	362.50
Caryn Rodman	Step Club Advisor – High School	589
Stacey Wolff	Habitat for Humanity Club Advisor – High School – Feb-June	294.50

4. The following individual(s) be appointed to position(s) for the 2015-2016 school year:

Melissa Pennino	Assistant Head Coach Varsity Cheerleading (Fall)	\$3,035
Melissa Pennino	Assistant Head Coach Varsity Cheerleading (Winter)	3,035
Amanda Blasi	Head Coach Junior Varsity Cheerleading (Fall)	3,253
Amanda Blasi	Head Coach Junior Varsity Cheerleading (Winter)	3,253
Vanessa Aspiazu	Head Coach Modified Cheerleading (Fall)	3,142
Vanessa Aspiazu	Head Coach Modified Cheerleading (Winter)	3,142
ike Bruno	Assistant Coach Varsity Football	\$5,000
Dan Doherty	Assistant Coach Varsity Football	5,000
Anthony Fiorilli*	Assistant Coach Varsity Football	5,000
Mark Santora	Head Coach Junior Varsity Football	5,000
Frank Girdauskas*	Assistant Coach Junior Varsity Football	3,751
Joseph Capalbo	Assistant Coach Modified Football	2,538
Sean Zemylak	Assistant Coach Modified Football	2,538
Lester Ramirez	Head Coach Junior Varsity Soccer (Boys)	3,490
Peter Bisceglia	Head Coach Modified Soccer (Boys)	3,001
Gareth Gibbs	Head Coach Junior Varsity Soccer (Girls)	3,490
Kathy Federici	Head Coach Varsity Volleyball	5,000

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Juanita Mitchell	Head Coach Modified Volleyball	3,128
Sara Morabito	Head Coach Modified Cross Country (Boys & Girls)	3,001
Michael Watson	Head Coach Modified Soccer (Girls)	3,001
*Pending completion of DASA Training		

5. The following individuals be transferred on the Salary Schedule effective February 1, 2015:

Renee Aubry	Step 14-Level 8 (MA+30) \$109,391	Step 14-Level 10 (MA+60) \$116,226
Luz Camacho	Step 2-Level 1 (BA) \$53,442	Step 2-Level 6 (MA) \$61,537
Erin DeLaura	Step 11-Level 6 (MA) \$88,128	Step 11-Level 8 (MA+30) \$94,805
Marilyn DiDomizio	Step 2-Level 8 (MA+30) \$66,618	Step 2-Level 10 (MA+60) \$71,915
Jenna Garguilo	Step 4-Level 10 (MA+60) \$78,380	Step 4-Level 11 (MA+90) \$84,308
Amy Goglucci	Step 4-Level 1 (BA) 58,178	Step 4-Level 6 (MA) 67,451
Richard Gregory	Step 2-Level 6 (MA) \$61,537	Step 2-Level 8 (MA+30) \$66,618
Craig Holcomb	Step 9-Level 6 (MA) \$82,225	Step 9-Level 8 (MA+30) \$88,544
Diana Pennino	Step 6-Level 10 (MA+60) \$84,847	Step 6-Level 11 (MA+90) \$90,965
Erica Rice	Step 8-Level 8 (MA+30) \$85,421	Step 8-Level 10 (MA+60) \$91,303
Erin Rumore	Step 8-Level 8 (MA+30) \$85,421	Step 8-Level 10 (MA+60) \$91,303
Jeannette Sanderson	Step 10-Level 10 (MA+60) \$97,777	Step 10-Level 11 (MA+90) \$104,285
Amy Simmons	Step 9-Level 6 (MA) \$82,225	Step 9-Level 8 (MA+30) \$88,544
Barbara Terracciano	Step 14-Level 10 (MA+60) \$116,226	Step 14-Level 11 (MA+90) \$123,487

6. The following individual(s) receive in-service credit, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Semester</u>
Suzanne Archino	Teaching Study Skills for All Ages	3	The New York Center For Teacher Development	Winter '15

7. The following individual(s) be approved to serve as Substitute Teachers/Teacher Assistants/Tutors/Interns/Student Teachers/Volunteers on an as-needed basis for the 2014-2015 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared, "Grandfathered" in or on a twenty day emergency basis:

Ron Santavicca

8. The following individuals be re-appointed as Part-time Watchpersons at a rate of \$12/hour Monday – Saturday and \$25/hour Sundays and holidays, on a rotating basis in 3-3.75/hour shift. Their assignment is the Port Chester High School Field effective April 1, 2015 – November 30, 2015. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Cleveland Alford John Michael Concha James F. Hollis, Jr. Leonard Macri Giovanni Pena Emilio Stio

9. The following individuals be approved as Teacher Aide, Lunch Monitor or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective March 4, 2015 – June 30, 2015 unless otherwise noted. Said appointees may also serve as long-term substitutes, if and when required, at Step 1 of the Teacher Aide or Typist CSEA pay scales. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance or are grandfathered.

Bruce Marziani (Effective 3/3/15-6/30/15)
Amelia Menchaca at \$19.34/hr. (Effective 4/7/15-4/30/15)

10. The resignation of Yvette Segal, Port Chester, New York as District Clerk, be accepted the end of business on March 25, 2015.

11. The resignation of Stevie Williams, Bronx, New York, as Lunch Monitor (3 hours/day, 10-months), King Street School, be accepted the end of business on March 26, 2015.

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12. The return from a FMLA be approved for John Giordano, Port Chester, New York, effective March 27, 2014. Mr. Giordano shall resume the position of Custodial Worker, Step 5. His assignment will remain at Port Chester Middle School.
13. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$404,127.21, Schedule #9, dated March 20, 2015, be approved for the 2014-2015 school.
14. Warrants #24 and #25, including in-between checks, dated March 12, 2015, be approved:
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| General Fund | \$1,243,340.91 |
| Federal Fund | 25,344.32 |
| Cafeteria Fund | 1,816.05 |
| Trust & Agency Fund | 1,561,777.86 |
15. Warrant #26, including in-between checks, dated March 24, 2015, be approved:
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| General Fund | \$919,190.85 |
| Federal Fund | 37,111.26 |
| Cafeteria Fund | 102,544.32 |
| Trust & Agency Fund | 155,796.88 |
16. The following payrolls be approved:
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| General Fund – March 13, 2015 | \$1,844,849.23 |
| Federal Fund – March 13, 2015 | 89,123.09 |

TREASURERS REPORT

Upon the motion of Ms. Capeci and a second by Mr. Johnson, the Treasurer's Report for January was accepted and approved.

MINUTES

Upon the motion of Ms. Capeci and a second by Mr. Johnson, the following Resolution was unanimously approved

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Education meeting from January 13, 2015, be accepted.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon the motion of Ms. Capeci and a second by Mr. Johnson, the following 14 Resolutions were unanimously approved:

- A. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

WHEREAS, students and staff of the Port Chester Public Schools have distinguished themselves; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education endeavors to recognize publicly and honor its esteemed staff members and students for these successes; and,

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WHEREAS, it is clear that the community is justifiably proud of these individuals; and

WHEREAS, these individuals present an exceptional and superior example for their colleagues, peers, and the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education expresses its sincere thanks, appreciation, and admiration for achievement and excellence;

AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education in meeting and assembled this twenty fourth day of March, two thousand fifteen, hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments of its honorees.

MODIFIED CHEERLEADERS

Isabella Aguirre	Naomi Ash	Marcela Calderon
Carly Ceja	Kimberly Chavez	Kayla Gillespie
Teanna King	Jade Sierra Lovallo	Mariah Lucas
Carolyne Molano	Aurora Sophia Montenegro	Daniela Ocampo
Nataly Ortiz	Giannna Tempesta	Daffnett D. Salazar
Sydney Ann Sullivan	Michelle Vintimilla	Christina Vargas
Vanessa Vasquez	Briana Zuccarelli	

JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

Hope Baxter	Gabriella Caracuel	Cindy Cruz
Isadora Coutinne	Celeste Crivelli	Zoe Kim
Tori Febus	Faith Hudson	Melissa Perez
Adriana Mendez	Wilmary Parrilla	Dhara Salazar
Alexa Piro	Kiara Reyes	Cielo Velez
Marissa Tauro	Leslie Umanzor	

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

Marissa Arminio	Haley Blasi	Brianna Bunjaporte
Brittany Bunjaporte	Kiersten Dick	Jazmin Gonzalez
Ryann Gutierrez	Vritzy Hernandez	Emily Hewlitt
Valerie Marciano	Lexus Natal	Rebecca Salerno
Carli Sileo	Cali Smith	Imani Solomon
Carsen Swallen	Kayla Tejada	Julianne Tenefrancia
Maria Torres		

LEADERSHIP

Vanessa Aspiazu, Modified Coach
Amanda Blasi, Junior Varsity Coach
Chezdis Sanchez-Bors, Varsity Coach
Melissa Pennino, Assistant Varsity Coach

Patrick Swift, PCMS Principal
Dr. Mitchell Combs, PCHS principal
Joseph Durney, Director of Athletics

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve and adopt the 2015-2016 school calendar.
- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District appoint the following individuals as Election Inspectors for the 2015 Annual School District Election and Budget Vote to be compensated at a rate of \$9 per hour:

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1. Clotide Aguilar	6. Margaret Calabrese	11. Antonio Moran
2. Maria Gomez - Barriga	7. Joan Gargone	12. Theresa Rodriguez
3. Ingrid Arevelo	8. Betty Gioffre	13. Pat Wagner
4. Rosemarie Barrone	9. Marie Heil	14. Carmella Sorbora
5. Jeffrey Bonds	10. Marie Martin	

- D. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District appoint the following Board of Registration individuals to serve as Chief Inspector and Inspectors respectively, for the 2015 Annual School District Election and Budget Vote to be compensated at a rate of \$10 per hour:

1. Marilyn Kowalczyk	2. Ruth Cohen	3. Audrey Thime
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- E. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District appoint Michael O’Connor as Chairman for the 2015 Annual School District Election and Budget Vote to be compensated at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.
- F. **RESOLVED**, that the Annual School District Meeting and Election of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, Port Chester, New York be scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2015, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the Main Gymnasium of the Port Chester Middle School, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the vote on the Annual Budget shall take place at the same time and at the same place as the Annual School District Election, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that registration for the 2015 Annual School District Meeting and Election will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 in the office of the District Clerk during District Clerk business hours: 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that absentee ballots for the election of members of the Board of Education and the adoption of the Annual Budget will be provided in accordance with Section 2018.a of the Education Law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk shall give notice, as prescribed by law, of the time and place of holding the Annual School District Meeting, Election and the vote on the Annual Budget.

- G. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the attendance to the following conferences as noted below:

	Name	Conference	Date	Amount	Funded
1	Stacey Wolff	2015 IB Diploma Program Teacher Training	March 14 - March 16 2015	\$1,789.60	General Fund

- H. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the first reading for the following Board Policies:

- 1000 Community Relations Goals
- 2121 Board Member Qualifications
- 4327 Homebound Instruction
- 4750 Promotion and Retention of Students
- 5300.45 Alternative Instruction
- 5420 Student Health Services

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- 5420-R Student Health Service Regulation

I. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District award the following competitive bids as noted below:

Award To	Description	Amount	Basis for award
Fuller and D'Angelo, PC.	Architectural Services	Various	RFP Analysis

J. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the following budget transfer:

Transfer from	A9010 810 10 0000	Employee Benefits ERS	\$200,000
	A9020 820 10 0000	Employee Benefits TRS	400,000
	A9060 861 10 1000	Health Insurance – Oxford	50,000
	A2250 472 10 4521	Private Placements – Clearview	100,000
	A2250 472 10 4531	Private Placements – Hawthorne	75,000
	A2250 472 10 4526	Private Placements – Dormitory	40,000
Transfer to	A1621 470 10 0001	Preventative Repairs & Maintenance	\$865,000

Transfer is necessary to cover the expenses for approved projects.

- K. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District appoint Caryn Furst as the temporary School District Clerk for the 2014-2015 school year effective March 25th 2015 thru June 30th, 2015 at an hourly rate of \$25.00.
- L. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorize the School District Treasurer to complete budgetary transfers and pay bill schedules and payrolls for all funds. Said transactions will be approved by the Board of Education at the first available board meeting.
- M. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District waive the security fees associated with the PCHS Athletic Boosters event scheduled for April 18th, 2015, in the Port Chester High School auditorium. It is understood that the waiving of fees is in consideration of the event being a joint venture of multiple Booster Clubs.
- N. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepted donations from the following organizations with thanks for their generosity
 - Purchase College Lacrosse Equipment for the PCHS Lacrosse Club
 - Good Sports mouth guards for the PCHS Lacrosse Club

BOARD OF EDUCATION ROUND TABLE

Mr. Corbia praised the high school musical. He also praised all of the parents who wrote letters in support for increased state aid to the district.

Mr. Dreves praised co-directors Josh Tenzer and Devon James, musical director Michael Mastroianni and the entire cast of Rent.

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Mr. Johnson praised the All-District Instrumental Concert held on March 9. He also praised the entire production of Rent. He asked the Village board to bring back the DARE program in the schools.

Ms. Brakewood discussed celebrations of reading at Park Avenue and Edison. She praised both All-District Concerts. She also thanked the clergy who attended the Clergy Breakfast hosted by Dr. Kliszus.

Dr. Kliszus noted the students involved in the arts and how important they are to academic success. He congratulated everyone on a wonderful month.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Corbia seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. for an executive session to discuss personnel matters.