

**Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District Work Session  
Port Chester Middle School  
January 12, 2012**

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Present: Blanca P. Lopez, President; Carolee C. Brakewood, Vice President; James Dreves, Trustee; Robert Johnson, Trustee

Also Present: Dr. Edward A. Kliszus, Superintendent of Schools; Maura McAward, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Jennifer M. Bisaccia, District Clerk; Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer

Absent: Anne Capeci, Trustee; Frank Fanelli, Assistant Superintendent Grants/Personnel; Frank Sisca, School Attorney

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Ms. Lopez called a 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 7:30 p.m. The Board reconvened to public session at 7:40 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Juan Jose Chajone spoke on behalf of the parents that participate in the Second Cup of Coffee Program urging the Board not to discontinue the program. Several parents expressed their concerns.

**D.A.R.E**

Officer Acocella gave an overview of the D.A.R.E program, its funding sources, and shared highlights of the program.

The Board inquired if there are measurable objectives, noted how important the program is, and would advocate continuing the program in the District.

Officer Acocella responded to the Board's questions and concerns.

**LITERACY THROUGH THE ARTS**

Denise Colangelo gave an overview of the Literacy Through the Arts Program and reported on the year round interaction with artists and students, objectives and outcomes.

The Board is pleased to know there are real artists in the classrooms which enhances the lives of our children. The Board also noted that Literacy through the Arts was the District's first partner.

**PORT CHESTER COMMUNITY COALITION**

Jennifer Meyer, Carlos Sanchez, and Phil Mutino reported on behalf of the Port Chester Community Coalition. A presentation was given on the Coalition including current efforts, outcomes, and future direction.

The Board commended the Coalition for all the powerful facets of the program.

**GRANTS AND AFTERSCHOOL**

Kathy Sutherland reported on the grant funded OASIS and 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Programs. She explained the objectives, identified the challenges, and presented the highlights of the program.


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The Board inquired if programming includes, how the objectives are monitored, if there is a waiting list, and what is projected for next year. The Board also expressed their concern with the expiration of grant funding.

Mrs. Sutherland responded to the Board's questions and concerns.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Mr. Dreves, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, and carried the Board approved the Treasurer's Report for October 2011.

Port Chester - Rye Union Free School District							
TREASURERS REPORT							
October 30, 2011							
	GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS	
<b>BOOK BALANCE</b>							
<b>BEGINNING OF MONTH</b>	<b>8,327,877.51</b>	<b>1,108,475.60</b>	<b>496,585.17</b>	<b>389,618.47</b>	<b>417,333.03</b>	<b>10,739,889.78</b>	
<u>Receipts</u>							
Revenues	16,889,545.97	365,386.00	38,097.11		26,545.11		
Interfund Transfers	98,044.35	107,498.90					
Sales Tax Receipts			102.18				
Reimbursement of Expense	137,596.99						
Accounts Receivable	10,023.85	79,214.25			830.32		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>17,135,211.16</b>	<b>552,099.15</b>	<b>38,199.29</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,375.43</b>	<b>17,752,885.03</b>	
<u>Disbursements</u>							
Warrant #8	3,478,472.57	139,026.00	2,923.27		2,667.91		
Warrant #9	861,812.08	281,516.02	3,853.99	7,010.52	10,594.66		
Warrant #10	15,746.05						
Warrant #7							
Payroll 10/7/2011	1,931,694.43	91,484.23	3,253.80				
Payroll 10/14/2011 buyout	109,807.02						
Payroll 10/21/2011	1,958,333.04	107,498.90	3,306.32				
Accounts Payable							
Interfund transfers							
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>8,355,865.19</b>	<b>619,525.15</b>	<b>13,337.38</b>	<b>7,010.52</b>	<b>13,262.57</b>	<b>9,009,000.81</b>	
<b>BOOK BALANCE</b>							
<b>END OF MONTH</b>	<b>17,107,223.48</b>	<b>1,041,049.60</b>	<b>521,447.08</b>	<b>382,607.95</b>	<b>431,445.89</b>	<b>19,483,774.00</b>	
	GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS	
<b>CASH - BANK BALANCES</b>	<b>Rates</b>						
Bank of America	0.000%		173,491.08				
Chase Bank	0.200%	608,108.95		58,482.80	132,233.41		
TD Bank	0.200%	274,660.42					
Wells Fargo	0.006%	847,848.12					
Hudson Valley Bank	0.049%	2,471.48					
Webster Bank	0.200%	863,866.61	85,353.64		1,255.69		
PC Credit Union	0.250%				154,568.98		
MBIA - C.L.A.S.S.	0.010%	10,099,976.88	347,587.01	347,956.00	324,125.15		
Scholarship Invest	varies				143,387.81		
Signature Bank	0.500%	5,018,399.97					
<b>TOTAL CASH - BANK BALANCES</b>		<b>17,107,223.48</b>	<b>1,041,049.60</b>	<b>521,447.08</b>	<b>382,607.95</b>	<b>431,445.89</b>	<b>19,483,774.00</b>
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Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer					12/22/2011		
					Date		

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

	Name	Conference	Date	Amount	Funded
1	Stacey Wolff	IB Diploma Program Teacher Training Houston, Texas	2/26/12 - 2/28/12	\$1,682 + applicable taxes & tips	General
2	Juan Sanchez	IB Diploma Program Teacher Training Houston, Texas	2/26/12 - 2/28/12	\$1,788.90 + applicable taxes & tips	General

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

- B. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District award the following contract for the 2011-2012 school year as noted below:

	<b>Award To</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Basis for Award</b>
1	Sylvan Learning Center Bronxville, NY	Provide supplemental educational services	Not to exceed \$40 per hr per student	Preferred New York State Vendor

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- A. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District accept the donation of audio equipment to the high school music department from Linda Penney with an estimated value \$500.
- B. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District accept a monetary donation of \$,2000 for each school building from the Tamarack Tower Foundation and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board accept an additional \$2,000 for the completion of JFK's nutrition garden.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Request for Action**

Upon motion by Mr. Dreves, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the Superintendent's Request for Action was approved by the Board of Education. Resolved that,

1. The retirement of Linda Coupe, English Teacher at the High School, be accepted effective January 31, 2012. Dr. Coupe has served the District for 10 1/2 years. We wish Linda and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
2. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Kristin Fleming, Music Teacher at King Street and Park Avenue Schools, beginning approximately February 6, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Mrs. Fleming 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. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Michelle Cardoso, Special Education Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, beginning approximately January 30, 2012 through March 30, 2012. Mrs. Cardoso 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.
4. John Castiglia, Harrison, New York, be approved for a half-year leave replacement appointment as School Psychologist, at 94% of Step 1-Level 8 of the 2010-2011 Teachers Salary Schedule, effective February 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Mr. Castiglia received a B.A. Degree from Southern Connecticut State University and a M.S. Degree from The College of New Rochelle. Mr. Castiglia received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment July 29, 2010. His assignment will be at King Street School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. He continues to replace Liliya Endres who is on a Maternity Leave. Benefits will cease June 30, 2012.
5. Sara Propper, New Rochelle, New York be approved for a two and half-year probationary appointment as Elementary Teacher, at 94% of Step 1-Level 6 of the 2010-2011 Teachers Salary Schedule effective February 1, 2012 through August 31, 2014. Ms. Propper received a B.A. Degree and a M.S. Degree from Pace University. Ms. Propper received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment November 13, 2008. Her assignment will be at the King Street School and will

include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She served as a half-year leave replacement in September 2011 and now replaces Lucianna Alaimo who resigned.

6. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2011-2012 school year:

Sara Propper	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – King Street	\$42 per hour
Maria Laina Sileo	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – King Street	42 per hour
Carmen Cartayas	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – Edison	42 per hour
Rina Esquivel	Dual Language Program Teacher – Park Avenue	42 per hour
Jamie Rubino	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy	42 per hour
Erica Fuller	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy	42 per hour
Melissa Cruz	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy	42 per hour
Clara Barreto	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy	42 per hour
Ivelisse Acevedo	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy	42 per hour
Aimie Sarkodie	Breakfast Program Monitor – Edison School	23 per hour
Leslie Salvatore	Professional Development for Elementary Teachers	500/day

7. The following individual(s) receive in-service credit, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u> <u>Semester</u>		<u>Credit</u>	<u>Location</u>
Arthur Tiedemann	Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education	3	Port Chester	Fall '11
Carl Cairo	Sports Coaching Methodology	3	U.S. Sports Academy	Fall '11
Carl Cairo Academy	Sports and Fitness Nutrition	3	U.S. Sports Academy	Fall '11
Adriana Paulucci	Behavior Modification for Students K-12	3	NY Center for Teacher Development	Fall '11
Maria Bottiglieri	The Autistic Student: Understanding And Management in the Classroom/ School Environment	3	NY Center for Teacher Development	Fall '11
Edward Waite	Middle States Association-Accreditation For Growth	1	Middle States Commissions	Fall '11

8. The following individual(s) be approved to serve as Substitute Teacher(s)/Teacher Assistant(s)/Tutor(s)/Intern(s)/Student Teacher(s)/Volunteer(s) on an as-needed basis for the 2011-2012 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared or "Grandfathered" in:

Aferdita Berisha	Lowman Clark	Lazarus Chavez
Melanie Lamoreaux	Jessica Lopriore	Francesca DeLio
Michelle Lavarde	Lorraine Nowlin	Alba Hernandez
Brian Crook	Lyndsay Freed	Brett Lupi
Bryan Mardoian		

9. The following individuals be approved as Custodial Worker, Teacher Aide, or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective January 12, 2012. Said appointees may also serve as long-term substitutes, if and when required, at Step 1 of the Custodial Worker, Teacher Aide, or Typist CSEA pay scales. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Alise Andreoli	Tommy Grey
Melvin Calhoun	Lazarus Chavez

10. The following people be appointed as Teacher Aides to After-School Programs for the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District at a rate of \$20/hour effective January 3, 2012. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Antonia Como - 21<sup>st</sup> Century "OASIS" After School Program – Edison School  
Kathryn Norelli - 21<sup>st</sup> Century "OASIS" After School Program – ELC

11. Amend Item Number 9 of the November 30, 2011 Request for Action as follows:

John Scampoli, Rye Brook, New York, be approved for a temporary probationary appointment as Teacher Aide, Grade I, Step 1, (10-month, 6 hours/day) effective November 15, 2011 – June 30, 2012. Benefits will cease June 30, 2012. His assignment will be Park Avenue School Special Education.

12. Accept the resignation of John Scampoli, temporary probationary Teacher Aide, Park Avenue School, effective December 23, 2011.
13. Marcela Montana, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a permanent appointment as a 3-hour Lunch Monitor (ten month) effective December 7, 2011. Her assignment is Park Avenue School.
14. Sylvia Gaj, Greenwich, Connecticut, be approved for a permanent appointment as 3-hour Lunch Monitor (ten month) effective December 20, 2011. Her assignment is Park Avenue School.
15. Maria Sposato, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a permanent appointment as a 3-hour Lunch Monitor (ten month) effective January 3, 2012. Her assignment is John F. Kennedy School.
16. Marco DelPezo, Jr, Port Chester, New York, be terminated as substitute custodial worker effective the end of business on December 20, 2011.
17. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$14,684.37, Schedule #9, dated January 5, 2012 be approved for the 2011-2012 school year.

18. The following General Fund Payrolls be approved:

December 16, 2011	\$1,723,886.31
January 3, 2012	\$1,700,330.37

19. The following General Fund Bill Schedules, including in-between checks, be approved:

December 23, 2011	\$1,081,574.91
January 12, 2012	\$1,260,909.25

20. The following Special Aid Fund Bill Schedule, dated December 23, 2011, be approved for payment:

TV Studio High School	\$168.00
Title I	13,022.56
Extended Day	10,901.40
Summer Tuition 2011/2012 Adjustment	160.00
21 <sup>st</sup> Century	13,531.20
21 <sup>st</sup> Century OASIS	31,155.00
Council for the Arts	3,123.12
H.S. Cable Grant Supplies & Equipment	2,938.90
Title III LED	5,271.03

21. The following Special Aid Fund Bill Schedule, dated January 12, 2012, be approved for payment:

TV Studio High School	\$2,424.00
Title I	10,000.00
Extended Day	250.00
21 <sup>st</sup> Century	17,564.09
21 <sup>st</sup> Century OASIS	28,411.00
Council for the Arts	4,823.28
Title III LED	1,325.00
Dual Language	900.00

22. The following payrolls for the Special Aid Programs, be approved:

December 16, 2011  
January 3, 2012

\$122,127.03  
\$81,579.53

**BOARD OF EDUCATION ISSUES**

The Board discussed the Village's development planning. It was suggested the Village website be reviewed weekly for upcoming meetings and hearings. Ms. Lopez is hoping to meet with Georg Latimer, Suzi Oppenheimer, and the PTA. She also, announced that many letters are being sent to local legislators voicing community concerns.

**ROUNDTABLE**

Mr. Dreves commented on the quality of the concerts, reported on the NAACP Liaison meeting, and noted that he was proud of the students who received the AP Scholar Awards.

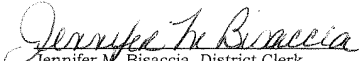
Mr. Johnson announced the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration coming up, watched the college freshmen roundtable video, and urged the community to listen to our youth.

Mrs. Brakewood followed up with the outcome of the fire alarm investigation and thanked administration for following up.

Ms. Lopez reported that she accompanied Dr. Combs to visit the Harrison School District to observe the IB Program.

Dr. Klizsus congratulated all the students who performed in the concerts.

There being no further business at 9:45 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Dreves, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the Board adjourned the meeting.

  
Jennifer M. Bisaccia, District Clerk