

**Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Port Chester Middle School
March 7th 2013**

Present: Board of Education Trustees: President, James Dreves, Vice President, Anne Capeci, Trustees, Carolee Brakewood, Tom Corbia and Robert Johnson.

Also Present: Dr. Edward Kliszus, Superintendent of Schools, Maura McAward, Assistant Superintendent, Frank Fanelli, Assistant Superintendent, Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer, and Yvette Segal, District Clerk

Absent: Frank Sisca, School District Attorney (Sisca & Sisca, ESQ)

Mr. Dreves called the meeting to order at 7:23 pm. The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Opening Remarks

Mr. Dreves welcomed everyone to the Port Chester Middle School highlighting the recipients of those that received perfect scores on SAT and AP exams. Mr. Dreves asked Dr. Kliszus to read and celebrate resolution A "Perfect Score on a Standardized Test". Dr. Kliszus acknowledged those listed and along with Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Carlos Sanchez, Mr. Dreves presented certificates to the honorees.

Mr. Sanchez stated "The SAT is the a test that acknowledges student ability and gives students an additional opportunity to showcase themselves. These students are top performers out of 1200 peers". In closing "Excellence is a race with no finish line".

Mr. Combs thanked all teachers and parents.

Mr. Dreves expressed his appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Corbia thanked the parents for providing such a great foundation for the students to excel. He thanked the staff for their support.

Mrs. Capeci stated that it was her hope to provide all students with the necessary tools to succeed.

Mrs. Brakewood stated how proud she was all the students and urged them to continue to aim high.

Mr. Johnson was extremely proud of all students and teachers.

Dr. Kliszus complimented and thanked the extraordinary faculty. Dr. Kliszus also stated the perfect score is a nationwide measure which is remarkable, and that these achievements set a great example for other students.

PRINCIPAL'S STATE OF ADDRESS

Dr. Combs presentation. **(copy of report on file)**

All Board members complimented the report as job well done.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marian Albertell of West Harrison, NY and President of the CSEA, thanked the Board of Education as well as the administration for a thoughtful negotiation process.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURERS REPORT

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the January 2013 Treasurers report was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the minutes for January 24th 2013 and January 30th 2013 were approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Corbia and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

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

WHEREAS, students and staff of Port Chester High School have distinguished themselves for achieving excellence; 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 excellence and achievement;

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

Perfect Score on a Standardized Test

English Regents (100% Score)

Karina Barreto, PCHS
Jillian Ferretti, PCHS
Susana Garcia, PCHS
Anika Krause, PCHS
Omar Neyra Pajares, PCHS

Living Environment Regents (100% Score)

Sonya Chandy, PCHS
Emma Louise Manos, PCHS

Global History Regents (100% Score)

Sarah Kamensky, PCHS

SAT Subject Test- Spanish (800 Score)

Katia Lopez, PCHS

Chemistry Regents (100% Score)

Jonathan Henry, PCHS

SAT Subject Test- U.S. History (800 Score)

Anika Krause, PCHS

Geometry Regents (100% Score)

Chowdhury Iqbal, PCHS
Emma Louise Manos, PCHS

SAT Subject Test- Chemistry (800 Score)

Lukas Patrizio, PCHS

TEACHERS

Maria Bottiglieri, English
Alan Cramer, Chemistry
Deborah Giacobelli, English
Steven Gibaldi, U.S. History
Carlos Gomez, Geometry
Maxwell Guido, Living Environment
Adele Janson, Chemistry
Edward Waite, Global History

COUNSELORS

Denise Bonilla
Andrea Davis
Juan Sanchez
Marta Sandoval
Stacey Wolff

LEADERSHIP

Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal
PCHS

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Corbia and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- B. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorize the school District Treasurer to pay General Fund, Federal Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Trust & Agency Fund and Capital Fund bill schedules, and Payrolls as well as complete budget transfers as necessary. Said bill schedules, payrolls, and transfers will be approved by the Board of Education at the first available board meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- C. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the contract agreement between the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District and the CSEA (Civil Service Employees Association, Local 1,000) effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016 on terms and conditions as previously agreed upon by both parties, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education execute said Memorandum of Agreement.

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Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- D. **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	Bob Vitti	NYS Band Directors Symposium Liverpool, NY	3/1/13 – 3/3/13	\$554.10	General
2	Ken Kraut	NYS Band Directors Symposium Liverpool, NY	3/1/13 – 3/3/13	\$554.10	General

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and not carried by Mr. Corbia, Mrs. Capeci and Mr. Dreves the following resolution was not adopted:

- E. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District nominates James T. Taylor II of Port Chester, New York, to serve the Southern Westchester BOCES Board of Education for a three year term effective July 1, 2013 through June 30th 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE

Upon motion by Mr. Corbia, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve acceptance of a grant of \$5,500.00 from The Presbytery of Hudson River (2020 Vision Fund Committee) dedicated to the JFK Greenhouse project.

- \$2,500 – Waterline installation for greenhouse
- \$3,000 – Greenhouse complex facilitator

REQUEST FOR ACTION

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

1. The retirement of Mary Benoit, Library Media Specialist at the Middle School, be accepted effective June 30, 2013. Mrs. Benoit will have served the District for 39.5 years. We wish Mary and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
2. The retirement of Alicia Brescia, Science Teacher at the High School, be accepted effective June 30, 2013. Mrs. Brescia will have served the District for 19 years. We wish Alicia and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
3. The retirement of Louis Catalan, ESL/Technology Teacher at the Middle School, be accepted effective June 30, 2013. Mr. Catalan will have served the District for 21 years. We wish Louis and his family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
4. The retirement of Alan Cramer, Science Teacher at the High School, be accepted effective June 30, 2013. Mr. Cramer will have served the District for 40.5 years. We wish Alan and his family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
5. The retirement of Rosemary DeGeorge, Elementary Teacher at the Middle School, be accepted effective June 30, 2013. Ms. DeGeorge will have served the District for 34 years. We wish Rosemary and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
6. The retirement of Michael DeVito, English Teacher at the Middle School, be accepted effective June 30, 2013. Mr. DeVito will have served the District for 30 years. We wish Michael and his family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
7. The retirement of Anne Duckett, Elementary Teacher at the John F. Kennedy School, be accepted effective June 30, 2013. Mrs. Duckett will have served the District for 19 years. We wish Anne and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.

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8. The retirement of Margaret Muccia, Occupational Therapist in the District, be accepted effective June 30, 2013. Mrs. Muccia will have served the District for 13 years. We wish Margaret and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
9. The retirement of David Smith, Science Teacher at the High School, be accepted effective June 30, 2013. Mr. Smith will have served the District for 33 years. We wish David and his family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
10. The retirement of Donna Smith, Art Teacher at the High School, be accepted effective June 30, 2013. Mrs. Smith will have served the District for 20 years. We wish Donna and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
11. The retirement of George Straehle, Science Teacher at the High School, be accepted effective June 30, 2013. Mr. Straehle will have served the District for 16 years. We wish George and his family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
12. The retirement of Judy Thomas, Library Media Specialist at the High School, be accepted effective June 30, 2013. Mrs. Thomas will have served the District for 31 years. We wish Judy and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
13. The retirement of Diane Windas, Mathematics Teacher at the High School, be accepted effective June 30, 2013. Mrs. Windas will have served the District for 35 years. We wish Diane and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
14. The retirement of William Patrick Wynn, English Teacher at the High School, be accepted effective June 30, 2013. Mr. Wynn will have served the District for 27.5 years. We wish William and his family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
15. The retirement of Grace Young, Elementary Teacher in the District, be accepted effective June 30, 2013. Mrs. Young will have served the District for 23 years. We wish Grace and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
16. The following individual(s) be appointed to positions for the 2012-2013 school year:

Ashley Glod-Hayes	Achieve After School Program Substitute Teacher – Middle School	\$42 per hour
Danny Alvarado	After School Program Substitute Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour

17. The following individuals be transferred on the Salary Schedule effective February 1, 2013:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Marah Bates	Step 11-Level 10 (MA+60) \$101,006	Step 11-Level 11 (MA+90) \$107,614
Julie Colangelo	Step 6-Level 6 (MA) \$71,893	Step 6-Level 8 (MA+30) \$77,559

18. The following individuals be approved to serve as Substitute Teachers/Teacher Assistants/Tutors/Interns/Student Teachers/Volunteers on an as-needed basis for the 2012-2013 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared, "Grandfathered" in or on a twenty day emergency basis:

Chantel Lowe Shivani Modi Caryn Gutierrez Lesly Solomon

19. The following individual be approved as Cleaner, Teacher Aide, Monitor, or Clerical Substitute at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective February 28, 2013 – June 30, 2013 unless otherwise noted. Said appointee may also serve as a long-term substitute, if and when required, at Step 1 of the Cleaner, Teacher Aide, or Typist CSEA pay scales unless otherwise noted. He has received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Devin M. Livingston

20. Devin M. Livingston, White Plains, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as part-time Lunch Monitor (10 months/year, 3 hours/day) at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective March 8, 2013. Mr. Livingston received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on February 27, 2013. His assignment is Port Chester Middle School.

21. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$21,960.60, Schedule #10 dated February 27, 2013 be approved for the 2012-2013 school year.

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22. Warrant #25, including in-between checks, dated March 7, 2013, be approved:

General Fund	\$1,395,521.99
Federal Fund	24,240.03
Cafeteria Fund	5,633.78
Trust & Agency Fund	153,319.61
Capital Fund	0

23. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – March 1, 2013	\$1,727,710.10
Federal Fund – March 1, 2013	112,941.37

BOARD OF EDUCATION ISSUES

Mr. Johnson discussed an energy plan and how we might provide some tax relief to homeowners.

Maura McAward responded by citing previous examination of energy savings' initiatives and noted that it may be time to revisit the matter to see if sufficient grants and programs are now available to make these programs financially viable.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE/DISCUSSION

Mrs. Capeci attended the Cheerleaders in dinner.

Mr. Johnson attended the "World read aloud day" and attended a legislative meeting.

Mr. Dreves met with the IB group and attended Relay for Life event – it was amazing.

Mrs. Brakewood attended a wellness meeting by open door and attended the Relay for Life event.

There being no further business at 9:43 p.m. and upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson the meeting was adjourned.