

Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District  
Board of Education - Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2016 - Port Chester Middle School

Present: James Dreves, President; Christopher Wolff, Vice President; and Trustees Anne Capeci and Robert Johnson

Absent: Carolee Brakewood, Trustee

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

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Dreves called a public meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and the meeting was promptly adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel. No formal action was taken and Executive session was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The Board reconvened to public session at 6:09 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Mr. Dreves welcomed everyone and said many things are going on in the District to prepare for a smooth opening on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The Advisory Committee for the bond is in process and we have had 34 applicants; the application period is now closed. We are looking at the applicants to create a reasonably representative group of the community to look at the bond issue. We will communicate with those on the list; we anticipate that there will be a meeting of the committee in early September.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Dreves opened the floor for public comment.

Bill Villanova, Deputy Supervisor for the Town of Rye came up to speak. We have been working very hard with County of Westchester, the Village of Rye Brook, the Town of Rye and the school district to attempt to provide flooding relief in the fields behind the Middle School. This will allow for future development unencumbered by any potential flooding that could take place. This would provide the school district with the opportunity to develop in the back of the Middle School. The Town of Rye, the Village of Rye Brook, and possibly at the County, State and Federal levels could be looked to for funds and/or grants, which is greatly diminished without addressing the flooding. A resolution has been received by the school, which was prepared by the Village of Rye Brook, and it is the necessary piece of the puzzle for the IMA. The School board attorney and he will speak tomorrow, and he urges the board to look at the resolution so we can move forward to putting a shovel in the ground for the engineering study. Mr. Villanova also said that this project would be a great help to the residents and students who live at Avon Circle who have been subject to flooding over the years.

Mr. Dreves stated that the Board is supportive of the concept, but there are some questions, which is where the attorneys come in. We will look at putting this resolution at the August board meeting. Mr. Johnson thanked Mr. Villanova for the hard work that he has done on this project.

With no one else wanting to address the board, public comment was closed.

Additional clarification was made about the newspaper articles which questioned the 3 positions in the Community Schools area. If you are not getting the aid, then how do you spend money on these positions? We have had community schools coordinators and many professionals from around the state have come to see our district as a module. The state has mandated that beginning in 2016 that we spend \$242,000 in our budget for community schools programs. The question was if we are short on foundation aid, then why are we spending money on the coordinators. This spending is now mandated. This is not from our Title 1, these positions are paid through our existing foundation aid money.

### **Report From Superintendent**

Request for Action

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Capeci and carried, the resolutions were unanimously approved (4-0):

The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. The resignation of Edwin Gonzalez, Teaching Assistant at the High School, be accepted effective August 1, 2016.

2. The resignation of Maria Olivier-Flores, Community Schools Coordinator at Edison School, be accepted effective July 28, 2016.
3. The resignation of Jennifer Jackson, Elementary Teacher at the Middle School, be accepted effective July 12, 2016.
4. The resignation of Paula Sarles, Special Education Teacher at the High School, be accepted effective August 31, 2016.
5. Julia Gomes, Mount Vernon, 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 2015-2019 Teachers Collectively Negotiated Agreement, effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Ms. Gomes received a B.A. Degree from Pace University. Ms. Gomes received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 23, 2016. Her assignment will be at John F. Kennedy School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Ms. Villa who has accepted another position in the District. Her certification is Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) - Initial Certification. Benefits will cease June 30, 2017.
6. Jennifer Mooney, Sparkill, New York be approved for a one-year leave replacement appointment as Special Education Teacher, at Step 4-Level 6 of the 2015-2019 Teachers Collectively Negotiated Agreement, effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Ms. Mooney received a B.S. Degree and a M.S. Degree from Mercy College. Ms. Mooney received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 23, 2016. Her assignment will be at John F. Kennedy School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Ms. Lopez who has accepted another position in the District. Her certifications are Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) – Professional Certification and Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) – Professional Certification. Benefits will cease June 30, 2017.
7. Jaime Rufo, Brooklyn, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Science Teacher, at Step 3-Level 8 of the 2015-2019 Teachers Collectively Negotiated Agreement, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Ms. Rufo received a B.A. Degree from Lawrence University and a M. S. Degree from Bard Center. Ms. Rufo received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 23, 2016. Her assignment will be at the Middle School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Melissa Hartnack who accepted another position in the District. Her certification is Earth Science 7-12 – Initial Certification.
8. Lourdes Colon, Valley Cottage, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Special Education Teacher, at Step 1-Level 6 of the 2015-2019 Teachers Collectively Negotiated Agreement, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Mrs. Colon received a B.A. Degree from New York Institute of Technology and a M. S. Degree from Nyack College. Mrs. Colon received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 23, 2016. Her assignment will be at Park Avenue School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Lynne Burke who retired. Her certification is Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) - Initial Certification.
9. Erika Clerc, Hopewell Junction, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Elementary Teacher, at Step 2-Level 1 of the 2015-2019 Teachers Collectively Negotiated Agreement, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Ms. Clerc received a B.S. Degree from SUNY College at Oneonta. Ms. Clerc received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment September 28, 2015. Her assignment will be at the Middle School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Jennifer Jackson who resigned. Her certification is Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) - Initial Certification.
10. Jamie Florindi, White Plains, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Physical Education Teacher, at Step 2-Level 6 of the 2015-2019 Teachers Collectively Negotiated Agreement, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Ms. Florindi received a B.S.Ed. Degree from SUNY Cortland and a M.S.Ed. from Lehman College. Ms. Florindi received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 9, 2015. Her assignment will be at the Middle School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Christopher Wagner who retired. Her certifications are Physical Education – Initial Certification and Health Education – Initial Certification.

11. Shaney Collado-Weaver, Valley Cottage, New York be approved for a four-year probationary appointment as Elementary Teacher, at Step 6-Level 6 of the 2015-2019 Teachers Collectively Negotiated Agreement, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.\* Mrs. Collado-Weaver received a B.S. Degree from Nova University and a M. S. Degree from Mercy College. Mrs. Collado-Weaver received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 23, 2016. 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 ESL – Initial Certification and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) - Initial Certification.

**\* 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.**

12. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2016 summer program:

Maura Webb	CSE/CPSE Summer Meetings Teacher – District	\$42 per hour
Pepita Lopez	Social Studies Summer Institute Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Frank Carlson	Social Studies Summer Institute Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Anthony Piccolino	Social Studies Summer Institute Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Regina Shaw	Social Studies Summer Institute Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Joseph Capalbo	Math Summer Institute Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Paul Santavicca	Math Summer Institute Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Aaron Warren	Math Summer Institute Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Danielle Scicutella	Math Summer Institute Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Kevin Hanlon	New Math Teacher Development Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Caitlin Maggi	New Math Teacher Development Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Kevin Hanlon	New Math Teacher Development Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Teresa Florindi	SIOP Planning Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Alyssa Canonico	SIOP Planning Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Peter Bermudez	SIOP Planning Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Lynn McTyre	SIOP Planning Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Marilyn DiDomizio	SIOP Planning Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Barbara Cohen	Read 180/System 44 Training Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Marilyn DiDomizio	Read 180/System 44 Training Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Erica Clerc	Read 180/System 44 Training Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Jennifer Detlefs	Read 180/System 44 Training Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Suzanne Archino	Read 180/System 44 Training Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Danielle Scicutella	Summer School Program Teacher – King Street School	42 per hour
Maria Hernandez	Summer School Program Teacher – King Street School	42 per hour
Vanessa Sanchez	Summer School Program Teacher – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Jennifer Carriero	Summer School Program Teacher – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Azucena Gonzalez	Summer School Program Teacher – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Jenny Maldonado	Summer School Program Teacher – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Marianne Scofield	Summer School Program Teacher – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Melissa Coletti	Summer School Program Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Barbara Terracciano	Summer School Program Teacher – Edison School	42 per hour
Alyssa Canonico	ELA/Reading/ENL Summer Institute Team – Middle School	42 per hour
Kate Albero	3-5 ELA Module Adaptation Team – District	42 per hour
Richard Gregory	3-5 ELA Module Adaptation Team – District	42 per hour
Lindsay Macri	3-5 ELA Module Adaptation Team – District	42 per hour
Kristin Pascuzzi	3-5 ELA Module Adaptation Team – District	42 per hour
Heather Rinello	3-5 ELA Module Adaptation Team – District	42 per hour
Maria Laina Sileo	3-5 ELA Module Adaptation Team – District	42 per hour

13. The following individual(s) be appointed to position(s) for the 2016-2017 school year:

Karla Purcell	K-5 Science Curriculum Mapping and Program Design Participant – District	\$42 per hour
Jasmin Martinez	K-5 Science Curriculum Mapping and Program Design Participant – District	42 per hour
Maria O’Brien	K-5 Science Curriculum Mapping and Program Design Participant – District	42 per hour
Lucille Cappello	K-5 Science Curriculum Mapping and Program Design Participant – District	42 per hour
Caitlin Maggi	Head Coach Modified Cheerleading (Fall)	3,142
Caitlin Maggi	Head Coach Modified Cheerleading (Winter)	3,142
Wilson Matos	Tutor – District	42 per hour
Monique Vincent	Tutor – District	42 per hour

14. The following individual(s) be appointed Athletic Event Supervisor(s) for the 2016-2017 school year at a stipend of \$50 per school event and/or \$25 per hour for Tournaments, providing the individual is not a member of the coaching staff for the particular event:

Hank Birdsall

15. The following individuals be appointed to provide consultant services for the High School Band for the 2016-2017 school year.

Amanda Scocchera	Guard	3,500
Andrew Rivas	Guard	1,300
Carlos Beccera	Percussion	3,500
Victor Sandoval	Percussion	2,400
Jackie Blas	Percussion	1,700
Matt Gurdak	Marching/Music	1,400
Michael Coppola	Marching/Music	2,700
Madeline Rende	Marching/Music	3,500
Juan Aguilar	Marching/Music	2,400
Mitchell Guido	Marching/Music	1,700
Anthony Masi	Marching/Music	4,200

16. A change of status be approved for Christine Catalano, Port Chester, New York, from Permanent School Lunch Monitor, 3 hours/day, 10 months, \$10.50/hour, Port Chester High School, to Permanent Hall Monitor, 6 hours/day, 10 months, Step 1, effective September 1, 2016. Her assignment remains at Port Chester High School.

17. The following individuals be approved as Cleaner Substitutes at a rate of \$12.00/hour effective July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance or are grandfathered.

Antonio DeLio

Felix Gamez

18. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$4,130.00, Schedule #16 dated June 30, 2016, be approved for the 2015-2016 school year.

19. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$20,400.00, Schedule #3 dated July 21, 2016, be approved for the 2016-2017 school year.

20. Warrants #38 and #02, including in-between checks, dated July 27, 2016, be approved:

General Fund	\$1,800,233.18
Federal Fund	46,128.93
Cafeteria Fund	1,982.58
Trust & Agency Fund	316,796.92
Capital Fund	12,190.00

21. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – July 15, 2016	\$ 400,247.72
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**Action Items:**

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Capeci and carried, the resolution was unanimously approved (4-0):

- A. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District adopt the amended 2016-2017 school calendar originally approved at the March 15, 2016 meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the resolution was unanimously approved (4-0):

- 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.3621 dated July 27, 2016, which shall be incorporated by reference into the minutes of this meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Capeci and carried, the resolution was unanimously approved (4-0):

- C. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District appoint Robert Barrett as the District Chief Emergency Officer in accordance with Education Law 2801-a.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Capeci and carried, the resolution was unanimously approved (4-0):

- D. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the Local Assistance Plan (LAP) for the John F. Kennedy School for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Consent Agenda:**

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wolff and carried, the items A-I of the consent agenda were unanimously approved (5-0):

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

	Name	Conference	Date	Amount	Funded
1	Kristen Aberasturi	Big Ideas and the High School Math Curriculum/Unit Plans	July 26 and July 27, 2016	\$480 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund
2	Judith Sabol	Preparing Scope and Sequences for the 2016-2017 School Year	July 26, 27 and 28, 2016	\$612 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund
3	Chanel Tillman	Preparing Scope and Sequences for the 2016-2017 School Year	July 26, 27 and 28, 2016	\$665.28 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund

- B. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the following professional contract service agreements / memorandums of agreement for 2016-2017 school year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board / Superintendent of Schools / Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute related contracts.

	Vendor	Function	Rate	Not to Exceed	Fund
1	Sutherland Consulting	Homeless Liaison Services (Summer) additional increase of \$2,500 to original resolution of \$3,000 totaling \$5,500	\$50/Hour	\$5,500	Title I

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

	Award To	Description	Amount	Basis for award
1	HRR Industries, Inc.	Boiler Room Piping Replacement at Port Chester High School	\$61,800	Lowest bid

**D. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District and the Sound Shore Youth Football Foundation – Rye Town Youth Football related to the use of District athletic fields from August 15, 2016 through November 15, 2016.

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

**E. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District and Westchester Community College for a Transitional Partnership Program from September, 2016 through August, 2018.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Principal of the High School is authorized to execute said Memorandum of Understanding.

**F. 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 certifies/recertifies the following individuals as lead evaluators of classroom teachers:

Diantha Barone, Robert Barrett, Daniel Bologna, Colleen Carroll, Mitchell Combs, Ph.D., Judy Diaz, Fortunato DiRenno, Dimitra Levidis, Tatiana Memoli, Felipe Orozco, Samuel Ortiz, Christine Rascona, Michael Ritacco, Bryant Romano, Juan Sanchez, Luke Sotherden, Patrick Swift, Rosa Taylor, Ivan Tolentino, Byron Womack, and Christine Zidik

**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 Klizus, Ph.D. and Joseph Durney

**G. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye U.F.S.D. amends Resolution G dated June 21, 2016 for Summer Transportation Contracts for the 2016-2017 school year as noted below

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye U.F.S.D. approve the following Summer Transportation Contracts for the 2016-2017 school year as noted below.

**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.

TLC Transportation Yonkers, NY	In an amount not to exceed \$81,946.65
Transportation of Port Chester - Rye Union Free School District students as follows: three students and one monitor to New York School for the Deaf in an amount not to exceed \$5,370; one student and one monitor to Andrus School in an amount of \$7,620; six students and one monitor to St. Matthews Church in an amount of \$6,728; five students and 1 monitor to Mt. Pleasant/Pleasantville in an amount of \$9,720; one student to Westchester Exceptional Children in an amount of \$8,599.37; one student and one monitor to SW BOCES Rye Lake Campus (White Plains) in an amount of \$8,091; one wheelchair student, two students and one monitor to PNW BOCES (Pinesbridge/Walden) in an amount of \$8,430; one student and one monitor to Mamaroneck /Rye Neck Schools in an amount of \$7,366; two students and one monitor to Dobbs Ferry Schools in an amount of \$8,070; one student to Eastchester Schools in an amount not to exceed \$1,952.28; 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 \$10,000.	

- H. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District excess the following district property currently located at King Street School:

Qty.	Grade	Title	Copyright Date
192	K	A story of units Math Workbook - edition 1	2014
208	1	A story of units Math Workbook - edition 1	2014
282	2	A story of units Math Workbook - edition 1	2014
90	3	A story of units Math Workbook - edition 1	2014
232	4	A story of units Math Workbook - edition 1	2014
144	5	A story of units Math Workbook - edition 1	2014
1		TV and VCR – Property ID: 100724	

- I. **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.

Mrs. Capeci had a question regarding Consent Agenda, Item D and Mr. Durney clarified that this is a long standing agreement that is being renewed. There was further clarification that this league includes surrounding communities as well in the program.

#### **Board of Education Roundtable / Discussion**

Mr. Johnson went to the Rye Country Day show, which is put on by the Council for the Arts and saw several of our students participating. It was a great show and everyone did a wonderful job. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Wolff attended a New York State Education Law Conference in Long Island. This was a review of what went on this last year in New York. Mr. Wolff went on to say that they did also speak about APPR and how it is difficult to interpret what we are expected to do. Mr. Johnson said that they give us policy recommendations, which are very helpful when we look at new policies for our district.

Mrs. Capeci said that she missed the meeting where Bishop Nowotnik was recognized and also did miss his dinner. However, she thanked him for all he did for the District through Tamarack Tower. The Tamarack Tower has done many great projects for the schools and also gives scholarships to our children.

Mr. Dreves said that Tamarack Tower is beginning its membership drive and encouraged people to become a member as Tamarack Tower does wonderful things for us. Everybody is working hard during the summer preparing for September. He wished everyone a good summer.

Dr. Klizus mentioned all of the summer programs that are going on and the children are doing great things. The custodial staff is working hard getting the classrooms ready. The APPR Plan has been submitted today and on time, so that we do not risk losing two years of state aid. Kudos to the board for finishing up negotiations so that everything for APPR could be put in place in a timely fashion. The administrators are in getting ready for the opening of school.

Mrs. Capeci mentioned that there would be retreats for the administrators and the Board during the month of August.

The next board meeting is August 31, 2016 at the Middle School at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business at 6:45 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried (4-0), the Board adjourned the meeting.