

Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District  
Board of Education – Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2016 – Middle School

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

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

**Call to Order**

Mr. Johnson called a public meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**President's Opening Remarks**

Mr. Johnson welcomed all of our guests tonight. He thanked the public for passing the budget and congratulated Carolee Brakewood on being re-elected to another term. He turned the meeting over to Mr. Durney and Mr. Barrett for the presentation of recognizing the members of the 2015-2016 Basketball Team and all of the girls' basketball staff.

Mr. Durney went on to recognize Ms. Maura McAward for receiving the Dr. Barbara Mason Distinguished Achievement Award of the Lower Hudson Council of Administrative Woman in Education.

Mr. Dreves congratulated the scholar athletics of the girls' basketball team. He looks to more successes in the coming years. He congratulated Maura and stated that she has been one of the outstanding administrators for many years and she is also a fine individual.

Mrs. Brakewood congratulated the young women who received the award and commended them on achieving the balance of being a scholar and participating in a varsity sport. She also congratulated Maura who they work with almost every day and who works very hard and keeps our district in excellent financial condition.

Mr. Wolff congratulated Ms. McAward and thanked her for being available and patience with him this first year as a board member. Mr. Wolff congratulated the girls as well and reminded them that people are interested in what goes on in the high school and are watching what is happening not only in the classroom but on the sports teams.

Mrs. Capeci thanked Maura and said Maura has always given people on the board all the information that is needed to make an educated decision. Mrs. Capeci spoke about the wonderful female athletes and how they are now being given the same opportunities as has been given to the men's teams. Congratulations and thank you.

Mr. Johnson congratulated Ms. McAward. He said that she is clear, concise and checks her numbers. She protects our district and protects our students and our ability to educate our students. He also congratulated the woman athletes.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Nowotnik thanked the board for letting him speak tonight. He is the president of the Tamarack Tower Foundation formed to assist and promote the Port Chester Schools. They conduct fundraisers to provide for special projects, an endowment fund, grants and scholarships to students. He thanked all of the members and friends of Tamarack Tower who have given to Tamarack Tower. Each of the elementary schools, along with ELC, the Middle School and the High School each were given \$4,000, totaling \$28,000. He then talked about the specifics of every grant for each school. He thanked the Board as well.

Mr. Johnson mentioned the Tamarack Tower as being an organization that people could join after graduating to "pay it forward". Mrs. Capeci mentioned that the non-seniors should make sure that they apply when they are seniors for the Tamarack Tower scholarships.

Denise Quinn, Tamarack Tower Foundation, spoke about The Taste of Port Chester on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. She mentioned the many sponsors who made donations and mentioned some of the details and pricing. She thanked all of the members of the Tamarack Tower for their efforts and support. Mrs. Quinn thanked the Board and Dr. Kliszus for their support as well.

There was a short recess.

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**Public Comment**

Mr. Johnson asked if anyone else would like to address the Board. There being no one wanting to address the board, public comment was closed.

Dr. Klizsus was unable to attend due to a family emergency. Ms. McAward pointed out that there were 116 teaching years reflected in the retirements of the teachers. Ms. Mecca representing 15 years in administration and including Ms. Marcie DeCarlo, there was a total of 157 years of service in all retirements.

Mrs. Capeci talked about all of the retirees and congratulated all of them. She spoke very highly of all of them.

Mrs. Brakewood talked about it being bittersweet with the retirees leaving. She knows we will miss them, but is also very happy for them and wishes them well in their retirement.

Mr. Wolff congratulated all of them and hopes they enjoy their retirement. Mr. Dreves echoed what everyone else has said. He noticed the number of all of the combined years and wished them all a good retirement.

Mr. Johnson talked about being neighbors with J. Zaccara and also spoke about Chris Wagner was also helpful when Mr. Johnson was a substitute teacher. He thanked Adrienne Mecca has done a wonderful job for the district. They leave behind a legacy and so many connections with the students, community and colleagues.

Mrs. Capeci mentioned that Marcie had a smile on her face whenever you went into the office, no matter who she worked for. She was full of life and a dedicated worker for the district.

**Report From The Superintendent**

Request for Action

Upon motion by Mr. Dreves, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the resolutions were unanimously approved (5-0):

The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. The retirement of Lynne Burke, Special Education Teacher at Park Avenue School, be accepted effective June 30, 2016. Mrs. Burke will have served the District for 22 years. We wish Lynne and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
2. The retirement of Ann Marie Keinz, ESL Teacher at the High School, be accepted effective June 30, 2016. Mrs. Keinz will have served the District for 11 years. We wish Ann Marie and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
3. The retirement of Adrienne Mecca, Special Education Director for the District, be accepted effective June 30, 2016. Mrs. Mecca will have served the District for 15 years. We wish Adrienne and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
4. The retirement of Aida Velez, Mathematics Teacher at the Middle School, be accepted effective June 30, 2016. Mrs. Velez will have served the District for 27 years. We wish Aida and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
5. The retirement of Christopher Wagner, Physical Education Teacher at the Middle School, be accepted effective June 30, 2016. Mr. Wagner will have served the District for 23 years. We wish Chris and his family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
6. The retirement of Jeanine Zaccara, Special Education Teacher at Edison School, be accepted effective June 30, 2016. Mrs. Zaccara will have served the District for 33 years. We wish Jeanine and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
7. After twenty-six years and nine months with the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, the retirement of Marcelene (Marcie) DeCarlo, Sr. Office Assistant (Auto. Syst.), Athletics Department, be accepted effective July 31, 2016.
8. Elsy Zizolfo, Pre-K Administrator, be approved for transition hours not to exceed 70 between May 6 and June 30, 2016.
9. The terms of employment be approved for Rosario Renda, Director of Facilities for the 2016 -2017 school year.

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10. The terms of employment be approved for Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer for the 2016-2017 school year.
11. The employment agreement be approved for Joseph Durney, Assistant Superintendent for the 2016-2017 school year.
12. The employment agreement be approved for Maura J. McAward, Assistant Superintendent for Business for the 2016-2017 school year.
13. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Danielle Ferraro, Rye Brook, New York, as Elementary Teacher at King Street School, beginning approximately May 12, 2016 through June 30, 2016. Ms. Ferraro 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.
14. Brody Davis, Rye Brook, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Danielle Ferraro as Elementary Teacher at King Street School, beginning approximately May 16, 2016 through June 30, 2016. There will be no change in his current salary.
15. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Veronica Sanguino, White Plains, New York, as Elementary Teacher at Park Avenue School, beginning approximately June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016. Mrs. Sanguino 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.
16. Yesenia Rodriguez, New Rochelle, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Veronica Sanguino as Elementary Teacher at Park Avenue School, beginning approximately June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016. If this assignment extends to 20 days, the rate of pay will be increased from \$100 to \$125 a day.
17. The appointment granted at the December 15, 2015 board meeting to Nicholas Marcin, Port Chester, New York, as a Long Term Substitute Teaching Assistant to replace Lauren Fabrizio as Teaching Assistant at the High School, beginning approximately March 30, 2016 through May 25, 2016 at an anticipated daily rate of \$100 be approved to be extended through June 17, 2016.
18. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Sara Minei, Eastchester, New York, as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, beginning approximately June 3, 2016 through June 30, 2016. Mrs. Minei 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.
19. The resignation of Megan Cappiello, Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, be accepted effective August 31, 2016.
20. The services of Aleksandra Orlovskaya, English Teacher at the High School, be terminated effective June 30, 2016.

21. The following individual(s) be appointed to position(s) for the 2015-2016 school year:

Chezdis Sanchez	Open Mats Tumbling Instructor – District	\$42 per hour
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22. The following individual(s) be appointed to position(s) for the 2016-2017 school year:

Gaylene Gasparini	District Calendar Coordinator	\$2,000
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23. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2016 summer program:

Peter Bisceglia	Special Education Summer School Teacher	\$42 per hour
Angela Palombo	Special Education Summer School Teacher	42 per hour
Adriana Paulucci	Special Education Summer School Teacher	42 per hour
Renee Marino	Special Education Summer School Teacher	42 per hour
Kristin Remy	Special Education Summer School Teacher	42 per hour
Kimberly Fanelli	Special Education Summer School Teacher Assistant	42 per hour
Marisol Luciano	Special Education Summer School Teacher Assistant	42 per hour
Larissa Torres	Special Education Summer School Speech Therapist	42 per hour



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34. The Promotional Leave of Absence granted to Nicole Dorazio, Port Chester, New York, as Lunch Monitor (3 hours/day, 10-months), John F. Kennedy Magnet School, effective December 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 conclude at the end of business on May 6, 2016.
35. A change of status be approved for Nicole Dorazio, Port Chester, New York, from temporary Sr. Office Assistant (Auto. Syst.), Step 1, 7.5 hours/day, 10 months to probationary Sr. Office Assistant (Auto. Syst.), Step 1, 7.5 hours/day, 10 months, effective May 9, 2016. Her assignment remains at the Port Chester High School Nurse's Office.
36. Brody Davis be granted a Leave of Absence from his position as Teacher Aide, John F. Kennedy Magnet School, effective May 16, 2016 through June 30, 2016.
37. Ann Rich, New Rochelle, 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) King Street School, effective June 11, 2016.
38. Alberto Acevedo, Port Chester, New York be appointed as Attendance Officer for the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District at a rate of \$150/day, with a cap of 156 days and \$27,000/year, effective July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017
39. Summer hours be granted for the following 10-month employees at their contracted daily/hourly rate of pay:
- Barbara Lewensohn – Superintendent's Office (not to exceed 20 days)
  - Yvette Surita – Office of Special Education (not to exceed 20 days)
  - Margaret Morban – King Street School (20 days)\*
  - Corina Ribera – Park Avenue School (20 days)\*
  - Yasmin Orozco – JFK-ELC (not to exceed 20 days)
  - Maria Torres – John F. Kennedy (not to exceed 20 days)\*
  - JoAnn Pace – JFK Upper Building (not to exceed 20 days)
  - Michelle Ramirez – Edison School (not to exceed 20 days)\*
  - Martha Andino – Port Chester Middle School (not to exceed 20 days)
  - Rosemary LaBella – Port Chester Middle School (not to exceed 10 days)
  - Suey Pilke – Port Chester Middle School (not to exceed 10 days)
- \*(These days are in addition to ten days required as per Article 15, Section 4 of the CSEA Agreement)
40. The following individuals be appointed to Registered Professional Nurse (School) positions for the 2016 summer programs at their contracted daily/hourly rate of pay or Step 1 if new hire, effective July 1, 2016 – August 31, 2016.
- Anne Bueti - Summer ELL Program (Shared)  
New Entrants Medical Records Screening
  - Susan DePan - PCMS Special Education Program  
PCMS Sports Physicals
  - Jeanette Spinelli - PCHS Sports Physicals  
Summer ELL Program (Shared)
41. The following individuals be appointed to Teacher Aide positions for the 2016 summer Special Education Program at the Port Chester Middle School at their contracted daily/hourly rate of pay or Step 1 if new hire:
- Sonia Soto Camacho
  - Christian Cassone
  - Brian Griffin
  - Genesis Marte
  - Carla O'Brien
  - Antonia (Joya) Perna
  - Cheryl Reid
  - Joann Schmorr
  - Donna Schwenk
  - Dana Teller

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42. Jeanette Spinelli, Mamaroneck, New York, be approved for an appointment to the position of Registered Professional Nurse for Additional Assignment in Health Services effective July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. Mrs. Spinelli will receive a yearly stipend in the amount of \$3,300. Her assignment is district-wide.

43. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$919,624.29, Schedule #13 dated May 20, 2016, be approved for the 2015-2016 school.

44. Warrant #33, including in-between checks, dated May 25, 2016, be approved:

General Fund	\$1,976,198.03
Federal Fund	263,844.74
Cafeteria Fund	1,463.64
Trust & Agency Fund	1,065,253.79
Capital Fund	817.70

45. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – May 6, 2016	\$1,950,041.65
General Fund – May 20, 2016	1,969,926.41
Federal Fund – May 6, 2016	84,451.09
Federal Fund – May 20, 2016	83,786.23

#### **WIPRO and Elementary Science Presentation**

Mr. Durney introduced the WIPRO Science Education Fellowship Program which was instrumental in developing our elementary science program. Mr. Durney turned the program over to Mrs. Elsy Gonzalez who gave a presentation and spoke in detail on the WIPRO Fellowship Program. There current three cohorts and she described the teachers and the projects that the teachers worked on with their students. This then led the District to expanding the elementary science program to include four teachers teaching science to the elementary students. This has been a partnership with Mercy College and Dr. Megan Marrero of Mercy College thanked the District and presented Mr. Durney with a plaque. Mr. Durney thanked Mercy College and said he was looking forward to future endeavors.

Mr. Wolff talked about the Science Fair at King Street School which was very well done and this was a result of having a dedicated science teacher at the school. Mrs. Brakewood thinks it is fantastic that science was now being brought to the elementary level. Mrs. Capeci congratulated all of the fellows and is thankful for the partnership with Mercy College. This is very worthwhile for our children.

Mr. Dreves reiterated that this is a great program and was very happy to see many of the teachers in the audience. He thinks that this will make a difference in science testing and he feels that science needs to be started early in the elementary years. He thanked Mercy College also. Mr. Johnson expressed his gratitude and appreciation to everyone involved in the program. He congratulated the cohorts and all their hard work. He thanked Mercy College and the partnership.

Ms. McAward said that Dr. Klizsus was very supportive of the program and wanted to showcase this program. It's a win-win-win for the teachers, students and parents.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Wolff and carried, the minutes were unanimously approved (5-0):

May 17, 2016

#### **Acceptance of Donation**

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci and seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the \$750 donation by the Port Chester Middle School PTA to purchase a new sign for the Middle School Lobby was accepted unanimously (5-0).

#### **Action Items:**

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the resolution was unanimously approved (5-0):

- A. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the adoption of the following Board of Education policies:

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- 1050 ANNUAL DISTRICT ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE
- 1120 SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS
- 1120.R SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS
- 4320 INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS
- 4710 GRADING SYSTEMS
- 5420 STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES
- 5420.R STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES
- 6900 DISPOSAL OF DISTRICT PROPERTY
- 8630 COMPUTER RESOURCES AND DATA MANAGEMENT
- 8630.R COMPUTER RESOURCES AND DATA MANAGEMENT

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the resolution was unanimously approved (5-0):

- B. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District (District) hereby approves the terms of a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement (SMOA) dated May 25, 2016, between the District and the Port Chester Schools Administrators and Supervisors Association, as presented to the Board at this meeting, a copy of which SMOA shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mrs. Capeci and carried, the resolution was unanimously approved (5-0):

- C. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District (District) hereby approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated May 25, 2016, between the District and the Carver Center, as presented to the Board at this meeting, a copy of which MOA shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the resolution was unanimously approved (5-0):

- D. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District accept grants from the Tamarack Tower Foundation as follows:

a. Preparing for the Future	Port Chester High School	\$3,900
b. Tablets for ELL's	Port Chester Middle School	\$4,000
c. Early Childhood Technology and Classroom Libraries	Edison School	\$4,000
d. ELC Library Beautification	John F. Kennedy School	\$7,984.17
e. More iPads	King Street School	\$4,000
f. Plant Science Program Greenhouse	Park Avenue School	\$3,110
g. Looking is Not Enough	Park Avenue School	\$684.93

#### Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Dreves, seconded by Mrs. Capeci and carried, the items A-G of the consent agenda were unanimously approved (5-0):

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

**WHEREAS**, students and coaches of Port Chester High School have distinguished themselves for achieving academic excellence having been awarded the Scholar Athlete Team Award by the New York State Public High Schools Athletic Association; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education endeavors to recognize publicly and honor its esteemed students and coaches 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 twenty fifth day of May, two thousand sixteen, hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments of its honorees.

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**Varsity Girls Basketball**

Shaileen Bello  
Arianna Carlucci  
Tatiana Hernandez  
Kyah Kramer  
Ann Marie Loper  
Brooklyn Ostrowski  
Francesca Sileo  
Emma Stracuzzi  
Karli Thomas  
Carson Womack  
Fjolla Xhemajli

**Leadership**

London Reyes, Varsity Basketball Coach  
Lauren Martinez, Asst. Basketball Coach  
Jamie Florindi, JV Basketball Coach  
Sara Morabito, Modified Basketball Coach  
Robert Barrett, Athletic Director  
Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal, PCHS

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

**WHEREAS**, 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 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,

**WHEREAS**, it is in recognition of a leader who, through sustained contributions or a singular exemplary act, embodies the goals of the organization;

**AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education in meeting and assembled this twenty fifth day of May, two thousand sixteen, hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding accomplishment of its honoree, Maura J. McAward, as recipient of **The Barbara Mason Distinguished Achievement Award from the Lower Hudson Council of Administrative Women in Education.**

**C. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorize the following budget transfer:

	To	Amount	From	Amount	Reason
1	A 2630 469 20 4200	\$122,838.10	A 9060 860 10 0000	\$122,838.10	System 44 / Read 180 License Bundles

**D. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the following budget transfer:

Transfer From    A1621 470 10 0001    Preventative Maintenance    \$49,670.00

Transfer To        A9950 990 00 0000    Transfer to Capital Fund        \$49,670.00

And approve the transfer of funds from General Fund to Capital Fund. This transfer is necessary to cover the costs for Edison Floor Replacement

Transfer From    A9950 990 00 0000    Transfer to Capital Fund        \$49,670.00

Transfer To        H5031                            Inter-Fund Transfers            \$49,670.00



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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funded</b>
1	David Chepiga	Advanced Placement Program Teacher Training for AP World History	6/27/16-7/1/16	\$1,464.00 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund
2	Aaron Glazer	Advanced Placement Program Teacher Training for AP English Language and Composition	7/25/16-7/29/16	\$1,049.00 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund

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

<b>Award To</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Basis for award</b>
Globe Renovation, Inc.	Roof and Masonry Repairs at Park Ave School (Contract 1)	\$214,000	Lowest bid
Globe Renovation, Inc.	Roof and Masonry Repairs at Park Ave School (Contract 2)	\$6,000	Lowest bid
Nawrocki Smith LLP	Internal Auditor	\$9,750	RFP Analysis

- G. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorize the 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. Wolff is closing in on finishing his first year. He campaigned on increasing state aid, although we didn't get a large increase. He was pushing for stronger voter turnout and doesn't feel that he was successful there. He learned a lot and he will continue to work hard. He attended Scholarship Awards Night and attended many outdoor band and athletic events. He feels that the high school gets a bad rap that it doesn't deserve and he will continue to work on improving school communication. He wants to continue to improve the school district and its reputation and would like to see the village come together.

Mr. Dreves talked about an article which said the most important consideration for home buyers is a good school district. The families rely on fact, perception and rumors for the selection of their homes and a school district. He said that rumors many times supersede the facts and that our schools need to be the best they can be. The spring concerts were amazing and Hall of Fame meetings are being held for where we will honor people in the school district. He mentioned Flashbacks and commended all the people involved, showing the history of Rye Town. Many of the board members attended The Foreign Language Honor Society Inductions, the Senior Award Ceremony, Band Night and the Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony were all well attended by board members.

Mrs. Brakewood thanked the voters for the passing the budget and voting her in for another term. She also mentioned the Math and Science Honor Society Inductions. She was a chaperone on the Middle School NYSSMA music festival where the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band, select band and jazz band all did well. The District participated in Arts in the Schools Day where arts were incorporated into their lessons.

Mr. Johnson went to the dinner honoring the local valedictorians and salutatorians. He is attending a Westchester School Boards Convention next year to work on resolutions that should benefit our school district. Mr. Johnson is also going to Washington to attend the National Advocacy to look at the new ESSA laws and regulations which replaced the No Child Left Behind and what the laws could bring in terms of Federal grants. Most of the board members attended King Street School's Founders Night. The yearly slate for Westchester Putnam's officers is up, and he will vote on the slate as the designee for the board.

Mrs. Capeci said that Pippin was nominated for 9 Metro Awards and the results come out June 6<sup>th</sup>. As far as the awards ceremony at the High School, there was so much love and the feeling of warmth as there are so many memorial scholarships for teachers and other district employees and/or for children who went to school but unfortunately passed on early in life. Port Chester may be a poor community, but it is amazing at how many scholarships are being given out and the generosity by so many in the community. She wished her best to the students in their final couple of weeks and looked forward to seeing them at graduation.

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Ms. McAward wanted to mention on behalf of Dr. Kliszus that he thanked everyone for the passing of the bond. Also, as we close out this school year and attend many celebrations and successes, the administration is already preparing for next year to make it equally successful. The program next year has new opportunities for students and addresses some of our growing enrollment. We live in an economically challenged community but there is no doubt that this community is richer than so many other communities in so many other ways. This is a truly a community like no other; it is very, very special. Band night was one of the largest attended. Ms. McAward also told Mr. Wolff that the budget turnout was one of the largest in years so that he was successful.

Mr. Johnson mentioned the Bond Scope Meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> and then the next regular board meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

There being no further business at 8:33 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mrs. Capeci and carried (5-0), the Board adjourned the meeting.