

Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District
Board of Education – Regular Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2016 – King Street Elementary School

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

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

Call to Order

Mr. Johnson called a public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting was promptly adjourned to Executive Session to discuss labor union negotiations. No formal action was taken and Executive session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The Board reconvened to public session at 7:06 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was a moment of silence for Ann Comstock, long time nurse at John F. Kennedy School and Sam Terenzi, long time Village Trustee.

President's Opening Remarks

Mr. Johnson summarized the meeting agenda. Mr. Johnson commented on the recent bond vote, how we would move forward, look at multiple issues and reach out to stakeholders. It was also mentioned that letters and/or on-line letters should be sent regarding advocacy for financial aid.

All members of the Board of Education and Dr. Kliszus recognized students and staff for the following honors:

- King Street Grades 3 and 4 New York State Assessments.

King Street Elementary School Report

Samuel Ortiz, Principal of King Street School gave the state of the school presentation. Board members and Dr. Kliszus congratulated Mr. Ortiz on the presentation and on the good work going on at King Street School.

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 appointment of Gina Samaniego, Bronxville, New York at the July 28, 2015 board meeting which was amended at the August 26, 2015 board meeting be further amended to be reduced from a four-year to a three-year probationary appointment as Special Education Teacher, at Step 5-Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Collectively Negotiated Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2018, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.* Verification of tenure and APPR scores in her previous district were received. 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.

* 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.

2. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Christine Alessi, as Elementary Teacher at King Street School, beginning approximately January 4, 2016 through April 30, 2016. Mrs. Alessi 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.

3. Aileen Gillick, Pearl River, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Christine Alessi as Elementary Teacher at King Street School, beginning approximately January 4, 2016 through April 30, 2016 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125.
4. Joseph Basso, Mamaroneck, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Estrella Marziani as English Teacher at the High School, beginning approximately January 4, 2016 through February 29, 2016 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125.
5. The Maternity Leave of Absence granted at the September 29, 2015 board meeting to Marah Castiglia, Port Chester, New York, as Elementary Teacher at King Street School, beginning September 28, 2015 through approximately December 23, 2015 be approved to be extended through January 29, 2016. Mrs. Castiglia 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.
6. The appointment at the September 29, 2015 board meeting of Erika Clerc, Hopewell Junction, New York as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Marah Castiglia as Elementary Teacher at King Street School, beginning September 29, 2015 through approximately December 23, 2015 be extended through January 29, 2016 at an amended anticipated daily rate of \$150.

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

Aaron Newcome	Regents Review Teacher – High School	\$42 per hour
Aleksandra Orlovskaya	Regents Review Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Michael Torres	Regents Review Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Crista Minicozzi	Regents Review Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Cenia Santana	Regents Review Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Marc Latasa	Regents Review Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Peggy Conway	Regents Review Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Jeffrey Kravitz	Regents Review Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Joseph DeProssino	Regents Review Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Aleksandra Orlovskaya	6 th Period – English – High School – January 4 – February 29 – prorated	1,198
Andrea Naselli	RTI Subcommittee Chairperson – King Street School	1,000
Donna Murphy	RTI Subcommittee Chairperson – King Street School	1,000
Christie Truance	RTI Subcommittee Chairperson – King Street School	1,000
Jill Buchholz	RTI Subcommittee Chairperson – Edison School	1,000
Carmen Vera-McStay	RTI Subcommittee Chairperson – Edison School	1,000
Janine Skelly	RTI Subcommittee Chairperson – Edison School	1,000
Lianet Lopez	RTI Subcommittee Chairperson – John F. Kennedy School	1,000
Gina Samaniego	RTI Subcommittee Chairperson – John F. Kennedy School	1,000
Jaimi Kennedy	RTI Subcommittee Chairperson – John F. Kennedy School	1,000
Larissa Torres	RTI Subcommittee Chairperson – Park Avenue School	1,000
Liliya Endres	RTI Subcommittee Chairperson – Park Avenue School	1,000
Veronica Ruiz	RTI Subcommittee Chairperson – Park Avenue School	1,000
Stefania Valenza	RTI Subcommittee Chairperson – King Street School – pro-rated stipend (January-June)	600
Vanessa Sanchez	Mentor – Park Avenue School – pro-rated stipend (September-December)	400
Lynne Burke	Mentor – Park Avenue School – pro-rated stipend (January-June)	600
DiBerardino, Anna Marie	Mentor – High School – pro-rated stipend (December 14-June)	650
Dan Davis	Athletic Coordinator – Spring Season	4,000
John Cafaldo	Varsity Baseball Head Coach	5,876
Joseph DeProssino	Junior Varsity Baseball Head Coach	3,873
Joseph Facciola	Modified Baseball “A” Head Coach	3,253
James Puma	Modified Baseball “B” Head Coach	3,253
Jeanine Maiolini	Varsity Softball Head Coach	5,000
Deanne Ostrowski	Varsity Softball Assistant Coach	2,473
Jamie Florindi	Junior Varsity Softball Head Coach	3,253
Ann Rose Santoro	Girls Softball Assistant Coach	2,473
Nick Mancuso	Varsity Boys Spring Track & Field Head Coach	4,750

Danny Alvarado	Varsity Girls Spring Track & Field Head Coach	4,750
Cindy Martinez	Varsity Boys/Girls Spring Track Assistant Coach	3,128
Gareth Gibbs	Modified Boys/Girls Spring Track & Field Head Coach	3,128
Peter Bisceglia	Golf Head Coach	2,229
Craig Holcomb	Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	3,001
Corey Crane	Physical Education Teacher – Athletic Trainer	42 per hour

8. 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>
Ann Rose Santoro	Responsive Classroom	2	Port Chester	Fall '15
Suzanne Archino	Responsive Classroom	2	Port Chester	Fall '15
Sean Kennedy	Responsive Classroom	2	Port Chester	Fall '15
Carmen McStay	Responsive Classroom	2	Port Chester	Fall '15
Idia Saldana	Responsive Classroom	2	Port Chester	Fall '15
Gina Samaniego	Responsive Classroom	2	Port Chester	Fall '15
Vanessa Vargas	Responsive Classroom	2	Port Chester	Fall '15
Lauren Martinez	Google as a Classroom Tool	3	Professional Development Institute	Fall '15

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:

Maria Nieto	Joseph DeRuvo	Aileen Gillick	Ana Karla Figueiredo
Shawn Maignan	Jessica Goldstein	Mara Villa	Kevin Casiraghi

9. The following individual(s) be approved as Teacher Aide, Breakfast Monitor, Lunch Monitor, Hall Monitor or Clerical Substitute(s) at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective January 13, 2016 – June 30, 2016 unless otherwise noted. Said appointee(s) 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.

Chyna Marino

10. The following individual(s) be approved as Cleaner Substitute(s) at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective January 13, 2016 – June 30, 2016 unless otherwise noted. Said appointee(s) 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.

Tommy Grey

11. Jarren Gooden, Mt. Vernon, New York, having performed his duties in a competent efficient and satisfactory manner, be granted permanent status as Custodial Worker (12 months, 8 hours/day), Port Chester Middle School, effective January 14, 2016.

12. Arelys Hidalgo, Port Chester, New York, having performed her duties in a competent efficient and satisfactory manner, be granted permanent status as Lunch Monitor (10 months, 3 hours/day), Port Chester Middle School, effective January 16, 2016.

13. An early return from a Family Leave of Absence be granted to Verni Escalante, Rye Brook, New York, effective January 4, 2016. Ms. Escalante shall resume the position of Sr. Typist, Step 10. Her assignment is the Port Chester High School.

14. Yasmi Velasquez, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a temporary appointment as Lunch Monitor, 3 hours/day, 10-months, effective December 15, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Her assignment is John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center. Ms. Velasquez received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on December 14, 2015.

15. Carol Bedoya, Port Chester, New York, be approved as a Probationary Lunch Monitor, 3 hours/day, 10 months, effective January 4, 2016. Her assignment is Park Avenue School. Ms. Bedoya is NYS Fingerprint Cleared.

16. The resignation of Giselle Noriega, Rye Brook, New York, as Lunch Monitor, John F. Kennedy Magnet School, be accepted effective December 23, 2015.

17. The resignation of A. Stephen Carroll, Port Chester, New York, as Attendance Office, District, be accepted effective December 23, 2015.
18. A Maternity Leave of Absence without pay or benefits be granted to Melissa Salmon, Teacher Aide, John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center, beginning January 4, 2016 until approximately March 7, 2016.
19. Monique-Jessica Martinez, Greenwich, Connecticut, be promoted from Library Clerk, Step 8, (7.5 hours/day, 10-months) Port Chester Middle School to Probationary Sr. Office Assistant (Automated Systems), (7.5 hours/day, 10-months), Step 6, Port Chester Middle School, effective January 13, 2016.
20. The Promotional Leave of Absence for Areyls Hidalgo, Port Chester, New York, as Lunch Monitor (3 hours/day, 10-months), Port Chester Middle School, be extended from January 29, 2016 to February 12, 2016, thereby extending her temporary assignment as Teacher Aide, Step 1, Grade III, to February 12, 2016. Her assignment is Port Chester Middle School Special Education and may be shortened or extended upon need.
21. The resignation of Anne Montesano, Patterson, New York, as Claims Auditor, be accepted effective November 16, 2015.
22. Norah McAvoy, White Plains, New York, be approved for an appointment as Deputy Claims Auditor at a rate of \$75/hour effective January 11, 2016.
23. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$23,577.78, Schedule #7, dated January 7, 2015, be approved for the 2015-2016 school.
24. Warrants #18 and #19, including in-between checks, dated January 12, 2016, be approved:

General Fund	\$1,876,992.21
Federal Fund	61,707.53
Cafeteria Fund	134,593.13
Trust & Agency Fund	813,047.92
25. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – December 18, 2015	\$ 1,936,164.39
General Fund – January 4, 2016	1,907,485.53
Federal Fund – December 18, 2015	83,618.18
Federal Fund – January 4, 2016	82,374.69

Public Comment

Sean Herbert, 17 Wesley Avenue, informed everyone that there would be a concert held on January 23, 2016, from which the proceeds would benefit the High School Drama Club Association. Seth Glier would be performing, with the students participating. It is a family event and open to the public.

Flo Ann Rolleri, 1 Village Green, commended the board and the principal for having the children being sent home so they could go and do their homework instead of staying at the meeting and being too tired.

Richard Abel, 19 Quintard Drive, commented on people parking in the fire zone and how it has been his pet peeve for many years.

Peter Mutino, 31 Tower Hill Drive, asked about a motion for approval of use of the parking lot by Tamarack Tower. He also spoke about the bond and the use of a committee and/or a focus group for the new bond. He would like to serve on it.


With no one else wishing to address the board, Mr. Johnson closed public comment at 8:25 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes


Upon motion by Mr. Dreves, seconded by Mr. Wolff and carried, the minutes for the December 22, 2015 special meeting of the Board of Education were approved.

Treasurer's Reports

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the October 2015 Treasurer's Report was passed unanimously.

Port Chester - Rye Union Free School District							
TREASURERS REPORT							
October 31, 2015							
		GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
BOOK BALANCE							
BEGINNING OF MONTH		11,232,361.30	(112,090.47)	137,582.92	137,940.44	533,836.45	11,929,630.64
<u>Receipts</u>							
Revenues		19,274,256.08	57.52	26,578.18	4.00	19,338.64	
Interfund Transfers		2,087,049.54	3,583,304.56	4,426.93			
Sales Tax Receipts				100.65			
Reimbursement of Expense		339,509.14					
void checks							
Accounts Receivable		608,360.75					
Total Receipts		22,309,175.51	3,583,362.08	31,105.76	4.00	19,338.64	25,942,985.99
<u>Disbursements</u>							
Warrant #9							
Warrant #10		2,709,118.94	194,045.85	2,415.18			
Warrant #11		1,407,901.41	214,771.26	148,192.08	970.00	500.00	
Warrant #12		930.82	782.42				
Payroll 10/09/2015		2,158,593.90	83,535.21	3,803.64			
Buyout Payroll 10/16/15		86,606.65					
Payroll 10/23/2015		2,169,669.54	83,304.56	4,426.93			
Bank Charge							
Interfund transfers		3,587,731.49	2,087,049.54				
Total Disbursements		12,120,552.75	2,663,488.84	158,837.83	970.00	500.00	14,944,349.42
BOOK BALANCE							
END OF MONTH		21,420,984.06	807,782.77	9,850.85	136,974.44	552,675.09	22,928,267.21
		GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
CASH - BANK BALANCES	Rates						
Chase Bank			167,098.76	7,635.06	112,823.73	222,866.48	
TD Bank	0.200%	276,911.81					
Hudson Valley Bank	0.050%	2,476.54					
Webster Bank	0.120%	1,138,104.53	555,394.44			2,353.25	
PC Credit Union	0.150%					183,015.52	
Peoples United Bank		4,469,098.37	34,446.32				
MBIA - C.L.A.S.S.	0.062%	10,462,262.30	50,843.25	2,215.79	24,150.71		
Scholarship Invest	varies					144,439.84	
Signature Bank	0.300%	5,072,130.51					
TOTAL CASH - BANK BALANCES		21,420,984.06	807,782.77	9,850.85	136,974.44	552,675.09	22,928,267.21
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						12/17/2015	
Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer						Date	

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the November 2015 Treasurer's Report was passed unanimously.

Port Chester - Rye Union Free School District							
TREASURERS REPORT							
November 30, 2015							
		GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
BOOK BALANCE							
BEGINNING OF MONTH		\$21,420,984.06	\$807,782.77	\$9,850.85	\$136,974.44	\$552,675.09	\$22,928,267.21
<u>Receipts</u>							
Revenues		\$9,193,614.73	\$151,455.40	\$158,384.69	\$3.73	\$2,565.37	
Interfund Transfers		\$789,504.00	\$200,000.00			\$1,745,713.03	
Sales Tax Receipts		\$422,885.00		\$86.03			
Reimbursement of Expense		\$94,423.71					
Accounts Receivable		\$3,126.50					
Total Receipts		\$10,503,553.94	\$351,455.40	\$158,470.72	\$3.73	\$1,748,278.40	\$12,761,762.19
<u>Disbursements</u>							
Warrant #13		\$2,314,272.04	\$63,795.92	\$6,126.54		\$159,170.83	
Warrant #14		\$152,869.15	\$133,526.76	\$2,092.08		\$678,126.45	
Warrant #15		\$43,294.06				\$896,607.33	
Payroll 11/6/2015		\$2,092,283.85					
Coach's Payroll 11/13/15		\$134,216.15					
Payroll 11/20/2015		\$2,098,063.76					
Interfund Transfers		\$200,000.00					
Total Disbursements		\$7,034,999.01	\$197,322.68	\$8,218.62	\$0.00	\$1,733,904.61	\$8,974,444.92
BOOK BALANCE							
END OF MONTH		\$24,889,538.99	\$961,915.49	\$160,102.95	\$136,978.17	\$567,048.88	\$26,715,584.48
		GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
CASH - BANK BALANCES	Rates						
Chase Bank	0.030%		\$167,103.01	\$23,390.05	\$112,826.62	\$234,685.37	
TD Bank	0.200%	\$276,958.85					
Hudson Valley Bank	0.050%	\$2,476.65					
Webster Bank	0.120%	\$1,138,212.78	\$555,464.43			\$2,371.15	
PC Credit Union	0.250%					\$92,756.43	
Peoples United Bank	0.300%	\$3,863,481.75	\$46,327.77				
MBIA - C.L.A.S.S.	0.066%	\$14,534,985.94	\$193,020.28	\$136,712.90	\$24,151.55		
Scholarship Invest	various					\$237,235.93	
Signature Bank	0.300%	\$5,073,423.02					
TOTAL CASH - BANK BALANCES		\$24,889,538.99	\$961,915.49	\$160,102.95	\$136,978.17	\$567,048.88	\$26,715,584.48
		-	-	-	-	-	-
						1/7/2016	
Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer						Date	

Acceptance of Donation

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the \$500 donation by the EXXON Mobil Educational Alliance Program to support the Math/Science Program for the students at JFK/ELC was accepted unanimously.

Action Items

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

- A. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District adopt the January 2016 Resolution re: NYS Underfunding of Public School Districts.

WHEREAS, New York State, despite its promises, is underfunding our public school districts.

WHEREAS, highly publicized increases in state aid to education over the past two years have not made up for draconian cuts in State aid due to the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) and the Foundation Aid freeze. This year, 20% of the school districts in Westchester and Putnam Counties still receive less State education funding than they did in 2008, and another 28% have been increased by only 7% or less.

WHEREAS, the multi-year freeze in Foundation Aid funding has deprived districts in our two-county region of \$186 million dollars in 2015-16 alone, most of which is being taken from the highest need districts. THIS YEAR ALONE, THE PORT CHESTER-RYE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT LOST \$16,464,168 AND SINCE 2008 THE DISTRICT HAS LOST \$119,028,851.

WHEREAS, over the past six years, the State raided \$430 million in funds due Westchester and Putnam districts and filled its coffers with \$9 billion GEA dollars statewide. This year alone, the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District lost \$9,523 due to the GEA, for a total GEA state aid loss of \$9,959,274 since 2010. It is ironic that 72% of the districts in our region are still being shortchanged by over one-third of the GEA money due them while NY State runs a surplus.

WHEREAS, these cuts and freezes have been put in place despite a 2007 court order REQUIRING the State to increase its funding of high need school districts over several years.

WHEREAS, school districts have been eliminating programs, teachers, support personnel, administrative staff, course offerings including art, music and other non-mandated courses, as well as student extra-curricular offerings such as team sports. They have also had to increase class size and student to adult ratios in key areas such as guidance counselors.

WHEREAS, since 2009, NYS has postured that it doesn't have the revenue to pay its share for public education; this simply is not the case. Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli stated in his October 2015 State Cash Report, "State tax collections through October totaled \$42.3 billion and were just under \$4 billion or 10.3 percent higher than the same period last year. Year-to-date tax collections were \$5.4 million over the latest projections (released Nov. 5) and nearly \$1.7 billion over initial projections from the Enacted Budget."

WHEREAS, the State's promise that reductions in costly state-mandated expenditures would be paired with the Tax Levy Limit (aka, the tax cap) has NOT been kept. State action is needed to reduce key expenditure mandates and provide local flexibility and local accountability; the era of one-size-fits-all initiatives must end. School districts have been saddled with new unfunded/underfunded expenditures despite the static revenue flow. Race to the Top (RTTT), Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) and Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) requirements are the largest underfunded mandates in recent history. While school districts continue to find ways to share services and reduce expenditures, these cuts will never get to the core of the issue.

WHEREAS, given a 2016-17 tax levy limit based on a projected 0% CPI, and given the current State aid parameters, public school districts will continue to move towards educational and fiscal insolvency, and will continue to erode the programs and resources needed to provide a sound and basic education to every student. Some will reach a critical level sooner than others, but every district is traveling down that same path. Districts that have provided exemplary examples of quality education will have to level down their services while they should be setting the bar for others.

WHEREAS, School Board members believe that: public education is a New York State constitutional right; every child has the right to a sound, basic education; and New York State has an unconditional obligation to adequately fund our public school districts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Public Education must be a top priority item in New York State, not one that is adjusted to make ends meet or satisfy political expediency. The GEA must be relegated to history and the Foundation Aid formula must be reinstated. Adequate and appropriate State funding to ensure every child has access to a quality public school district is long overdue. School districts are relying on elected officials to take action to put students ahead of politics and make public education whole.

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

- B. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorizes its Superintendent of Schools to sign and approve the terms of an Agreement between the District and Employee No. 4282, dated January 11, 2016, which shall be incorporated by reference into the minutes of this meeting.

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

- C. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District adopt the amended Cafeteria Plan

including the Health Flexible Spending Account and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account effective January 1, 2016 as presented at this meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dr. Edward A. Kliszus, Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized and directed to execute said amended Cafeteria Plan.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the items A-H of the consent agenda were approved:

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

WHEREAS, students, faculty 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,

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 twelfth day of January, two thousand sixteen, hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments of its honorees.

A High Score of "3" or Higher on Two or More New York State Program Assessments
2014-2015

King Street Elementary School

Grade 3

Guadalupe Angulo
Allegra Burke
Destiny Dominguez
Juan Mejia
Esmeralda Navarro
Adrian Osorio
George Pagnotta
Jason Sanchez
Kathleen Scarola
Yvette Solis
Tristan Sowter

Grade 4

Jefferson Argueta
John Casey
Angel Colon
Andrew Ettlmyer
Christian Gagnon
Ana Garcia
Nicholas Hightower
Nicolas Lovallo
Kevin Martinez
Elia Mateus
Isabel Mateus
Christopher Mendoza
Jesse Montaleza

Grade 4

Derek Montero
James Moore
Sophia Ortiz-Heaney
Benjamin Reyes
Evelyn Reyes
Jack Richardson
Beatriz Rios
Adrianna Sirena
Hayden Slayton
Colin Taylor
Reina Thalheimer
Sophia Tsoukalas
Stephen Vumbacco

King Street Teachers

3rd Grade: Tana Gullotta, Lindsay Macri, Maureen Mott, Marcy Pellenberg
4th Grade: Christine Alessi, Maria Laina Sileo, Suzanne Rubenstein, Christie Truance

Leadership

Samuel Ortiz, Principal, King Street

B. 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:

64001	64353	64791	64929
64315	64863	65023	65034

C. **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:

62976	9896248	9898551	61320	61987	62976
9896658	63898	9893376	985966	61050	64425
9897225	9895854	62827	63484	64795	61354
9894865	63688	9898286	9898445	62976	9894895
9895289	9895610	9897094	63025	9893579	9895943
9897375	61784	62732	9896134	9898765	61645
9893900	9897391	9898338	62896	64186	63951
62510					

D. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District appoint the following individual(s) as Election Inspector(s) for the 2015 Bond Vote to be compensated at a rate of \$9 per hour:

1. Jorge Caceres

E. **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
Bagiana Contracting, Inc.	Concrete Sidewalk Replacement	\$58,161	Lowest Bid

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

	Name	Conference	Date	Amount	Funded
1	Ann Rose Santoro	Responsive Classroom Advanced Course Training	3/16/16 – 3/18/16	\$1,790.00 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund
2	Thomas Moravick	Implementing the New Social Studies Framework in Grades 9 & 10	1/19/16, 1/20/16, 2/3/16	\$765.00 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund
3	Robert Johnson	The Capital Conference	2/28-2/29/16	\$481.00 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund

G. **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.

	Name	Program	Rate	Term	Funded
1	Holistic Learning Center	Behavior Intervention Services	\$20,000 Increase	2015-2016 School Year	IDEA611

H. **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

Mr. Johnson commended Lisa Davis and Judy Weiner for placing our schools are on their radar. He also gave a shout out to WPSBA.

Mrs. Capeci gave her final thoughts on why the bond was defeated. There should be different requests in the new sets of proposals. We will all come together and sit down as a board with the community in the future. She commended the administration and all of the

custodial men in the buildings for the fast action in resolving the issues at Middle School, King Street School and ELC in the bitter cold weather.

Mr. Dreves in speaking of the bond and addressing the overcrowding, noted the overcrowding will not go away, which the board recognizes. The bond will come back, we'll look at all the options and come back with Plan B. He supported people giving input and wanted to diffuse the differences of opinion. The Taxpayers Alliance did not come up and gloat that the bond didn't pass, they just want to be involved and care. We are all on the same page and want a bond. We need to go back to the drawing board. He will work hard to solve the issues.

Mrs. Brakewood feels it is time to be reflective and we can do things better this time around. We need community input and we need a bond; both are crystal clear. We need it soon and we need it to pass something with a crystal clear decision. We need to come up with the right number of classrooms and amenities. She attended the winter concerts which were great performances by both the Middle School and the High School.

Mrs. Brakewood offered her condolences to the families of Ann Comstock, retired nurse and Sam Terenzi, former Village Trustee. She also attended the visit by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand who reported on the work she has done with asthma control and she has made great strides in our district with Open Door.

Mr. Johnson is convinced the community will come together around our needs. We need to talk to people. He was also at the meeting with Senator Gillibrand, Congresswoman Nita Lowey was also there, along with Mayor Pilla and several elected officials. There were several students there, with one student making a presentation. Open Door was being recognized. He expressed his condolences to the families of Ann Comstock, retired nurse and Sam Terenzi. Nita Lowey said to him that the people in the community really care. We all care about which unifies us and we care about education and the students; he knows that is true. Mr. Johnson commended the board members for working things out as they do. We are going to be unified on the next bond project. He again mentioned advocacy for financial aid. Senator Latimer and Assemblyman Otis were very supportive. They are going to Albany to a conference and speak to the assembly people who are outside of our district and we want them to see what we do here and advocate for financial aid in our district.

Mrs. Capeci mentioned the liaison meeting with Open Door and mentioned that if other board members are available to come to the meeting. They are very good about providing us with statistics and it is very helpful.

Dr. Klizus talked about the press conference and that Mr. Wolff was at the press conference with Senator Gillibrand. We want to make sure in Albany that they know us. He spoke about moving 1,100 students from the Middle School to the High School in below freezing weather. He thanked Ms. McAward and County Coach, who came forward with 9 buses in the matter of minutes. Parents came out and picked up their children very quickly and all went well. Some children were able to stay at the Middle School and were taken care of here. Lunch was provided to all children. He commended the custodial staff. Dr. Klizus mentioned letter writing and how it helps attain more state aid.

The next board of education meeting will be held on February 9, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Middle School.

There being no further business at 8:54 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Wolff and carried, the Board adjourned the meeting.