

Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District Work Session
Port Chester High School – Room 229
February 9, 2012

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

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

Absent: Frank Sisca, School Attorney

Ms. Lopez called a public meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ANNUAL REPORT – HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Combs presented the annual high school report and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. JoAnne Barrett reported on behalf of the PTSA highlighting their goals, increased membership, and scholarships that have been provided.

The Board commented on the increase of the graduation rate and thanked Dr. Combs for bringing the IB program to the District. The Board inquired if the IB would program impact overcrowding and if it will run concurrently with the AP program. Dr. Combs was congratulated for one of the best prepared reports.

Dr. Combs responded to all the Board's questions and concerns.


PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Reavis, 325 King Street, President of the NAACP stated that he is celebrating black history month and would like to present 5 books to be donated to the District libraries.

The Board thanked Mr. Reavis for his gift.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, and carried the Board approved the Treasurer's Report for November 2011.

Port Chester - Rye Union Free School District						
TREASURERS REPORT						
November 30, 2011						
	GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
BOOK BALANCE						
BEGINNING OF MONTH	17,107,223.48	1,041,049.60	521,447.08	382,607.95	431,445.89	19,483,774.00
Receipts						
Revenues	11,853,742.29	671,079.60	142,948.41	18.47	6,891.52	
Interfund Transfers	239,799.69					
Sales Tax Receipts			86.21			
Reimbursement of Expense	163,889.85				3,271.50	
Accounts Receivable					607.34	
Total Receipts	12,257,431.83	671,079.60	143,034.62	18.47	10,770.36	13,082,334.88
Disbursements						
Warrant #11	1,036,724.33	92,350.94	136,135.47		11,133.39	
Warrant #12	103,572.82	(100.00)			250.00	
Warrant #15	168,738.95				1,375.00	
Payroll 11/4/2011	1,962,445.86	113,839.10	2,743.89			
Coach's Payroll 11/10/11	118,790.76					
Payroll 11/18/2011	1,961,213.35	119,806.96	3,409.74			
TRS Payment	3,469,577.05					
Total Disbursements	8,821,063.12	325,897.00	142,289.10	-	12,758.39	9,302,007.61
BOOK BALANCE						
END OF MONTH	20,543,592.19	1,386,232.20	522,192.60	382,626.42	429,457.86	23,264,101.27
	GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
CASH - BANK BALANCES	Rates					
Bank of America	0.000%		70,633.72	58,499.55	130,147.65	
Chase Bank	0.100%	615,105.32				
TD Bank	0.200%	274,752.23				
Wells Fargo	0.006%	847,856.29				
Hudson Valley Bank	0.049%	2,471.68				
Webster Bank	0.200%	1,713,012.44	7,721.30		1,298.50	
PC Credit Union	0.250%				154,623.90	
MBIA - C.L.A.S.S.	0.002%	6,682,739.88	763,405.58	451,558.88	324,126.87	
Scholarship Invest	various				143,387.81	
Signature Bank	0.500%	11,022,759.67				
TOTAL CASH - BANK BALANCES		20,543,592.19	1,386,232.20	522,192.60	382,626.42	429,457.86
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					1/12/2012	
Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer					Date	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried 4-1 the Board approved work session meeting minutes for January 12, 2012

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 conferences noted below:

	Name	Conference	Date	Amount	Funded
1	Melissa Cruz	Conference on Dyslexia & Related Learning Disabilities	3/13/12	\$334 + applicable taxes & tips	General
2	Judy Ravina	Conference on Dyslexia & Related Learning Disabilities	3/13/12	\$334 + applicable taxes & tips	General
3	Chris Zidik	GreatBooks Shared Inquiry Method Workshop	2/15/12	\$354 + applicable taxes & tips	General
4	Alison Hembury	GreatBooks Shared Inquiry Method Workshop	2/15/12	\$317 + applicable taxes & tips	General

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- B. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, at its discretion and in the best interest of the District, elects to forgo the written quote and bid requirements for the following professional service procurements in keeping with Policy 6700R – Purchasing Regulation.

	Name	Program	Rate	Term	Funded
1	The Facilitator Center	Professional Development Services	\$800	9/1/11-6/30/12	Title II A
2	Crossfit Westchester Kids	Fitness Center Facility Rental for 21 st Century After School Program - MS	\$2,000	1/26/12-6/30/12	21 st Century – MS/HS
3	Berlitz Languages, Inc.	Japanese instruction for the 21 st Century After School Program – HS	\$2,500	2/1/12-6/30/12	21 st Century – MS/HS – Extended Day
4	SER of Westchester	21 st Century After School Programming (HS-MS) Increase	\$30,000	2/1/12-6/30/12	21 st Century – MS/HS

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

- C. WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, adopting this Resolution to bid jointly in those supplies, commodities, materials, and equipment set forth. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District hereby agrees to participate with other school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Educational Services, Westchester County, Now adopting this in the joint bidding of the attached list of items; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall remain in effect until receipt by the BOCES of written withdrawal from the Resolution by the school district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that this Board agrees to bid its required amount of said commodities jointly with other participating school districts in Southern Westchester and the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this Board acts on the purchase of said Commodities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Journal News in accordance with the provision of Section 103 to the General Municipal Law.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Request for Action

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

1. Brian Crook, Amityville, New York, be approved for a half-year leave replacement appointment as Music Teacher, at 94% of Step 2-Level 6 of the 2010-2011 Teachers Salary Schedule, effective February 6, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Mr. Crook received a B.A. Degree and a M.M. Degree from the Crane School of Music. Mr. Crook received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment December 30, 2011. His assignment will be at the King Street and Park Avenue Schools and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. He replaces Kristin Fleming who is on a Maternity Leave of Absence. Benefits will cease June 30, 2012.
2. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2011-2012 school year:

Michael Miceli	21st Century After School Program Teacher – High School	\$42 per hour
Veronica Cruz	21st Century After School Program Teacher – Park Avenue	42 per hour
Yolanda Matos	21st Century After School Program Teacher – Park Avenue	42 per hour

Luz Mendoza	21st Century After School Program Teacher – Park Avenue	42 per hour
Jolie Vita	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – John F. Kennedy	42 per hour
Melissa Piccola	Breakfast Program Monitor – Substitute – Middle School	23 per hour
Ayse Ruvolo	Mentor – High School – February – June – prorated	500

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Semester</u>
Marlee Santa-Donato	Singapore Math: Number Sense for Educators	1.5	Staff Development	Spring '12
Allison Silverman	Character Education in the Classroom And Computational Strategies	3	Creative Teacher Education Institute	Fall '11
Adriana Paulucci	Teaching Multiculturalism in the Classroom	3	New York Center for Teacher Development	Fall '11
Edward Waite	Enhancing Instruction for Today's Auditory, Visual and Kinesthetic Learners	2	Central Westchester Teacher Institute	Fall '11

4. 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:

Daniel Carlisto	Stefanie Cruz	Sara Pinchback	Andrea Tolliver
Jessica Zimmerman	Kaitlin Parks	Michelle Aulenti	Micki Chevalier
Ashley Bruno	Cara DiNapoli	Jennifer Kennett	Sarah Ortiz-Elejalde
Lauren Caputo	Melissa Giordano	Alyssa Reardon	Kristen Romano

5. Jose G. Sepulveda, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Lunch Monitor (3 hours/day, 10-month) at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective January 30, 2012. Mr. Sepulveda received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on January 27, 2012. His assignment is Port Chester High School.
6. Jason L. Gamble, Jr., Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Cleaner (3.5 hours/day, 10-month), Step 1, effective February 10, 2012. Mr. Gamble has been previously fingerprint cleared and has worked as a Substitute Cleaner for the District. His assignment will be John F. Kennedy School.
7. The following individuals be approved as Hall Monitors for the Bolivian Festival at the High School effective Saturday, February 18, 2012 (10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) at one and a half times their current CSEA contractual rate:

José Marrero Sandra Ordonez

8. The following individuals be approved as Cleaner, Teacher Aide, or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective February 10, 2012. Said appointees may also serve as long-term substitutes, if and when required, at Step 1 of the Cleaner, Teacher Aide, or Typist CSEA pay scales. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Cleveland Alford Lianet Lopez Valerie Candreva Anthony Fantone
James Searles

9. The following individual be appointed as Teacher Aide to the 21st Century After-School Program for the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District at a rate of \$20/hour. She has received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Lily Mutino King Street School Oasis Effective January 12, 2012

10. Vincent Fiscella, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a permanent appointment as Teacher Aide effective February 14, 2012. His assignment is JFK-ELC and King Street School Special Education.

11. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$21,942.41 Schedule #11 dated February 2, 2012 be approved for the 2011-2012 school year.
12. The following General Fund Payroll be approved:

January 27, 2012	\$1,703,677.79
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13. The following General Fund Bill Schedule, including in-between checks, be approved:

February 9, 2012	\$1,651,950.23
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14. The following Special Aid Fund Bill Schedule, dated February 9, 2012 be approved for payment:

TV Studio High School	\$ 768.00
Title I	14,266.93
Extended Day	2,540.00
21 st Century	17,671.60
21 st Century OASIS	24,035.22
Council for the Arts	4,532.73
Title III LED	3,162.57
Race to the Top	5,793.33
F.F.I.O.E.	5,100.00
IBM Cascade Mentoring Program	342.82
High School Band	2,120.00
High School Cable Grant Supplies	\$425.00
Title IIA	755.00
High School Reunion	575.00
15. The following payroll for the Special Aid Program, be approved:

January 27, 2012	\$113,361.56
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BOARD OF EDUCATION ISSUES

Ms. Lopez announced that state representatives George Latimer and a representative from the office of Suzi Oppenheimer came to our District for a question and answer session with the PTO/PTA regarding the need for additional aid.

Ms. Lopez announced that Mr. Latimer will be meeting with our high school students for a question and answer round table.

ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Johnson shared the events he attended and explained his experience with the IB Program.

Mrs. Brakewood detailed the events she attended and thanked Mrs. Wolf for putting together the student senate breakfast.

Mrs. Capeci announced what meetings she plans to attend.

Mr. Dreves shared the events and meetings he attended and commented on the recognition given to the wrestling program.

Ms. Lopez shared the events and meetings she attended and thanked the Lefferts family for the renovations done to the public library.

There being no further business at 9:08 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the Board adjourned the meeting.


 Jennifer M. Bisaccia, District Clerk