

**Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District Regular Meeting
Port Chester Middle School
December 8, 2011**

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

Also Present: Dr. Edward A. Klizsus, Superintendent of Schools; Maura McAward, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Frank Fanelli, Assistant Superintendent Grants/Personnel; Jennifer M. Bisaccia, District Clerk; Frank Sisca, School Attorney; Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer

The Board of Education called a public meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Board moved to immediately adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. At 6:45 p.m. the Board immediately transitioned into a second meeting with the Audit Committee. No action was taken at either meeting and the Board moved to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. The Board moved to return to public session at 7:45 p.m. and begin their regular meeting.

Ms. Lopez thanked Mr. Swift for hosting the meeting in the middle school, and announced the dates for the upcoming winter concerts.

SOCCER RECOGNITION

Mr. Durney recognized the athletes and coaches participating in the Soccer Program. He distributed awards and certificates accordingly.

PORT CHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Swift presented the middle schools annual report addressing professional development, and new initiatives beyond the classroom that nurture social emotional development of the students.

PTA Co-Presidents Beverly Pankow – Bunjaport and Josie McConway explained what the PTA has done and continues to do to support the middle school in a host of activities.

Mr. Johnson asked if item analysis is done on the data and how disaggregation is performed.

Mrs. Brakewood asked what the communication system is for detention when afterschool program are scheduled; whether teachers meet in a team or across subjects, and how administration handles evaluations.

Mr. Dreves commended the PTA for their hard work and noted that they make a difference beyond the basic academics.

Mrs. Capeci stated that the teachers and administrative team are doing a great job.

Ms. Lopez asked what the percentage of teachers use eSchool Plus, how different programs impact English Language Learners, and what lessons have you learned in your second year as principal.

Mr. Swift responded to the Board's questions and comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Tom Corbia, 365 Putnam Avenue, gave an update on the status of the Soccer Booster Club and noted that he wrote to legislation with regard to the budget constraints.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, 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	Edward Kliszus	Fiscal Navigation for Superintendents	12/20/11, 1/24/12, & 2/14/12	\$1,013.17 + applicable taxes & tips	General

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

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

	Name	Program	Rate	Term	Funded
1	Family Services of Westchester	Extended Day After School Program – District (increase)	\$13,000	9/1/11 – 6/30/12	21 st Century MS/HS Extended Day
2	Open Door Family Medical Center	Training & Material 21 st Century “Oasis” Program	\$8,000	9/1/11 – 6/30/12	21 st Century “Oasis” Grant

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

- C. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorize the school District Treasurer to pay General Fund, special aid bill schedules, and payrolls as well as complete budget transfers as necessary over the next thirty calendar days. Said bill schedules, payrolls, and transfers will be approved by the Board of Education at the January 12, 2012 Board of Education meeting.

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

- D. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve and adopt the policies noted below:

- # 1050 Annual District Election and Budget Vote
- #1800 Gifts from the Public
- #2520 Board member Training
- #6100 Annual Budget
- #6110 Budget Planning
- #6110-R Budget Planning Regulation

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

- E. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District allocate an expenditure up to \$2,000 for legal representation associated with the Fair and Affordable Housing Settlement and Rye Brook Floating Zoning District.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**Request for Action**

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

1. The job title of Carlos Sanchez be changed from Director of English Language Learner Programs and Instructional Services to District Director for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment effective December 8, 2011. There is no change in the current salary or in the three-year probationary period from August 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013 as per Board of Education action on June 29, 2011.
2. The Maternity Leave of Absence that was granted to Shawna Squillace, Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, at the September 21, 2011 board meeting beginning October 3, 2011 through November 25, 2011 be extended through December 16, 2011. Mrs. Squillace 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. The appointment of Jolie Vita, Port Chester, New York as a Long Term Substitute Teacher at the October 13, 2011 board meeting to replace Shawna Squillace as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School effective October 3, 2011 through approximately November 25, 2011 be extended through December 16, 2011 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125.
4. The resignation of Chris Bisignano as Modified Wrestling Head Coach for the winter season be accepted.
5. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2011-2012 school year:

Karen Provenzano	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – Park	\$42 per hour
Heather Rinello	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – Park	42 per hour
Kathy Franceschini	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – Park	42 per hour
Carrie Poulos	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – Edison	42 per hour
Aletta Eliseo	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – Edison	42 per hour
Mary Jo Capuano	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – Edison	42 per hour
Ellen Telep	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – Edison	42 per hour
Elsy Zizolfo	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – Edison	42 per hour
Alicia Cammilleri	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – Edison	42 per hour
Diana Santiago	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – Edison	42 per hour
Frances Cepeda	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – Edison	42 per hour
Ximena Aguillon	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – JFK	42 per hour
Sandra Castillo	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – JFK	42 per hour
Melissa Coletti	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – JFK	42 per hour
Krista DiBernardo	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – JFK	42 per hour
Linda Fortugno	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – JFK	42 per hour
Jennifer Curti	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – JFK	42 per hour
Kristin Pascuzzi	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – JFK	42 per hour
Ann Rose Santoro	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – JFK	42 per hour
Anne Duckett	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – JFK	42 per hour
Paige Sileo	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – JFK	42 per hour
Enrique Tovar	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – JFK	42 per hour
Cheryle Washington	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – JFK	42 per hour
Matthew Gryzlo	Extended Day After School Program Teacher – MS	42 per hour
Sari Shuster	Extended Day After School Program Teacher – MS	42 per hour
Marianne Scofield	Dual Language Program Teacher – Park	42 per hour
Declan Josephson	Modified Wrestling Head Coach	3,253
John Cafaldo	Varsity Baseball Head Coach	5,876
Eric Martin	Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach	2,473
Santo Lagana	Junior Varsity Baseball Head Coach	3,873
Joseph DeProssino	Freshman Baseball Head Coach	3,873
Joseph Facciola	Modified Baseball Head Coach	3,253
Jeanine Maiolini	Girls Varsity Softball Head Coach	5,000
Ann Rose Santoro	Girls Varsity Softball Assistant Coach	2,473
Sara Morabito	Junior Varsity Softball Head Coach	3,253
Ginger Corbia	Modified Softball Head Coach	3,128

6. 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>	
Erika Perez	Teacher Apprentice Program	1	Port Chester	10-11
Year				
David Chepiga	Role of Mid-Hudson Valley	1	BOCES	Fall '11
during American Revolution				

7. 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:

Alise Andreoli

8. The following individuals be approved as Custodial Worker, Teacher Aide, or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective December 9, 2011. 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.

Maria Figueroa
Brandon Weldon

9. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$14,100, Schedule #8, dated December 1, 2011 be approved for the 2011-2012 school year.
10. The following General Fund Payrolls be approved:

December 2, 2011	\$1,693,116.70
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11. The following General Fund Bill Schedule, including in-between checks, be approved:

December 8, 2011	\$730,640.71
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12. The following Special Aid Fund Bill Schedule, dated December 8, 2011, be approved for payment:

TV Studio High School	\$ 488.00
F.F.I.O.E.	5,185.95
Extended Day	10,620.50
Summer Tuition 2011/2012	15,254.50
Port Chester High School Band	4,850.00
21 st Century	18,081.18
21 st Century OASIS	19,229.75
Council for the Arts	21,421.19
H.S. Cable Grant Supplies & Equipment	775.99
13. The following payroll for the Special Aid Program, be approved:

December 2, 2011	\$105,959.33
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ATHLETICS REPORT – Fall Season & PARENT PORTAL PILOT & eSCHOOL PLUS – Update

Mr. Durney gave an overview of the fall athletic programs and reported on the eSchool Plus student information and data management system.

Mrs. Capeci asked how much is spent per student for athletics and how many students receive athletic scholarships for continuing education.

Mr. Dreves stated that athletics is an important part of education and appreciates all the efforts made by Mr. Durney and his staff.

Mrs. Brakewood noted what can be learned from the eSchool Plus data.

Mr. Johnson asked if there is a reporting system for reoccurring injuries.

Ms. Lopez is impressed to know what can be done with only 1% of our budget. Ms. Lopez asked, when training for eSchool Plus, is time set aside for Surveys and feedback and what the composition of the technology committee is.

Dr. Klizus thanked Mr. Durney for his comprehensive reports.

Mr. Durney responded to the Boards questions and concerns.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ISSUES

a. Fair and Affordable Housing Settlement & Rye Brook Floating Zoning District

Ms. Lopez announced a letter expressing the District's opinion was sent to Judge Denise Cote who is currently overseeing the settlement.

b. Property Tax Cap

Dr. Kliszus announced the scheduling for the presentations that will take place for staff and community members with the intent to educate the public on the tax cap.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE/COMMENTS

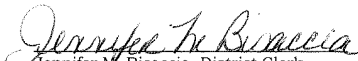
Mr. Johnson reported on his meeting with the PTO and attendance at the Wizards game.

Mrs. Brakewood reported that she observed the IB Program with Dr. Combs in Dobbs Ferry.

Mr. Dreves apologized for not making the game and urged the community to send correspondence to our legislators.

Ms. Lopez reported that she met with Mrs. Furst to discuss a communication strategy plan. Suggested organizing a trip to visit local legislation to discuss the tax cap and noted that sample letters will be posted on our website for review.

There being no further business at 10:10 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the Board adjourned the meeting.


Jennifer M. Bisaccia, District Clerk