

Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District
Special Meeting Minutes
Board Retreat
Port Chester Middle School
August 20, 2013

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

Also Present: Dr. Edward Kliszus, Superintendent of Schools, Maura McAward, Assistant Superintendent, and Frank Fanelli, Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. Capeci called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m. and began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Capeci introduced today's guest, NW Boces Superintendent Dr. James Langlois.

Dr. Langlois presented a series of topics related to boardsmanship included governance, obtaining consensus, maintaining confidentiality, developing board goals, the role of board members as trustees vs. representatives, how to bring issues to the full board, how to focus on broad district goals that keep the educational community focused on student achievement and well-being, how "no" votes are to be based on principles, handling communications from parents and the community, and how authority rests in the entire board and not individual board members.

Dr. Langlois completed his presentation at 12:30 p.m. preceding a 15 minute recess.

The meeting resumed at 12:45 p.m.

2012-13 district goals were reviewed in terms of how they transpired over the school year. 2013-14 goals were developed in accordance with the NYS Regents Reform Act.

The Board assigned trustees to various board committees for the 2013-14 school year and reviewed the Board walkthrough schedule.

There being no further business at 2:55 p.m. and upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the Board adjourned the meeting.