

Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 20th, 2013
Thomas A. Edison School

Present: Board of Education trustees: Anne Capeci, Carolee Brakewood, Thomas Corbia, Jim Dreves, Robert Johnson

Also Present: Dr. Edward Klizus, Superintendent of Schools, Maura McAward, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Frank Fanelli, Assistant Superintendent Grants/Personnel; District Treasurer Coleen Kotzur and Yvette Segal, District Clerk

Absent: Frank Sisca, School District Attorney (Sisca Sisca and Associates)

The Board met for Executive Session at 6:00 pm to discuss pending litigation.

Mrs. Capeci called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS

A moment of silence was requested for 1951 PCHS graduate, Ernie Sabarro.

Dr. Klizus read and presented the Certificates of Recognitions for community members Hank and Isabelle Birdsall. Bob Vitti and Ken Kraut presented the Music Recognitions along with President Capeci and Vice President Brakewood.

Edison Principal presented a slide presentation of achievements and challenges for the school.

All Board members congratulated Mr. Tolentino on a job well done.

Dr. Klizus closed with commending Ivan and staff in creating a happy, healthy and nurturing educational environment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eilleen Tello – 470 Westchester Avenue. She recalled her move from Greenwich to Port Chester. Mrs. Tello spoke highly of her daughter's past and present experience at Port Chester Schools. She would place Port Chester Schools very high against surrounding schools because she is confident we would come out on top.

Amy Simmons – 255 North Regent, parent of Port Chester students and a teacher at Edison School. Mrs. Simmons expressed her fondness and gratitude for her family's firsthand experience in Port Chester and the School District. Mrs. Simmons gave several examples quantifying all of her statements.

Tom Cerruzzi – Hobart Avenue. Mr. Ceruzzi presented a pie chart for the budget of the school. He hopes to see changes in the budget helping the tax payer.

Larry Lupo – 10 Field Place, he viewed the last Board meeting that upset him. He did not like the disparaging comments made at previous meetings. He does believe people have a right to complain or comment about their taxes. He would like to see the public become more involved in looking at the budget. He suggests the board create a finance committee. Mr. Lupo volunteered to be the Chairman of such committee.

George Ford – Quintard Drive, expressed his concern for the school budget and student verification. He asked if we do an annual registration. Mrs. Capeci answered by saying no. He asked the Board to consider an annual registration of students.

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TREASURERS REPORT

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, Treasurers Report for September 2013 was approved:

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TREASURERS REPORT
November 30, 2013

	GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
BOOK BALANCE						
BEGINNING OF MONTH	22,015,680.04	438,623.21	190,711.14	65,955.95	359,366.32	23,070,336.66
<u>Receipts</u>						
Revenues	12,009,583.61	12,783.20	25,666.40	4.20	127,460.91	
Interfund Transfers		87,168.33	12,895.47			
Sales Tax Receipts			62.05			
Reimbursement of Expense	378,929.86					
Accounts Receivable	898,422.76				752.30	
Total Receipts	13,286,936.23	99,951.53	38,623.92	4.20	128,213.21	13,553,729.09
<u>Disbursements</u>						
Warrant #13	79,342.63	16,773.77	112,020.18	185,827.32	56,867.80	
Warrant 14	879,264.03	46,465.69	1,413.34		73,019.70	
Warrant #15	42,238.55					
Accounts Payable	18,129.35					
Payroll 11/8/2013	1,971,854.64	86,475.47	8,300.41			
Coach's Payroll 11/27/13	133,144.11	2,800.00				
Payroll 11/22/2013	1,955,570.20	84,368.33	4,595.06			
TRS Payment	4,570,620.54					
Interfund Transfers	100,063.80					
Total Disbursements	9,750,227.85	236,883.26	126,328.99	185,827.32	129,887.50	
BOOK BALANCE END OF MONTH	25,552,388.42	301,691.48	103,006.07	(119,867.17)	357,692.03	26,194,910.83
<u>CASH - BANK BALANCES</u>						
	Rates					
Chase Bank	0.100%	171,785.25	100,418.46	(144,001.37)	73,861.09	
TD Bank	0.200%	275,853.33				
Hudson Valley Bank	0.049%	2,474.13				
Webster Bank	0.175%	3,113,156.58	90,609.81		1,871.55	

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PC Credit Union	0.250%						145,277.96
MBIA - C.L.A.S.S.	0.035%	8,180,787.69	39,296.42	2,587.61	24,134.20		
Scholarship Invest	various						136,681.43
Signature Bank	0.350%	13,980,116.69					
TOTAL CASH - BANK BALANCES		25,552,388.42	301,691.48	103,006.07	(119,867.17)	357,692.03	26,194,910.83



Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer

1/9/2014

Date

RESOLUTIONS

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

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

WHEREAS, a graduate of Port Chester High School enlisted in the United States Army and served in the 1st Special Forces Group Airborne in Okinawa and the 5th Special Forces Group Airborne in Vietnam has distinguished himself for military service and thereby earned:

**Army Airborne Silver Wings
Special Forces Tab
Bronze Star
New York Conspicuous Service Cross
Conspicuous Service Star**

And, WHEREAS, the Board of Education endeavors to recognize publicly and honor its graduates 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 all Americans, their colleagues, peers, and the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education expresses its sincere thanks, appreciation, and admiration for selflessness, excellence and achievement;

AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education in meeting and assembled this twentieth day of November, two thousand thirteen, hereby publicly acknowledges the accomplishments and distinguished military service of

**Henry "Hank" Birdsall
United States Army
Port Chester High School Class of 1964**

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

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

WHEREAS, members of the Port Chester High Community have distinguished themselves for generosity and philanthropy; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education endeavors to recognize publicly and honor its esteemed community members 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 the generous donation to the Port Chester High School library of fifty-five books on history to honor Port Chester High School graduate military Veterans; and,

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education expresses its sincere thanks, appreciation, and admiration for the generous support of an annual college scholarship fund for Port Chester High School seniors;

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

Henry “Hank” Birdsall
Isabelle Birdsall

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Corbia and carried, the following resolution was adopted

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

WHEREAS, students and staff of Port Chester High School have distinguished themselves by their acceptance into the New York All-State Symphonic Band, New York State Honor Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble, Area All-State Band, Orchestra and Choruses, Westchester Intermediate All-County Band; 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 artistic excellence;

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

All-State Symphonic Band
Anthony Pellegrini – Baritone Sax

**State High School Honor
Concert Band**
Emmalie Tello – Clarinet
Nate Winchester – Alto Saxophone

**State High School Honor
Jazz Ensemble**
Brooke Pietrafesa – Trumpet
Isabella Roca – Trumpet
John Montemurro - Trombone

Area All-State Women’s Chorus
Briana Velazquez – Soprano

Area All-State Concert Band
Emma Manos – Clarinet
Emmalie Tello – Clarinet

Area All-State Concert Band

Emma Manos – Clarinet
Emmalie Tello – Clarinet
Nate Winchester – Alto Sax
Anthony Pellegrini – Baritone Sax
Samuel Brown – Trombone
Charles Simmons – Trombone
Area All-State Orchestra
Juan Solano - Violin

Area All-State Mixed Chorus
Arleen Bedoya – Soprano
Michael Bansey – Tenor
Alfred DiLeo – Tenor

Intermediate All-County Band
Tinu Alex – Trumpet
William Brakewood – Trumpet
Zoe Kim – Clarinet
Alexandra Manos – Clarinet
Taylor Masi – Clarinet
Elizabeth Montemurro – Mallets

Teachers

Linda Ventura, Choral Director, PCHS
Bob Vitti, Band Director, PCHS
Linda McDermott – Band Director, PCMS

Leadership

Ken Kraut, Department Chair
Pat Swift, Principal, PCMS
Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal, PCHS

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

WHEREAS, students and staff of Port Chester High School and Port Chester Middle School have distinguished themselves by their musical achievements and as ambassadors for the district; 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 artistic excellence;

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

Brien McMahon High School, Norwalk, CT, 9/21/2013 11 Bands, First in Class, Best Music, Visual, Effect, Color Guard & Percussion	Malverne High School, Malverne, NY, 9/29/2013 13 Bands, Second in Class	Yamaha Cup, MetLife Stadium, NJ, 10/5/2013 20 Bands, Third in Class	Hillsborough High School, Hillborough, NJ, 10/12/2013 17 Bands, Third in class	Stamford High School, Stamford, CT, 10/19/2013 4 Bands, Highest Overall Score, First in Class, Best Music, Visual & Effect
US Bands Empire Cup, Hofstra University, 10/20/2013 10 Bands, Highest Overall Score, First in Class, US Bands NY State Champions, Best Music, Effect, Color Guard, & Percussion	Somerville High School, Somerville, NJ, 10/26/2013 11 Bands, First in Class, Best Music, Visual, Effect, Percussion	Fair Lawn High School, Fair Lawn, NJ, 10/27/2013 14 Bands, 2 nd Highest Overall Score, Second in Class, Best Color Guard	US Bands National Championship, MetLife Stadium, NJ, 11/2/2013 58 Bands, Third in Class	

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Marching Band Members

Sheilly Aguilar	Kate Garcia	Luke Maxwell	Olivia Scenna
Paulina Aguilar	Nancy Garcia	Cameryn Messina	Charlie Simmons
Simone Akins	Luis Garza	John Montemurro	Grace Simmons
Tinu Alex	Jake Gleason	Elizabeth Montemurro	Nicholas Smith
Michael Bansey	Jaquelin Granados	Mark Morano	Juan Solano
Anthony Barajas	Sthefany Guiracocha	Evan Moyano	Solange Soria
Maria I Barragan	Ryann Gutierrez	Carlos Munoz	Madeline Strauch
Maria V Barragan	Cameron Gutierrez	Maria Neyra	Emmalie Tello
Griselda Bautista	Jonathan Henry	Mariana Olivera	Derreck Torres
Santiago Bautista	Vanessa Hernandez	Kevin Patterson	Jessica Torres
John Bedoya	Emily Hewlitt	Dara Pecora	Maria Torres
Gabriel Bodas	Christopher Holguin	Lauren Pellegrini	Keyla Valdovinos
Christopher Bolzan	Mesha Iqbal	Jeff Peralta	Esteban Vazquez
Clarissa Bolzan	Marie Jallow	Thania Perez	Amanda Vitola
Jessenia Bonilla	James Jarama	Jeaneska Perez	Danielle Winchester
Jailyn Boyette	Brendan Johnston	Robbie Perrone	Nathaniel Winchester
William Brakewood	Sarah Kamensky	Brooke Pietrafesa	Katherine Wojton
Samuel Brown	Tahshea Labrew	Leonard Pietrafesa	Michelle Zapata
Brianna Bunjaporte	Tanessa Labrew	Melanie Pinto	
Brittany Bunjaporte	Joelle Laguardia	Dreymere Price	
Sarah Cabot	Jaclyn Lambert	Colby Quinlan	
Willey Campbell	Jessica Leon	Zuzanna Rafalowska	
Sonya Chandy	Jordan Lewis	Yahaira Ramos	
Kaylee Chavez	Emily Loiaconi	James Repaci	
Christina Chumpitazi	Max Lua	Lanasha Robinson	
Robert Ciosek	Moises Luardo	Isabella Roca	
Cindy Cruz	Imani Lukunku	Mikaela Roca	
Caroline DelaCruz	Alexandra Manos	Samantha Rodriguez	
Alfred DiLeo	Emma Manos	Amanda Rosa	
Victor Evangelista	Ericka Margiotta	Hannah Rosenberg	
Emily Ferraro	Alicia Margiotta	Katherine Salazar	
Nicole Franceschini	Christina Marquez	Alexander Sandoval	
Andres Franco	Elvi Martinez	William Sandoval	
Samantha Franco	Brenna Matturro		

Marching Band Staff

Robert Vitti – Band Director
Kevin Hassan – Assistant Band Director
Michael Coppola – Visual Designer
David Dion – Wind & Percussion Arranger
Daniel Matos – Color Guard Designer
Larry Coleman – Marching Technician
Juan Aguilar - Marching Technician
Madeline Rende – Music Technician
Michael Johnson - Music Technician
Anthony Masi - Music Technician
Carlos Becerra – Percussion Technician
Brett Lupi – Percussion Technician
Victor Sandoval – Percussion Technician
Rob Kilpatrick – Percussion Technician
Anthony Romero – Percussion Technician
Karen Wittig – Color Guard Technician
Amanda Scocchera – Color Guard Technician
Andrew Rivas – Color Guard Technician
Irene Bunnell – Color Guard Technician

Leadership

Kim Morano, President, PCHS Band Association
Anthony Pellegrini – Band President
Tim Vyskocil – Band Vice-President
Katie Cochrane, Drum Major
Julia Vyskocil, Drum Major
Alessandra Garcia – Color Guard Captain
Odalys Hernandez - Color Guard Captain
Ken Kraut, Music Department Chairman
Patrick Swift, Principal, PCMS
Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal, PCHS

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

- E. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District amend resolution H from Sept. 25th 2013 in the amount of \$1,291.19 to \$ 1792.19 for the attendance to the following conference as noted below:

	Name	Conference	Date	Amount	Reason
1	Ken Kraut Bob Vitti	NYSSMA Winter Conference	12/5/13-12/8/13	Amended \$ 1792.19	Revised Hotel Rates

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

- F. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorize the following budget transfer as required by Board of Education Policy #6150, as follows:

TRANSFER TO	TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	REASON
A2110482100000	A2250135134500	\$54,853.00	Funding of Common Core Instructional Materials.
A2110492106118	A2110141110000	\$53,000.00	BOCES Standardized Test Scoring Services

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

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

- 1900 Parental Involvement
- 1900.E1 Title I Parental Involvement - School Level Approach
- 1900.E2 School-Parent Compact
- 2120.2 Voting Procedures
- 4000 Student Learning Standards and Instructional Guidelines
- 4765 Online Course Credit
- 5280 Interscholastic Athletics
- 5695 Students and Personal Electronic Devices

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

- H. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Change Order #1 – Empire Energy Specialists, Inc, 970 Nepperhan Ave., Yonkers, NY with regard to the Door and Hardware Replacement Project at Port Chester Middle School:

SED #66 19 04 03 0 013 016	
Additional Hardware	\$ 3,921.49
Adjust doors to accommodate out of plumb	
Existing frames	\$ 4, 141.83
Allowance in bid proposal not used	<u>(\$1,368.00)</u>
TOTAL	\$6,695.32

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

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

	Name	Conference	Date	Amount	Funded
1	Bob Vitti	NYS Band Directors Association Symposium	March 7 th – 9 th 2014	\$ 737.84	General

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

- J. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve Spike DDB to film a video featuring staff and students while engaged in the grant funded swim program to promote the Metro PCS Leaders and Scholars program consistent with conditions endorsed by the school district counsel.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the donation of excess art supplies from Propel Equity Partners valued at \$700.00 to be used in art classes and after school programs at Port Chester High School.

Value: \$700.00

**REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT
REQUEST FOR ACTION**

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Corbia and carried, the items 1 -14 were approved:

The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. An Extended Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Erica Rice, Elementary Teacher at Edison School, beginning March 17, 2014 through June 30, 2014. Said leave shall be without pay or benefits. Mrs. Rice will not advance in seniority nor will said leave be counted for longevity purposes.
2. The resignation of Jason Mulero, English Teacher at the High School, be accepted effective November 22, 2013.
3. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2013-2014 school year:

Kristin Pascuzzi	After School Program Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	\$42 per hour
Liliana Grajeda	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Cindy Casterella	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Michelle Capparelli	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Diana Gonzalez	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Kevin Clark	Regents Prep Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Joseph DeProssino	Regents Prep Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Michael Desharnais	Regents Prep Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Crista Minicozzi	Regents Prep Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Carl Cairo	Extended Day After School Program Teacher – Pioneer League – District	42 per hour
Sharla Kaufman	Extended Day After School Program Teacher – Pioneer League – District	42 per hour
David Sheridan	Extended Day After School Program Teacher – Pioneer League – District	42 per hour

4. 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>
Joseph DeProssino	Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education	3	Port Chester	Fall '10
Joseph DeProssino	Theory and Techniques of Coaching: Sports: Football	2	Port Chester	Summer '13
Joseph DeProssino	Health Sciences Applied to Coaching	3	Port Chester	Spring '11
Michael Miceli	Call to Leadership Program	3	Port Chester	12-13 Year
Kathy Franceschini	Creating Motivating Lessons	3	New York Center for Teacher Development	Fall '13
Kathy Franceschini	Encouraging Active Participation	3	New York Center for Teacher Development	Fall '13
Aimie Sarkodie	2013 Strength and Conditioning Clinic	1	Juniata College	Spring '13

5. The following individuals be appointed Athletic Event Supervisors for the 2013-2014 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:

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Andres Salcedo

Sean Zemlyak

Frank Carlson

6. The following individuals be approved to serve as Substitute Teachers/Teacher Assistants/Tutors/Interns/Student Teachers/Volunteers on an as-needed basis for the 2013-2014 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared, “Grandfathered” in or on a twenty day emergency basis:

Sarah Otis	Carlene Holness	Dana Bencivenga	Sydney Tiedt		
Carolina Herrera	Diane Windas	Heather Resnick	Caitlin Maggi	Lyn	Volpicelli
Amanda Blasi	Samantha Park	Herbert Simmons			
Valerie Luzzi	Martha Berntsen	Sheryl Sachs			

7. Virginia Ramsey, Chappaqua, New York, having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted permanent status as Library Clerk, John F. Kennedy School, effective November 26, 2013.
8. Marcela Montano, Port Chester, New York, be approved for an appointment to the position of Parent Outreach Coordinator at Park Avenue School effective November 21, 2013. Ms. Montano will receive a District Funded Stipend not to exceed 500 hours at \$20 per hour. Ms. Montano is NYS Fingerprint Cleared.
9. The following individual(s) be approved as Cleaner Substitute(s) at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective November 21, 2013 – June 30, 2014 unless otherwise noted. Said appointee(s) may also serve as long-term substitutes, if and when required, at Step 1 of the Cleaner CSEA pay scales. He has received NYS Fingerprint Clearance: **Luis A. Perea**
10. The following individuals be approved as Teacher Aide, Lunch Monitor or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective November 21, 2013 – June 30, 2014 unless otherwise noted. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Janet Bellantoni	Melanie Lamoreaux	Rose Roytman
Eric Stitzer	Elsa Salmon, at a rate of \$16.43/hour (Effective 11/3/13-11/27/13)	

11. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$6,496.75, Schedule #6, dated November 15, 2013 be approved for the 2013-2014 school year.
12. Warrant #13, including in-between checks, dated November 6, 2013, be approved:

General Fund	\$79,342.63
Federal Fund	16,773.77
Cafeteria Fund	112,020.18
Trust & Agency Fund	0
Capital Fund	185,827.32

13. Warrant #12 and Warrant #14, including in-between checks, dated November 20, 2013, be approved:

General Fund	\$896,633.38
Federal Fund	46,890.68
Cafeteria Fund	1,413.34
Trust & Agency Fund	1,996,251.99
Capital Fund	0

14. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – November 8, 2013	\$1,750,169.66
Federal Fund – November 8, 2013	86,475.47

Residency Verification Update

Dr. Kliszus presented the following: Two individuals work on residency and a software program have been installed to select random individuals for residency verification. 20% of verifications have been completed. Mr. Fanelli works with the two Port Chester employees very closely. Once evidence is found, Mr. Fanelli contacts the family. Currently there are two families allegedly sending their children to Port Chester schools that live elsewhere. The process is a time consuming and detailed oriented. If found guilty the district will pursue back tuition which could be costly to the family. Dr. Kliszus requested that the public follow district procedures found on the district website in reporting alleged non-resident students ..

Mr. Fanelli added that the initial 10% becomes an actual of 17% due to siblings. Mr. Fanelli stated the checks are physical. Once suspected, a letter is issued to the family and they must appear at a residency committee meeting. It is a long complicated process.

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Mrs. Brakewood asked about the number of tips the district is receiving. Mr. Fanelli said they were trickling in. Mr. Johnson asked if there are statistics on districts that have done something similar. Mr. Fannelli explained that Ossining recently underwent an expensive process which showed little results. Mr. Johnson also addressed a public comment regarding the 18,000 in savings to the district. Ms. McAward agreed there would be “some” savings but it will not translate into 18,000 per student. Mr. Dreves recalled the number of years “residency” has been an issue for the residents of Port Chester. The issue has always been addressed and will continue to be addressed. The board will continue to proceed in a cost effective yet effective way for the taxpayers.

Architectural Study

In July the district received a proposal for the PCMS field repair to reduce the flooding. The district would need a field study. Ms. McAward’s office received a report in September. Ms. Maura McAward presented her findings. Ms. McAward asked for Board consensus to forgo the study based on the financial implications. Ms. Brakewood offered her consensus with the suggestion that it should be rolled into a future bond. Mr. Johnson agreed with the administration and gave his consensus. Mr. Dreves expressed interest in being cost effective and also recommended holding off. Mrs. Capeci agreed and offered her consensus.

Board of Education Roundtable

Mr. Corbia reflected on his teaching experience in Port Chester and noted that he would not change a thing. He expressed his fondness for Port Chester. Mr. Corbia noted that he was offended by the disparaging comments made by a public speaker with regards to the Port Chester School District at the October Board of Ed meeting. He listed the colleges the Port Chester graduates attended and currently attend. He then went on to address a letter written about him in the Westmore News. He read aloud a list of mantras.

Mrs. Brakewood discussed the events she attended including the Wellness committee meeting; there will be a meeting set up with the Rye YMCA. She asked the public for specific recommendations for budget cuts.

Mr. Dreves would like the Board to consider a resolution that Ossining is considering. Mr. Dreves addressed Mr. Lupo’s request for a finance committee and Mr. Dreves stated that this was and is the Board’s responsibility. To ask the District’s financial department to present the information twice is unnecessary. He does believe the Board should review the budget line by line. Mr. Dreves went on the talk about the events he attended since the last Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Johnson along with Mr. Corbia attended a Port Chester Village meeting. Mr. Johnson was moved with Mr. Vitti’s unexpected attendance at the Met Life Stadium the night of the PC Band’s performance. Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Brakewood, Mrs. Capeci and Mr. Dreves attended a Westchester Putnam School Board Associations dinner in Tarrytown. Mr. Johnson read an excerpt from Chris Tankan’s book “The School Reform Landscape, Fears Mythologies and Lies”. Mr. Johnson was once again impressed with Mr. Tankan’s presentation.

Mrs. Capeci agreed with Mr. Lupo’s public comment.

Dr. Kliszus discussed the Common Core speaker at the WPSBA Dinner in Tarrytown. He reminded the public that the budget is presented in a very through manner as well as in transparent form. He reminded the public the budget is available for review on the website.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood and seconded by Mr. Corbia and carried the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.