

Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2015 - Port Chester High School

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Present: Robert H. Johnson, President; James Dreves, Vice President; and Trustees Anne Capeci, Carolee C. Brakewood, and Christopher Wolff

Also Present: Dr. Edward A. Kliszus, Superintendent of Schools, Maura J. McAward, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Joseph Durney, Assistant Superintendent for Grants and Personnel, and Cathy A. Maggi, District Clerk

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### **Call to Order**

Mr. Johnson called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting was promptly adjourned to Executive Session to discuss litigation. No formal action was taken and Executive session was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The Board reconvened to public session at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **President's Opening Remarks**

Mr. Johnson outlined the meeting agenda, shared enrollment and class size data, and provided background for the discussion on the pending building project.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Johnson opening the floor for public comments:

Thomas Ceruzzi, 84 Hobart Avenue, commented in opposition of the pending building project.

Sal Tesoro, 9 Village Green, commented in opposition of the pending building project.

Flo Anne Mileary, 1 Village Green, commented on enrollment and re-registration.

Richard Hyman, 55 Lafayette Drive, commented in opposition to the design of the pending building project.

Perry Tempkin, 411 Westchester Avenue, commented on the taxes being too high and in opposition of the pending building project.

John Reavis, 325 King Street, Apt. 6B, expressed reservations regarding the pending building project.

Robert Reis, Munson Street, spoke in support of the pending building project.

Art Resnick, 2 King Park, expressed reservations regarding the pending building project.

Karen Van Dam, expressed reservations regarding the pending building project.

Dan Telep, Renshaw Place, commented in opposition of the pending building project.

Thomas Corbia, 365 Putnam Avenue, expressed reservations regarding of the pending building project.

Steve Simmons, North Regent Street, spoke in support of the pending building project.

Terry Fiorito, U.S. not a resident, spoke in opposition of the pending building project.

There being no further comments, Mr. Johnson closed the floor.

### **Report From Superintendent**

Request for Action

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the resolution was approved:

The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. The following resolutions for the two ISS assignments to the positions of Literacy Specialist & Intervention Facilitator be approved.

**WHEREAS**, the District acknowledges that Ann Rose Santoro, a tenured elementary teacher, has been serving in the position of Literacy Specialist & Intervention Facilitator, which constitutes an Instructional Support Services (“ISS”) position within the meaning of Part 30 of the Regents Rules commencing with the 2013-14 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Schools deems Ann Rose Santoro to be competent and qualified to perform these ISS services based upon her elementary teaching certification and more than three years of teaching experience in the elementary tenure area; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Part 30 of the Regents Rules and Section 3013 of the New York State Education Law, Ann Rose Santoro has been accruing and shall continue to accrue seniority in the elementary tenure area while continuing in this assignment that entails the performance of ISS services; and

**WHEREAS**, the District deems it to be in its best interest to continue Ann Rose Santoro in the ISS position of Literacy Specialist & Intervention Facilitator for the 2015-16 school year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Ann Rose Santoro is assigned to the ISS position of Literacy Specialist & Intervention Facilitator position for the 2015-2016 school year, an assignment in the elementary tenure area.

**WHEREAS**, the District acknowledges that Heather Rinello, a tenured elementary teacher, has been serving in the position of Literacy Specialist & Intervention Facilitator, which constitutes an Instructional Support Services (“ISS”) position within the meaning of Part 30 of the Regents Rules commencing with the 2014-15 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Schools deems Heather Rinello to be competent and qualified to perform these ISS services based upon her elementary teaching certification and more than three years of teaching experience in the elementary tenure area; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Part 30 of the Regents Rules and Section 3013 of the New York State Education Law, Heather Rinello has been accruing and shall continue to accrue seniority in the elementary tenure area while continuing in this assignment that entails the performance of ISS services; and

**WHEREAS**, the District deems it to be in its best interest to continue Heather Rinello in the ISS position of Literacy Specialist & Intervention Facilitator for the 2015-16 school year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Heather Rinello is assigned to the ISS position of Literacy Specialist & Intervention Facilitator position for the 2015-2016 school year, an assignment in the elementary tenure area.

**The following resolution that was approved at the June 23, 2015 Board Meeting, be amended as follows:**

2. Monika Vargova, Mamaroneck, New York, be approved for a one-year probationary appointment (as a result of two years of Jarema Act Credit) as Elementary Teacher, at Step 3 - Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. Ms. Vargova’s certification is Childhood Education - Grades 1-6, Initial Certification.

**The following resolutions that were approved at the July 28, 2015 Board Meeting, be amended as follows:**

3. Diantha Barone, Valley Cottage, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as ELA Supervisor – Grades 7-12, at Step 2 of the 2015-2016 Supervisor 11 Months Salary Schedule, effective July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2019. Mrs. Barone received a B.A. Degree and a M.S.T. from Pace University and a M.A. Degree from Seton Hall University. Mrs. Barone received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 1, 2011. Her assignment will be Grades 7-12 and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position.
4. Christine Galindo, Ossining, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Elementary Teacher, at Step 1-Level 1 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Ms. Galindo received a B.S. Degree from St. Thomas Aquinas College. Ms. Galindo received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 4, 2015. Her assignment will be at Edison School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position. Ms. Galindo’s certification is Childhood Education - Grades 1-6, Initial Certification.
5. Michael Torres, Bronx, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as ESL Teacher, at Step 8-Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Mr. Torres received a B.A. Degree from Drew University and a M.A. from Hunter College. Mr. Torres received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 6, 2015. His assignment will be at the High School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position. Mr. Torres’ certification is ESL, Professional Certification.

6. Porfirio Gonzowitz, White Plains, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Social Studies Teacher, at Step 6-Level 1 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Mr. Gonzowitz received a B.A. Degree from Skidmore College. Mr. Gonzowitz received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 24, 2015. His assignment will be at the High School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. He replaces Edward Waite who retired. Mr. Gonzowitz's certification is Social Studies 7-12, Initial Certification.
7. Vanessa Aspiazu, Port Chester, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Elementary Teacher, at Step 1-Level 1 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Ms. Aspiazu received a B.S. Degree from Queens College. Ms. Aspiazu received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 9, 2013. Her assignment will be at John F. Kennedy School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Ann Rose Santoro. Ms. Aspiazu's certification is Childhood Education - Grades 1-6, Initial Certification.
8. Jeffrey Kravitz, Mohegan Lake, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Social Studies Teacher, at Step 1-Level 1 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Mr. Kravitz received a B.A. Degree from SUNY Cortland. Mr. Kravitz received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 15, 2015. His assignment will be at the High School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position. Mr. Kravitz's certification is Social Studies 7-12, Initial Certification.
9. Idia Saldana, Bronxville, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Elementary Teacher, at Step 1-Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Mrs. Saldana received a B.S. Degree from the Fashion Institute of Technology and a M.S. Degree from Mercy College. Mrs. Saldana received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 16, 2015. Her assignment will be at Park Avenue School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Lucille Cappello who has accepted another position in the District. Mrs. Saldana's certifications are Teaching Assistant, Level I, Childhood Education - Grades 1-6, Initial Certification. Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), Initial Certification, and Spanish 7-9, Initial Extension.
10. Stephanie Watts, Sloatsburg, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as English Teacher, at Step 5-Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Ms. Watts received a B.A. Degree and a M.S. Degree from Pace University. Ms. Watts received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 27, 2015. Her assignment will be at the High School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position. Ms. Watts' certifications are Literacy Grades 5-12, Initial Certification and English Language Arts Grades 7-12, Initial Certification.
11. Gina Samaniego, Bronxville, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Special Education Teacher, at Step 5-Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Mrs. Samaniego received a B.A. Degree from the University of Rochester and a M.S.E. from The City College of New York. Mrs. Samaniego received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 24, 2015. Her assignment will be at John F. Kennedy School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position. Mrs. Samaniego's certifications are Students with Disabilities – Grades 1-6, Initial Certification and Bilingual Education, Initial Extension.
12. Aisha Lopez, Garnerville, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Special Education Teacher, at Step 3-Level 1 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Mrs. Lopez received a B.S. Degree from Dominican College. Mrs. Lopez received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 27, 2015. Her assignment will be at John F. Kennedy School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position. Mrs. Lopez's certifications are Childhood Education - Grades 1-6, Initial Certification; Bilingual Education, Initial Extension, and Students with Disabilities - Grades 1-6, Initial Certification.
13. Jasmin Martinez, White Plains, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Elementary Teacher, at Step 1-Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Ms. Martinez received a B.A. Degree from Binghamton University and a M.S.E. Degree from Lehman College. Ms. Martinez received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment September 12, 2013. Her assignment will be at Edison School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Heather Rinello. Ms. Martinez's certification is Childhood Education - Grades 1-6, Initial Certification.

14. Jeffrey Tascio, White Plains, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Teaching Assistant, at Step 3-Level 6 hours/day (B.A. Degree) of the 2011-2015 Teaching Assistant Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019. Mr. Tascio received a B.S. Degree from Pace University. Mr. Tascio received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment June 30, 2015. His assignment will be at the Middle School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position. Mr. Tascio's certification is Teaching Assistant, Level I.
15. Allon Plummer, Port Chester, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Teaching Assistant, at Step 6-Level 6 hours/day (B.A. Degree) of the 2011-2015 Teaching Assistant Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019. Mr. Plummer received a B.A. Degree from The College of New Rochelle. Mr. Plummer received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment March 30, 2006. His assignment will be at John F. Kennedy School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. He replaces Vanessa Vargas who has accepted another position in the District. Mr. Plummer's certification is Teaching Assistant, Level I.

**The following are new appointments:**

16. Colleen Carroll, New Rochelle, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, at Step 11 of the 2015-2016 Director 12 Months Salary Schedule, effective August 6, 2015 through August 5, 2019. Dr. Carroll received a B.S. Degree from Russell Sage College, a M.S. from Sage Graduate School, and an Ed.D. from Sage Graduate School. Dr. Carroll received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment May 26, 2015. Her assignment will be District-wide and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Carlos Sanchez who resigned.
17. Christine Rascona be granted a leave of absence from her position as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School effective September 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.
18. Christine Rascona, Somers, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as ELA Supervisor – Grades K-6, at Step 2 of the 2015-2016 Supervisor 11 Months Salary Schedule, effective August 27, 2015 through August 26, 2019. Mrs. Rascona received a B.S. Degree from SUNY Cortland, a M.S. Degree from the College of New Rochelle, and a Masters in School Administration and Supervision from Fordham University. Mrs. Rascona received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment September 3, 2005. Her assignment will be Grades K-6 and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position, recently re-opened with Dr. Carroll be appointed as Director.
19. Katiria Arce, White Plains, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Elementary Teacher, at Step 2-Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Ms. Arce received a B.A. Degree and a M.A. Degree from Lehman College. Ms. Arce received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment August 10, 2015. Her assignment will be at King Street School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position. Her certifications are Students with Disabilities (Birth-Grade 2), Initial Certification; Bilingual Education, Initial Extension, and Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), Initial Certification.
20. Jennifer Villa, Port Chester, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Teaching Assistant, at Step 3-Level 6 hours/day (B.A. Degree) of the 2011-2015 Teaching Assistant Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019. Ms. Villa received a B.S. Degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Ms. Villa received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment December 17, 2014. Her assignment will be at John F. Kennedy School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position. Her certification is Teaching Assistant, Level I.
21. Stefanie Russo, Mamaroneck, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Teaching Assistant, at Step 3-Level 6 hours/day (B.A. Degree) of the 2011-2015 Teaching Assistant Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019. Mrs. Russo received a B.S. Degree from Fordham University. Mrs. Russo received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment August 7, 2015. Her assignment will be at King Street School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Rita Bates who retired. Her certification is Teaching Assistant, Level I.
22. Maria Hernandez, New Rochelle, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Elementary Teacher, at Step 1-Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Ms. Hernandez received a B.S. Degree from City College of New York. Ms. Hernandez received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment November 20, 2013. Her assignment will be at Park Avenue School and will include participation in designated school related organizational

activities. This is a newly budgeted position. Her certifications are Childhood Education, Initial Certification; Bilingual Education, Initial Extension, and Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), Initial Certification.

23. Diana Berrios, Stratford, Connecticut be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Elementary Teacher, at Step 8-Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\*. Ms. Berrios received a B.S. Degree from Mercy College and a M.S. from Touro College. Ms. Berrios received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment August 18, 2015. Her assignment will be at Park Avenue School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position. Her certifications are Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional Certification; Bilingual Education, Professional Extension, Students with Disabilities (Birth-Grade 2), Professional Certification and ESL Professional Certification.
24. Jessica Michaca, Port Chester, New York be approved for a one-year leave replacement appointment as Elementary Teacher, at Step 5-Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Mrs. Michaca received a B.S. Degree from Mercy College and a M.P.S. from Manhattanville College. Mrs. Michaca received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment August 20, 2015. Her assignment will be at John F. Kennedy School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Megan Capiello who took a one year leave of absence. Her certifications are Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial Certification; and ESL Initial Certification.
25. Leslie DeLeon, Greenwich, Connecticut be approved for a one-year leave replacement appointment as Elementary Teacher, at Step 1-Level 1 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Mrs. DeLeon received a B.A. Degree from Hunter College. Mrs. DeLeon received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment August 20, 2015. Her assignment will be at John F. Kennedy School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Christine Rascona who is being appointed as the ELA Supervisor Grades K-6. Her certification is Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial Certification.
26. Melody Rivera, Bronx, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Teaching Assistant, at Step 3-Level 6 hours/day (B.A. Degree) of the 2011-2015 Teaching Assistant Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019. Ms. Rivera received a B.A. Degree from Iona College. Ms. Rivera received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment August 18, 2015. Her assignment will be at the Middle School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position. Her certification is Teaching Assistant, Level I.
27. Caitlin Maggi, Port Chester, New York be approved for a one-year leave replacement appointment as Teaching Assistant, at Step 3-Level 6 hours/day (B.A. Degree) of the 2011-2015 Teaching Assistant Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Ms. Maggi received a B.S. Degree and a M.S. Degree from Mercy College. Ms. Maggi received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment November 5, 2013. Her assignment will be at John F. Kennedy School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She is replacing Andrea Naselli who was appointed as a Special Education Teacher at King Street School. Her certification is Teaching Assistant, Level I.

**\* In order to be granted tenure, a classroom teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or §3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least 3 of the 4 preceding years. Further, if the classroom teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he/she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time, in which case the Board of Education, in its discretion, may extend the teacher's probationary term for an additional year.**

28. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Alicia Cammillieri, as Elementary Teacher at Edison School, beginning August 31, 2015 through approximately November 20, 2015. Mrs. Cammillieri will use accumulated sick leave during the time her doctor attests to her inability to perform her duties due to pregnancy, delivery and self care. The remainder of her Leave of Absence will be a Family Medical Leave without pay; but benefits will continue to a maximum of 12 weeks.
29. Stacey Malley, Larchmont, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Alicia Cammillieri as Elementary Teacher at Edison School, August 31, 2015 through approximately November 19, 2015 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125.

30. A Leave of Absence be granted to Megan Cappiello, Peekskill, New York, Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, effective September 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. Said leave, without pay or benefits, will continue through June 30, 2016. Mrs. Cappiello will not advance in seniority nor will said leave be counted for longevity purposes.
31. Mr. Ramon Torres, Chester, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher, as Spanish Teacher at the High School, beginning August 31, 2015 through approximately October 15, 2015 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125.
32. The following individual(s) be appointed to perform additional Guidance duties during the summer of 2015 at the Middle School. Individual(s) will receive their contractual daily rate of pay: Michael Ortiz – 7 days
33. Kathy Sutherland, Croton-on-Hudson, New York, be appointed as Community School Coordinator at Park Avenue School for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.
34. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2015 summer program:

Anthony Piccolino	Mentor Training – District	\$42 per hour
Tanya Pizzano	Mentor Training – District	42 per hour
Sandra Savel	Mentor Training – District	42 per hour
Yvette Vera-Pignato	Mentor Training – District	42 per hour
Estrella Marziani	Regents Prep/Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Cenia Santana	Regents Prep/Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Aferdita Berisha	Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Lucia Ferrante	Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Chris Kazim	Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Thomas Moravick	Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Marc Latasa	Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Alexander Lepas	Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Michael Desharnais	Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Cathyann Bassett	Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Jesse Fernandez	Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Chanel Tillman	Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Sheila Menegazzo	Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Donna LaBella	Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Justina Romashko	Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Caryn Rodman	Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Giselle Ferraro	Proctoring/Grading Regents – High School	42 per hour
Lauren Martinez	ELA Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Ashley Glod-Hayes	ELA Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Nicolle Burke	ELA Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Rebecca Mynio	ELA Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Brenda Burke	ELA Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Jenna Broems	ELA Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Laurie Halstead	ELA Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Jeannette Sanderson	ELA Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Candace Munoz	ELA Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Wendy Robins	ELA Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Linda O'Connor	ELA Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Katherine Gentile	Science Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Daniella Roman	Science Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Jenna Garguilo	Science Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Chezdis Sanchez	Science Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Chris Halstead	Social Studies Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Alyssa Canonico	Social Studies Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Pepita Lopez	Dual Language Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour
Cindy Martinez	Dual Language Curriculum Development – Middle School	42 per hour

35. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2015-2016 school year:

Christie Truance	CSE Sub Committee Chairperson – King Street School	\$1,000
Stefania Valenza	504 Committee Chairperson – King Street School	1,000
Carmen Vera McStay	CSE Sub Committee Chairperson – Edison School	1,000
Carmen Vera McStay	504 Committee Chairperson – Edison School	1,000
Larissa Torres	CSE Sub Committee Chairperson – Park Avenue School	1,000
Liliya Endres	504 Committee Chairperson – Park Avenue School	1,000
Mayra Estrella	CSE Sub Committee Chairperson – John F. Kennedy School	1,000
Jaimi Kennedy	504 Committee Chairperson – John F. Kennedy School	1,000
Anthony Bellettieri	CSE Sub Committee Chairperson – Middle School	2,000
Laurie Halstead	504 Committee Chairperson – Middle School	2,000
Ayse Ruvolo	CSE Sub Committee Co-Chairperson – High School	1,000
Ana Ford	CSE Sub Committee Co-Chairperson – High School	1,000
Ayse Ruvolo	504 Committee Co-Chairperson – High School	1,000
Ana Ford	504 Committee Co-Chairperson – High School	1,000
Cynthia Ponce	CPSE/CSE Committee Chairperson – District	3,500
Jennifer Iasillo	Assistive Technology Facilitator – District	2,000
Elsie DelPilar	Guidance Counselor Stipend – Middle School	4,409
Michael Ortiz	Guidance Counselor Stipend – Middle School	4,409
Juan Sanchez	Guidance Counselor Stipend – High School	4,409
Stephanie Figliomeni	Yearbook Co-Advisor – Middle School	1,250
Julie Colangelo	Yearbook Co-Advisor – Middle School	1,250
Laurie Halstead	Student Council Co-Advisor – Middle School	587.50
Jeannie Iantorno	Student Council Co-Advisor – Middle School	587.50
Suzanne Berlingo	National Junior Honor Society Advisor – Middle School	581
Ken Kraut	Band (Parade) Director – Middle School	755
Linda McDermott	Band (Parade) Director – Middle School	755
Mark Zizolfo	Drama Co-Director – Middle School	1,125
Renee McCaine-Taylor	Drama Co-Director – Middle School	1,125
Mark Zizolfo	Show Choir Director – Middle School	1,001
Ken Kraut	Stage Band Director – Middle School	1,239
Ken Kraut	Music Department Chairperson – Middle School	2,756
Pepita Lopez	Academy Leader – Middle School	2,756
Teresa Florindi	Academy Leader – Middle School	2,756
Frank Carlson	Academy Leader – Middle School	2,756
Jeannie Iantorno	Academy Leader – Middle School	2,756
Anthony Piccolino	Academy Leader – Middle School	2,756
Laurie Halstead	Academy Leader – Middle School	2,756
Aida Velez	Academy Leader – Middle School	2,756
Peter Bisceglia	Academy Leader – Middle School	2,756
Sara Morabito	Academy Leader – Middle School	2,756
Linda O'Connor	ELA Academic Learning Specialist – Middle School	923
Kevin Hanlon	Mathematics Academic Learning Specialist – Middle School	923
Katherine Gentile	Science Academic Learning Specialist – Middle School	923
Chris Halstead	Social Studies Academic Learning Specialist – Middle School	923
Maria Figura	Unified Arts Coordinator – Middle School	460
Thomas Josephson	Social Studies Department Co-Chairperson – High School	1,378
Thomas Moravick	Social Studies Department Co-Chairperson – High School	1,378
Maria Recchia	Science Department Chairperson – High School	2,756
Jackie Bisignano	Physical Education Department Chairperson – High School	2,270
Alexander Lepes	Mathematics Department Chairperson – High School	2,756
Ayse Ruvolo	Special Education Department Chairperson – High School	2,756
Annamarie DiBerardino	World Language Department Chairperson – High School	2,270
Karin Miletti	English as a New Language Department Chairperson – High School	2,270
Juan Sanchez	Department Supervisor – High School	7,500
Leslie Salvatore	Professional Development for Elementary Teachers – District	500 per day
Esteban Guijarro	Breakfast Program Monitor – Middle School	23 per hour
Elsie DelPilar	Breakfast Program Monitor – Middle School	23 per hour
Peter Bisceglia	Breakfast Program Monitor – Middle School	23 per hour

Felicia Knox	Breakfast Program Monitor – Middle School	23 per hour
Diana Gonzalez	Breakfast Program Monitor – John F. Kennedy School	23 per hour
Stacey Wolff	Creativity Action Service (CAS) Advisor – High School	42 per hour
Alexander Lepas	Extended Essay Advisor	42 per hour
Aaron Glazer	Extended Essay Tutor – High School	42 per hour
Max Guido	Extended Essay Tutor – High School	42 per hour
Joseph Gilson	Extended Essay Tutor – High School	42 per hour
Rosann Guido	Extended Essay Tutor – High School	42 per hour
Jesse Fernandez	Extended Essay Tutor – High School	42 per hour
Sandra Savel	English Language Learner Intake Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Karin Miletti	English Language Learner Intake Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Joyce Mannel	English Language Learner Intake Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Ann Marie Keinz	English Language Learner Intake Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Nestor Ramos	English Language Learner Intake Teaching Assistant – High School	42 per hour
Krysten Puzzo	Italian Teacher – 6th Period – High School	6,432
Linda Ventura	Music Teacher – 6th Period – High School	6,432
Michael Desharnais	Mathematics Teacher – 6th Period – High School	6,432
Caryn Rodman	Spanish Teacher – 6th Period – High School	6,432
James Stamboni	Art Teacher – 6th Period – High School	6,432
Debbie Pelletier	French Teacher – 6th Period – High School	6,432
Paula Sarles	Special Education Teacher – 6th Period – High School	6,432
Lucia Ferrante	Special Education Teacher – 6th Period – High School	6,432
Jackie Bisignano	Physical Education Teacher – 6th Period – High School	6,432
Craig Holcomb	Physical Education Teacher – 6th Period – High School	6,432

36. The following individuals be approved to serve as Substitute Teachers/Teacher Assistants/Tutors/Interns/Student Teachers/Volunteers on an as-needed basis for the 2015-2016 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared, "Grandfathered" in or on a twenty day emergency basis:

Victor Aviles	Josephine Awaraka	Joseph Basso	Sadie Bauerlein
Dawn Baxter	Amanda Blasi	Patricia Broderick	Valerie Candreva
William Capote	Amy Carter	Matthew Casey	Oneka Coach
Bianca Cooper	Ruth Anne Cosgrove	Carol Costa	Susan Covino
Stefanie Cruz	Christianne Cuddy	Samantha DeCrescenzo	Jason Dorsey
Nancy Escalante	Cheryl Farbstein	Samantha Felder	Nicholas Fesko
Laura Fitzpatrick	Jaclyn Friedman	Christine Fogel	Phil Gambino
Paul Gettler	Joan Goldsmith	Athena Gregory	Perry Jacobs
Melinda Kettler	Felicia Knox	Geoff Koester	Donna LaBella
Eunice Lanfranchi	Aaron Levine	Harold Levine	Nancy Logan
Daniel Macri	Cecilia Madden	Bryan Mardoian	Bruce Marziani
Dana Miraglia	Jessica Mitchell	Sami Mobarek	Tara Norwood
Brittany O'Donnell	Sarah Otis	Sabrina Pierroz	Adriana Paulucci
Carol Phillips-Taylor	Jennifer Puja	Melissa Punturiero	Sol Marie Reillo
Heather Resnick	Denise Rigano	Mary Romanello	Lucinda Ross
Bianca Ruggiero	Judith Russell	Deborah Sanguineti	Melissa Serrano
Nidia Serrano	Kathy Siekierski	Robert Stattel	Robyn Stefel
Jeffrey Steinberg	Michael Stobsky	Wendi Tandlich	Teresa Taylor
Zachary Taylor	Andres Taylor	Angela Tino	Susan Thornton-Smith
Elizabeth vanCaloen	Aida Velez	Roberto Velez	Peter Vita
Robert Wynn	Barry Yawitz	Grace Young	Crystal Young
Ken VanVlack	Sylvia Williams	Marisol Luciano	Ebony Washington
Jane Zeitler	Sean Zemlyak	Lauren Calman	Jessica Hernandez
Stephanie Kazarian	Alexandra Milhaven	Rosa Maria Pansarella	Yesenia Rodriguez
Nicole Weisblum	Irene Brito	Brenda Burke	Maryann DiLeo
Maria Figura	Sharla Kaufman	Wilson Matos	Sheila Menegazzo
Melissa Piccola	Larissa Torres	Fatima Woods	Christina Woods
Janet Bellantoni	Rick Vavolizza	Justin Vallarelli	Sarah Nardis
Danielle Salera	Eric Stitzer	Jonathan Ayora	Marisa Barzelatto



Jennifer Bartlett	Ornix Batista	Girolama Calogera	Kelly Cavallo
Stefany Buchi	Christina DelPilar	Vinh Cam	Betzally Espichan
Mariangela Federico	Mayra Fonticoba	Nicole Franceschini	Tammy Gartner
Theresa Hardaway	Lisa Irby-Redman	David Litzky	Alyson Lorys
Anastasia Malley	Joanne Marchesani	John Martin	Celeste Morabito
Lucero Ocegueda	Cynthia Reid	Matthew Robertson	Fran Ruello
Maryse Santini	Brian Scoli	Steven Shapiro	Yvette Solis
Robert Stacker	Leah Unger	Veronica Williams	Amelia Menchaca
Nadi Moquete	Daniela Mercado	Christina Whalen	Amna Baig
Raquel Navarro	Eris Morillo	Imani Whitfield	Jennifer Dreyer
Georgia Eftthalitsides	Brian Herberger	Paula Michel	Olivia O'Brien
Taylor Quinn	Meaghan Schmitt	Jessica DiGiorgi	Lisa Lombardi
Duncan Hoffman	Melissa Hartnack		

37. The following individuals be approved as Cleaner Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective August 21, 2015 – June 30, 2016 unless otherwise noted. Said appointees may also serve as long-term substitutes, if and when required, at step 1 of the Cleaner pay scales. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance or are grandfathered.

Felix Gamez  
 Shaquan Hill  
 Giovanni Lemmo  
 Frank Sapione  
 John Swick

38. The following individuals be approved as Teacher Aide, Lunch Monitor, Hall Monitor or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective September 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 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.

Rosemarie Barone (\$15.14/hr.)	Charlene Ganim	Jennifer Renda
Sadie Bauerlein	Rita Giordano	Ann Rich
Dawn Baxter	Arelys Hidalgo	Denise Rigano
Janet Bellantoni	Shaquan Hill	Fran Ruello
Patricia Broderick	Gwenyth Jenkinson	Elsa Salmon
Girolama Calogero	Nicole Jones	Millie Santos
Matthew Casey	Melinda Kettler	Yvette Solis
Christine Catalano	Janet Kramer	Marilyn Soracin
Josina Correia	Marcela Lucas	Maria Sposato
Chakula Corry	Rosalie Luzzi	Wendi Tandlich
Stephanie Cruz	Elizabeth Marti	Susan Thornton-Smith
Paul Darash*	Diana McDonald	Marisol Vargas
Tina DeVarti	Amelia Menchaca	Rosa Villavicencio
Nicole Franceschini	Marcela Montano	Veronica Williams
Maria Escobar	Giselle Noriega	Stevie Williams
Jeanette DeLeo	Ingrid Orellana	Brandon Weldon
Nicole Dorazio	Patricia Perez	Karen Wynn
Aimee Farias		
*Volunteer		

39. The following individuals be approved as Registered Professional Nurse Substitutes at a daily rate of \$246.08 or hourly rate of \$41.01 effective September 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance or are grandfathered.

Margaret Antiaris  
 Julia Billingsley  
 Patricia Hinz  
 Sabrina Monserrate  
 Nicole Regan  
 Kathleen Tiedemann

40. A Family Medical Leave of Absence without pay be granted to Maryrose Bell, Yorktown Hts., New York, as Sr. Office Assistant (Automated Systems) (10 months), Port Chester High School Nurse's Office, not to exceed 12 weeks, effective September 1, 2015. At the end of Ms. Bell's Family Medical Leave of Absence (December 7, 2015 a.m.), a Leave of Absence without pay or benefits be granted through June 30, 2016.
41. Janet Bellantoni, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a temporary appointment at the hourly rate for Typist, Step 1 (10 months), effective September 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015. Her assignment may be shortened or extended upon need, and will be at the Port Chester High School's Nurse Office. Mrs. Bellantoni is NYS Fingerprint Cleared.
42. The following employees be appointed as Breakfast Monitor(s) at a rate of \$23/hour effective September 2, 2015 – June 24, 2016.  
Carla O'Brien – Park Avenue School  
Marilyn Soracin – King Street School
43. Veronica Williams, White Plains, New York, be approved for a temporary appointment at the hourly rate for Typist, Step 1 (10 months), effective August 31, 2015 through September 18, 2015. Her assignment may be shortened or extended upon need, and will be at the Port Chester High School's Principal's Office. Ms. Williams is NYS Fingerprint Cleared.
44. Carina Ribera, Port Chester, New York be approved for a temporary appointment at the hourly rate for Typist, Step 1 (10 months), effective August 25, 2015 through September 30, 2015. Her assignment may be shortened or extended upon need, and will be at the Park Avenue School's Principal's Office. Ms. Ribera received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on August 24, 2015.
45. The resignation of Sharlaine Holness, New Rochelle, New York, as Teacher Aide, Special Education, King Street School, be accepted effective August 10, 2015.
46. A change of status be approved for Christina Woods, Port Chester New York from a part time/hourly (3 hours/day, 10 months) probationary Teacher Aide at Port Chester High School Special Education, Step 2, Grade I, to probationary Teacher Aide (6 hours/day, 10-months), Step 1, Grade I. Her assignment will be John F. Kennedy Magnet School Special Education.
47. Elsa Salmon, Port Chester, New York, be promoted from Lunch Monitor (3 hours/day, 10-months), John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center, to probationary Teacher Aide (6 hours/day, 10-months), Step 1, Grade III. Her assignment will be John F. Kennedy Magnet School Special Education.
48. Catherine Furano-Sapia, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Hall Monitor, Step 1, (10 months, 6 hours/day) effective September 1, 2015. Her assignment will be the Port Chester Middle School. Ms. Furano-Sapia is NYS Fingerprint Cleared.
49. Christian Cassone, Rye Brook, New York having performed his duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner, be granted permanent status as Teacher Aide, Port Chester High School, effective September 6, 2015.
50. A change of title, as per Westchester County Department of Human Resources, be approved for Rosario Renda, Bridgeport, Connecticut from Director of Facilities I to Director of Facilities III effective August 7, 2015. Said title change will have no effect on Mr. Renda's yearly salary, seniority or assignment.
51. The resignation of Leonard Macri, Port Chester, New York, as Part-time Watchperson (rotating basis in 3-3.75/hour shift, Port Chester High School Field, 8 months/year), be accepted effective August 17, 2015.
52. Giovanni (John) Figliomeni, Mamaroneck, New York, be appointed as a Part-time Watchperson at a rate of \$12/hour Monday – Saturday and \$25/hour Sundays and holidays, on a rotating basis in 3-3.75/hour shift. His assignment is Port Chester High School Field effective August 21, 2015 – November 30, 2015. Mr. Figliomeni received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on July 28, 2015.
53. Allen Stephen Carroll, Port Chester, New York be appointed as Attendance Officers for the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District at a rate of \$150/day, with a cap of 156 days and \$27,000/year, effective September 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, pending NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

54. The resignation of Allon Plummer, Port Chester, New York, as Teacher Aide, John F. Kennedy School be accepted effective August 31, 2015. Mr. Plummer has been promoted to the position of Teacher Assistant.
55. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$575.00 Schedule #15, dated August 6, 2015, be approved for the 2014-2015 school.
56. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$1,553,135.84 Schedule #16, dated June 30, 2015, be approved for the 2014-2015 school.
57. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$1,000.00 Schedule #1, dated August 6, 2015, be approved for the 2015-2016 school.
58. Warrants #3 and #4, including in-between checks, dated August 12, 2015, be approved:
- |                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| General Fund        | \$1,640,081.03 |
| Federal Fund        | 26,323.43      |
| Cafeteria Fund      | 599.31         |
| Trust & Agency Fund | 387,122.34     |
59. Warrant #5, including in-between checks, dated August 26, 2015, be approved:
- |                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| General Fund        | \$1,440,626.68 |
| Federal Fund        | 119,084.69     |
| Cafeteria Fund      | 1,244.51       |
| Trust & Agency Fund | 22,926.29      |
| Capital Fund        | 51,671.45      |
60. The following payrolls be approved:
- |                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| General Fund – July 31, 2015   | \$349,030.22 |
| General Fund – August 14, 2015 | 339,917.93   |
| Federal Fund – July 31, 2015   | 61,786.57    |
| Federal Fund – July 31, 2015   |              |

All members of the board and Dr. Kliszus congratulated the newly appointed employees who were present at the meeting. Dr. Kliszus also responded to various comments made during the public comment period. Dr. Kliszus updated the Board with on the opening of school and the pending building project. Dr. Kliszus invited Joseph Fuller of Fuller and D’Angelo Architects to speak on the pending building project. Dr. Kliszus invited Dennis Pilla, Mayor of the Village of Port Chester to speak to the Board regarding the pending building project.

**Public Hearing on District Technology Plan**

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mrs. Capeci, and carried, the Public Hearing was opened at 9:11 p.m. At the request of Dr. Kliszus, Mr. Durney introduced the public hearing on the 5-Year District Technology. Mr. Johnson opened the discussion for comment and input by the public. No community member opted to speak. Mr. Wolff and Mr. Johnson asked for clarifications on reimbursement and the time line of implementation. Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mrs. Capeci, and carried, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Brakewood and second by Mr. Dreves.

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the minutes for the July 1, 2015 meeting of the Board of Education were approved.

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the minutes for the July 28, 2015 meeting were passed by a 4-1 vote. Mrs. Brakewood abstained as she was not present at the meeting.

**Action Items**

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood and second by Mrs. Capeci, this resolution passed unanimously.

**A. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the adoption of the following Board Policies:

- 0110-E Administrator List
- 6700 Purchasing
- 6700-R Purchasing Regulations

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood and seconded by Mrs. Capeci, this resolution passed unanimously.

**B. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District adopt the 2015-2016 District Goals below:

1. Incorporate new APPR regulations into evaluative processes to improve instruction.
2. Implement evidence based best practices to optimize instruction with a specific focus on Response To Intervention (RTI)
3. Create a district wide instructional focus on literacy, recognizing that literacy is the foundation for all subject areas and that all educators are teachers of literacy.
4. Continue to pursue operational efficiencies within the confines of the tax levy cap that ensure sound fiscal management while continuing to pursue advocacy to garner lost funds including Foundation Aid, and After School Program Aid while presenting a successful Building Project Bond.

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci and seconded by Mr. Dreves, this resolution passed unanimously.

**C. WHEREAS**, the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District (“the District”) is considering the impact on the environment in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.1 et.seq (“SEQRA”) of a proposed capital improvement project known as the Port Chester Middle School 5th Grade Addition and High School Addition (hereinafter “the Project”) which is set forth in more detail in the two Full Environmental Assessment Forms Part 1 with attached drawings located at the District administrative offices (“the Project Plan”). The Project is to be undertaken at:

The Port Chester Middle School located on 113 Bowman Avenue in Rye Brook, NY 10570. To accommodate relocation of the 5th grade to the Middle School from four district elementary schools, a ±41,080 square feet of gross floor area 5th grade addition is proposed at the rear of the Middle School along with additional parent and teacher parking, traffic circulation improvements, and improved ingress and egress. A drop-off/pick-up area is proposed adjacent to the 5th grade addition. The 5th grade addition includes 15 classrooms, an art room, music room, gym with locker room, a separate cafeteria, and a 5th grade media center, and;

The Port Chester High School located on 1 Tamarack Road, Port Chester, NY 10573. Proposed is a 2-level ±59,483 gross square feet of floor area building addition to the east side of the existing Port Chester High School building, which will be stepped into the ground to reduce its visual impact on the existing High School building. Proposed are 11 new academic classrooms, 3 new science rooms, new digital art and technology spaces, a championship size gym to replace the existing gym constructed in 1929, full size band and choral rooms, and a rooftop educational area on top of the addition. Other proposed work includes an all-season synthetic turf field to replace the existing field, a secure courtyard, new bleachers, relocation of the memorial plaza and memorial bricks, and a redesigned flag plaza, all on the east side of the building adjacent to the proposed addition.

**WHEREAS**, the District directs that the District consultants notify as appropriate involved and interested agencies under SEQRA of the District’s intent to act as lead agency for the coordinated environmental review of the Project under SEQRA to such agencies (list attached) together with this Resolution of the District’s intent to act as lead agency for the SEQRA review of same, and if no objection to the District acting as lead agency is upheld in accordance with applicable law, then the District wishes to be installed as lead agency in order to conduct a coordinated environmental review under SEQRA for the Project;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the District hereby directs District consultants to provide the involved agencies and interested agencies for the Project (list attached) with a copy of the EAF Part 1 for the Port Chester Middle School 5th grade addition and the High School addition and a copy of this Resolution, that the District intends to act as the lead agency in order to conduct a coordinated environmental review for the Project under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that if no objection to the District acting as lead agency is received within thirty (30) calendar days, then the District will declare itself as lead agency for the SEQRA review of the Project and conduct a coordinated environmental review for same in accordance with 6 NYCRR. 617.1 et seq. of the implementing regulations under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act as well as Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law, and

This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci and seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, this resolution passed unanimously.

**D. WHEREAS**, the NYSSBA actively supports legislation which would require the design & validation of an APPR process that truly informs instruction and thereby promotes student learning.

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) process was first introduced to the public schools in New York in 2000 and was initially designed to help improve professional practice and enhance student growth/achievement; and,

**WHEREAS**, there have been recent attempts to articulate rubrics to better operationalize the scope and sequence of effective teaching practice within the precepts of Marzano, and Danielson and other experts; and,

**WHEREAS**, the algorithm developed by the SED is at best an educated hypothesis to quantify the relationship of teaching to student achievement and one that has yet to be adequately tested and validated; and,

**WHEREAS**, there have been significant issues raised by teachers, administrators, the Regents, the Legislature and Boards of Education; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the great state of New York sought to sidestep these concerns and instead use the budgetary process to push through a new round of implementation of APPR; and,

**WHEREAS**, at the recently convened "Learning Summit" the only agreement reached among the experts present was that there is no agreement at this time regarding the efficacy of the so-called "Value-Added-Model" (VAM) and in fact there was noticeable concern raised about the amount of error associated with this model; and,

**WHEREAS**, we do not yet have an APPR model that has been duly-validated as a means for informing instruction and supporting student learning, nor do we have a validated tool for assisting us in supporting the professional development of teachers or making critical personnel decisions; and,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Port Chester-Rye Board of Education recommends that a two-year moratorium be created for the implementation of APPR, that an expert panel be created that balances both technical & practical expertise to give guidance to this APPR process, and that a scientifically-defensible validation procedure be conducted.

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood and seconded by Mrs. Capeci, items A-P of the consent agenda passed unanimously.

**A. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District establish and authorize the School District Treasurer to arrange for a \$900 Petty Cash account for Cafeteria Fund for the 2015-2016 school year.

**B. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the 2015-2016 Cafeteria Fund budget, in the amount of \$1,816,000.

**C. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the recommendation of the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) designating the placement of these children within the Port Chester School District, Out-of-District placement, and transportation as needed for the 2015-16 school year. The file numbers of the children are as follows:

64432	64433	64449	64450	64451	64452	64409	64431
64433	64675	64382	64434	64441	64453	64454	64303

**D. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) designating the placement of these children within the Port Chester School District, Out-of-District placement, and transportation as needed for the 2015-16 school year. The file numbers of the children are as follows:

61562	9896054	9897948	9898009	64256	9898436	9898650
9894619	61656	9896660	61760	9898551	64303	

**E. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the contracted services agreement with Westchester Community Opportunity Program (WESTCOP) for the Pre-Kindergarten Expansion Program from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute said contract as the authorized school district signatory.

**F. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Port Chester Carver Center for the After School Program from September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute said contract as the authorized school district signatory.

- G. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education amends Resolution A dated July 28, 2015 for Transportation Contracts for the 2015-2016 school year as restated below.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following Transportation Contracts for the 2015-2016 school year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute said contracts. The number of children, buses, vans, monitors, or cost approved in each contract is subject to change in accordance with New York State Education Law and Commissioner’s Regulations.

<b>County Coach Corporation Rye, NY</b>	<b>In an amount not to exceed \$1,395,938</b>
Transportation of four hundred seventy-nine Port Chester - Rye Union Free School District students with nine monitors to, Stepinac High School, Our Lady of Sorrows, Resurrection Grammar and Middle Schools, Greenwich Catholic, Ursuline, Iona Preparatory High School, Iona Grammar, Greenwich Academy, Brunswick, Sacred Heart, Maria Regina, Trinity Catholic, Salesian High School, Blessed Sacrament, Holy Child, German School, Rye Country Day, Windward School, Thornton Donovan, Whitby School, Eagle Hill School, French American School, Occupational Education (Valhalla BOCES), and all Port Chester Public Schools in an amount not to exceed <b>\$1,395,938</b> .	

- H. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve Transportation Contracts for the 2015-2016 school year as noted below.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the number of children, buses, vans, monitors, or cost approved in each contract is subject to change in accordance with New York State Education Law and Commissioner’s Regulations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute said contracts.

<b>TLC Transportation Corporation of Westchester, Yonkers, NY</b>	<b>In an amount not to exceed \$79,258.11</b>
Transportation of Port Chester - Rye Union Free School District students as follows: one student from New York School for the Deaf (after-school sports), in an amount not to exceed \$10,000; IDT BOCES (number of students vary according to need) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000; three students to The Masters School in an amount of \$17,858.11; and one student to Green Chimneys in an amount of \$41,400.	

<b>Royal Coach Lines, Yonkers, NY</b>	<b>In an amount not to exceed \$62,640</b>
Transportation of Port Chester - Rye Union Free School District students as follows: two students and one monitor to The Karafin School, Mt. Kisco, one student and one monitor from Karafin School to Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES at 11:30 a.m. in an amount not to exceed \$62,640.	

<b>Blind Brook-Rye Union Free School District, Rye Brook, NY</b>	<b>In an amount not to exceed \$25,132.06</b>
Transportation of Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District students as follows: two students to Solomon Schecter- Upper and Lower Schools in an amount of \$11,818.78; and two students to Hackley Upper and Middle Schools in an amount of \$13,313.28.	

<b>Always East Transportation Yonkers, NY</b>	<b>In an amount not to exceed \$744,230.17</b>
<p>Transportation of Port Chester - Rye Union Free School District students as follows: one student to Westchester Exceptional Children in an amount of \$45,500; two students to The Harvey School in an amount of \$26,300; four students and one monitor to Ardsley Union Free School District in an amount of \$32,920; six students and two monitors to Mt. Pleasant Central School District, Hawthorne Country Day, SW BOCES Valhalla and Blythdale Children’s Hospital in an amount of \$49,933.33; Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District daily extra (number of students vary according to need) in an amount not to exceed \$5,000; one student and one monitor to The Andrus School in an amount of \$33,750; three students and two monitors to The Clear View School in an amount of \$52,500; seven students and two monitor to SW BOCES Rye Lake Campus (White Plains) in an amount of \$60,500; one wheelchair students, two students and one monitor to PNW BOCES (Pinesbridge/Walden) in an amount of \$43,000; two wheelchair students, one student and one monitor to Cerebral Palsy of Westchester in an amount of \$29,875; two students to Eastchester Union Free School District in an amount of \$35,333.34; three students to St. Matthews School in an amount of \$26,500; four wheelchair students, twelve students, and three monitors to Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District in an amount of \$84,420.90; three students and one monitor to New York School for the Deaf in an amount of \$25,622.60; one student and one monitor to Kenneth Clark Academy, Dobbs Ferry and one student to Irvington High School in an amount of \$46,000; two wheelchair students, one student and one monitor to Tappan Hill Elementary School in an amount of \$58,275; one student to French American School in Scarsdale in an amount of \$33,300; one student to Montfort Academy in Mt. Vernon in an amount of \$31,500; St. Vincent’s Hospital (number of students vary according to need) in an amount not to exceed \$30,000; and In and Out-of-District Schools on an hourly basis, when required (number of students vary according to need) in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.</p>	

<b>All County Transportation Yonkers, NY</b>	<b>In an amount not to exceed \$60,000</b>
<p>Transportation of Port Chester - Rye Union Free School District students as follows: one student and one monitor to Mamaroneck Union Free School District in an amount of \$60,000</p>	

**I. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District hereby ratifies the execution by the Board President and Superintendent of Schools of the Implementation Certification Form for its Annual Professional Performance Review for classroom teachers and building principals covered pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

**J. WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirement of Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the individuals named below have completed all the necessary training to be certified/recertified as lead evaluators of classroom teachers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District hereby recertifies/recertifies the following individuals as lead evaluators of classroom teachers:

Robert Barrett, Daniel Bologna, Mitchell Combs, Ph.D., Judy Diaz, Fortunato DiRenno, Joseph Durney, Edward Kliszus, Ph.D., Adrienne Mecca, Samuel Ortiz, Luke Sotherden, Rosa Taylor, Ivan Tolentino, Bryant Romano, Byron Womack, Christine Zidik, Colleen Carroll, Diantha Barone, Juan Sanchez, Christine Rascona, and Patrick Swift

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the individuals named below have completed all the necessary training to be certified/recertified as lead evaluators of building principals;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby certifies/recertifies the following individuals as lead evaluators of building principals:

Edward Kliszus, Ph.D. and Joseph Durney

**K. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the District Professional Development Plan for 2015-2017.

**L. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, at its discretion and in the best interest of the District, elects to forgo the written quote and bid requirements for the following professional service procurements in keeping with Policy 6700R – Purchasing Regulation.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Funded</b>
1	PC Carver Center	Extended Day/After School Programming	\$220,000	2015-2016 School Year	Extended Day

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funded</b>
1	Colleen Carroll	RTI Academy Workshop	9/28/15, 10/29/15, 11/13/15, 1/15/16 and 2/11/16	\$1,068.63 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund
2	Rosario Renda	NYS School Facility Managers	October 4-7, 2015	\$1,145.00 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund
3	Carolee Brakewood Robert Johnson Anne Capeci Chris Wolff Dr. Edward Klizus Maura J. McAward Joseph Durney	NYSBBA Convention	October 18-20, 2015	\$7,150.00 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund

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

<b>Award To</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Basis for award</b>
Simaren Corp., dba., Wisdom Protective Service	Residential Verification Services	Not to Exceed \$30,000/yr	RFP Analysis

**O. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District assign the 2015-2016 Furst & Associates Public Relations Contract to TwoDot Consulting, Inc. effective September 1, 2015.

**P. 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.

**Board of Education Roundtable / Discussion**

Mrs. Capeci wished all a wonderful opening of school. Mrs. Capeci commented on the resignation of Mr. Carlos Sanchez.

Mr. Wolff spoke about a meeting he attended regarding the after school program at the Carver Center. Mr. Wolff shared his reflections on the pending building project.

Mr. Dreves commented on the board retreat and the pending building project.

Mrs. Brakewood shared her experience at the new Teacher Orientation program, previewed the board building walk throughs, offered well wishes to Mr. Sanchez, and shared her thoughts on the pending building project.



Mr. Johnson echoed the appreciation of the district for Mr. Sanchez, spoke about the opening of school and the pre-opening activities, the board committees, the pending building project, and funding advocacy.

Dr. Klizus shared closing comments on the opening of school.

There being no further business at 10:06 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Wolff and carried the Board adjourned the meeting.