

Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District
Board of Education – Regular Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2016 – Park Avenue Elementary School

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

Also Present: Dr. Edward A. Kliszus, Superintendent of Schools; Joseph Durney, Assistant Superintendent for Grants and Personnel; Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer; and Cathy A. Maggi, District Clerk

Call to Order

Mr. Dreves called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. He asked the audience to remain standing for a moment of silence for Michael Sciavillo, a 2013 High School graduate.

President's Opening Remarks

Mr. Dreves mentioned that we were honoring youngsters in the music program and welcomed all of the parents, students and teachers in attendance. He then noted that several resolutions will be presented tonight. The two most important resolutions are one declaring the Board of Education as the Lead Agency towards the SEQRA for the Bond that is planned to be put up for a vote in the spring ,and the second for a public relations firm to be hired to explain details of the bond prior to the vote. He turned the program over to Dr. Kliszus who introduced Ken Kraut to speak about the music program and the honorees for:

- 2016 Band and Chorus
- 2016 Marching Band

There was a two minute break at 7:20 p.m. and meeting was resumed at 7:22 p.m.

Park Avenue School Report

Rosa Taylor, Principal of Park Avenue School gave the state of the school presentation.

Mrs. Taylor recognized parents for their participation in the parent program with certificates. Mr. Joseph Carvin commented briefly on the One World Program. Mrs. Taylor called up the students in the One World Program and presented them with certificates. Mr. Carvin introduced and thanked Jennifer Carriero-Dominguez and Maria Hernandez for being the teachers in the One World Program.

Mrs. Taylor then recognized the students of the month for October and November and also recognized Mrs. Gallo, Mr. Cafaldo and Mrs. Truini as the teachers for this program. Mrs. Taylor recognized Mrs. Jacobs for her 41 years of service as Special Education Teacher and Ms. Regina Gillis as Teaching Assistant for her 25 years of service to the Port Chester School District.

Mrs. Taylor also recognized all of the staff members present and thanked them for their support and she thanked the Board members and Dr. Kliszus for their support. Mr. Dreves asked the PTO members to stand and be recognized. Board members and Dr. Kliszus congratulated Mrs. Taylor on the presentation and on the good work going on at Park Avenue School.

There was a five minute break at 8:08 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 8:15 p.m.

Public Comment

Mr. Dreves opened the floor for public comments:

Joan Miksner, 26 Brook Lane, had many great things to say about the school and the teachers at the school. Her one concern and the concern of other parents was the turnover of the teachers at Park Avenue. She respectfully asked that as part of the evaluation and criteria process leaders should focus on teacher turnover and to take care of the tenure of the teachers. She commended the board for K-5 Science Program and the band program.

Tom Ceruzzi, 84 Hobart Avenue, commented on the very nice turnout. He was lucky enough to be part of the bond committee. At one meeting we took a vote to have multiple plans to be sent to the board, but it was defeated. On hiring the public relations firm, it could divide the community more and could backfire. Whatever money you are going to spend could be better spent on things you need in the schools. Any proposals the firm puts forward, they probably won't have all of the information. He has concerns that people are upset already and feels there are people in the school system that could communicate with the community.

Steve Simmons, 255 North Regent Street commented on the alternate plans. He reiterated that the recommendation that the committee of 30 or so people presented was a recommendation that passed 20-2 at a 90% rate.

Heather Mateus, lives by the high school. I understand what Mr. Ceruzzi said about public relations but going through the budget, we make a lot of happen. To put together newsletters, you are taking about people volunteering and that is difficult with all of the responsibilities everyone has. She didn't believe that there was a full time communications coordinator in the district. We need to get accurate information out, but it does take people who are experts in the field. We should get as many people as possible out to vote and we need to get the information out to people. We need to get together and make the world a better place and do what we need to do for the children.

Coleen Moore, 11 Wesley Avenue, heard wonderful things about the dual language program. She thinks it is very valuable and hopes to see it continue at Park Avenue.

Keith Morlino, no address given, talked about the importance of the public relations firm as it would help alleviate all the misinformation that we had the last time. The bond is in the area of \$50 - \$70 million dollars and the cost of the public relations firm is a minimal amount compared to the cost of the bond. People didn't know what they were getting and what they were paying for the last time. It is very important to get the correct information out for the bond to be successful.

Public Comment was closed at 8:33 p.m.

Report From the Superintendent

Request for Action

Upon the motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wolff and carried, the resolutions were unanimously approved (5-0):
The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. Eduardo Ramos, Stamford, Connecticut be approved for a three-year probationary appointment as Special Education Teacher, at Step 13 (12)-Level 6 of the 2015-2019 Teachers Collectively Negotiated Agreement, effective December 5, 2016 through December 4, 2019, except to the extent required by Section 3012-d of the Education Law.*. Mr. Ramos received a B.S. Degree and a M.S. Degree from St. John's University. Mr. Ramos received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment November 21, 2016. His assignment will be at John F. Kennedy School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. His certification is Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) - Professional Certification.

* In order to be granted tenure, a classroom teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or §3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least 3 of the 4 preceding years. Further, if the classroom teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he/she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time, in which case the Board of Education, in its discretion, may extend the teacher's probationary term for an additional year.

2. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Rosann Guido, White Plains, New York as Science Teacher at the High School, beginning approximately November 21, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Mrs. Guido 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. Jordan Barbach, Astoria, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Rosann Guido as Science Teacher at the High School, beginning December 5, 2016 through June 23, 2017 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125 per day after 20 days and \$150 per day after 60 days.
4. Danielle Salera, Bedford, New York be approved for a partial year leave replacement appointment as Elementary Teacher, at Step 1-Level 1 of the 2015-2019 Teachers Collectively Negotiated Agreement, effective September 1, 2016 through February 7, 2017. Ms. Salera received a B.A. Degree from Manhattanville College. Ms. Salera received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment September 15, 2014. Her assignment will be at John F. Kennedy School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. Her certification is Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) – Initial Certification. Benefits will cease February 7, 2017.
5. The Maternity Leave of Absence granted at the August 31, 2016 Board Meeting and extended at the October 25, 2016 Board Meeting to Julie Colangelo-Dore, Rye Brook, New York as Elementary Teacher at the Middle School, beginning approximately September 7, 2016 through December 9, 2016 be extended through January 2, 2017. Mrs. Colangelo-Dore 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.

6. The appointment at the August 31, 2016 Board Meeting and extended at the October 25, 2016 Board Meeting of Jessica Garcia, New Rochelle, New York as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Julie Colangelo-Dore as Elementary Teacher at the Middle School, beginning approximately September 7, 2016 through December 9, 2016 be extended through January 2, 2017. There will be no change in her current salary.
7. The Extended Maternity Leave of Absence granted at the August 31, 2016 Board Meeting to Sandra Savel, Greenwich, Connecticut as ESL Teacher at the High School, beginning approximately September 1, 2016 through mid-December, 2016 be extended through January 2, 2017. This Leave of Absence will be without pay or benefits. She will not advance in seniority nor will said leave be counted for longevity purposes.
8. The appointment at the August 31, 2016 Board Meeting of Ornix Batista, Port Chester, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Sandra Savel as ESL Teacher at the High School, beginning approximately September 1, 2016 through mid-December, 2016 be extended through December 23, 2016 at an anticipated daily rate of \$150.

9. The following individual(s) be appointed to position(s) for the 2016-2017 school year:

Vilma Regueira	Title III Immigrant Education Teacher – Edison School	\$42 per hour
Katiria Arce	Title III Immigrant Education Teacher – King Street School	42 per hour
Victoria Reichberg	Title IA Extended Day Program – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Yvette Vera-Pignato	Title IA Extended Day Program – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Jennifer Villa	Title IA Extended Day Program – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Katiria Arce	Title IA Extended Day Program – King Street School	42 per hour
Shaney Weaver	Title IA Extended Day Program – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Fatima Barnett	Title IA Extended Day Program – King Street School	42 per hour
Clara Barreto	Title I Parent Engagement Program – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Michelle Capparelli	Title I Parent Engagement Program – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Lianet Lopez	Title I Parent Engagement Program – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Yvette Vera-Pignato	Title I Parent Engagement Program – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Victoria Reichberg	Title I Parent Engagement Program – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Maryam Vernon-Kalantari	Title I Parent Engagement Program – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Mayra Estrella	Title I Parent Engagement Program – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Alexandra Martin	Title I Parent Engagement Program – King Street School	42 per hour
Laurie Glockenberg	Title I Parent Engagement Program – King Street School	42 per hour
Katiria Arce	Title I Parent Engagement Program – King Street School	42 per hour
Lindsay Frank	Title I Parent Engagement Program – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Jennifer Mott	Title I Parent Engagement Program – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Maria O’Brien	Title I Parent Engagement Program – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Shaney Weaver	Title I Parent Engagement Program – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Jennifer Carriero	Title I Parent Engagement Program – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Crista Minicozzi	Title IA Extended Day Program – High School	42 per hour
Jenna Garguilo	Title IA Extended Day Program – Middle School	42 per hour
Stephanie Darrow	Drama Director – Spring Production – High School	2,984
Jaimi Kennedy	Mentor – John F. Kennedy School – December – June – pro-rated	700
Stefania Valenza	RTI Subcommittee Chairperson – King Street School – mid-November – June – pro-rated	750

10. The following individuals be approved to serve as Substitute Teachers/Teacher Assistants/Tutors/Interns/Student Teachers/Volunteers on an as-needed basis for the 2016-2017 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared, “Grandfathered” in or on a twenty day emergency basis:

Edward Sofia	Cindy Dionizio	Joseph Rinello	Michelle Grosse
Anthony Ruvolo	Jennifer Renda	Mayelin Jimenez	Patricia Cabrera

11. Elsa Salmon, Port Chester, New York, having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner, be granted permanent status as Teacher Aide (10 months, 6 hours/day) John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center, effective December 14, 2016.


12. Amelia Menchaca, Port Chester, New York, having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner, be granted permanent status as Office Assistant (Auto. Systems) Spanish Speaking (10 months, 7.5 hours/day) Port Chester High School Principal's Office, effective January 8, 2017.
13. Sandra Grau, Port Chester, New York, having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner, be granted permanent status as Sr. Office Assistant (Auto. Systems) Spanish Speaking (10 months, 7.5 hours/day) Port Chester High School Guidance Office, effective January 12, 2017.
14. Delories Smith, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Lunch Monitor, 3 hours/day, 10-months, effective November 29, 2016. Ms. Smith received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on November 15, 2016. Her assignment is John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center.
15. A promotional change of status be approved for Guy Dietz, Patterson, New York, from Maintenance Laborer Grounds, Step 11, 12 months, 8 hours/day, to Custodial Worker, Step 7, 12 months, 8 hours/day, effective December 14, 2016. His assignment will be Port Chester High School.
16. Amend Item Number 14 of the November 15, 2016 Board of Education Meeting Agenda as follows:
A Military Leave of Absence be granted to Jarren Gooden, Mt. Vernon, New York, Custodial Worker, Port Chester Middle School, for approximately one year, effective November 30, 2016. Mr. Gooden will be paid his current salary for the first 22 work days of his leave. The remainder of said leave will be without pay, and Mr. Gooden will be responsible for monthly health insurance contributions until which time he returns to his position as Custodial Worker. This Military Leave of Absence will not affect Mr. Gooden's scheduled step increase for the 2017-2018 school year.
17. The following individuals be approved as Registered Professional Nurse Substitutes at an hourly rate of \$248.08/day or \$41.01 effective December 14, 2016 – June 30, 2017. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance or are grandfathered.
Andres Salcedo (effective December 12, 2016 – June 30, 2017)
18. The following individuals be approved as Cleaner Substitutes at a rate of \$12.00/hour effective December 14, 2016 – June 30, 2017. Said appointees may also serve as long-term substitutes, if and when required, at step 1 of the Cleaner pay scales. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance or are grandfathered.
Antonio DeLio at \$13.37/hour Effective January 3, 2017 – June 30, 2017
Joseph C. Sutton
19. The following individuals be approved as Clerical, Teacher Aide, Lunch Monitor, Hall Monitor or Breakfast Monitor Substitutes at a rate of \$12/hour effective December 14, 2016 – June 30, 2017. Said appointees may also serve as long-term substitutes, if and when required, at step 1 of the Teacher Aide or Typist CSEA pay scales. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance or are grandfathered.
Michelle Civetta
Irma Espejo (Effective November 28, 2016)
Michele Grosse (\$16.75/hour Effective December 2, 2016 – December 23, 2016)
Chyna Marino
Vitalina Medina
Delories Smith
Kimberly Tartaglia
Thomas Vitale at a rate of \$16.75/hour Effective 12/10/16 – 12/23/16
20. The services of Charnetta Pettie, Bronx, New York, Sr. Office Assistant (Auto. Systems), Port Chester High School Guidance, be terminated at the end of business, December 21, 2016.
21. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$18,141.32, Schedule #8 dated December 7, 2016, be approved for the 2016-2017 school year.
22. Warrants #13 and #14, including in-between checks, dated December 6, 2016, be approved:

General Fund	\$1,951,919.23
Federal Fund	342,491.62
Cafeteria Fund	149,222.56
Trust & Agency Fund	1,112,194.70
Capital Fund	5,083.00

23. Warrant #15, including in-between checks, dated December 13, 2016, be approved:	
General Fund	\$1,793,755.36
Federal Fund	298,822.49
Cafeteria Fund	165,840.31
24. The following payrolls be approved:	
General Fund – November 18, 2016	\$2,068,199.73
General Fund – November 22, 2016	138,293.00
General Fund – December 2, 2016	2,041,064.21
General Fund – November 18, 2016	90,008.24
General Fund – December 2, 2016	90,709.09

Treasurer's Report

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the October 2016 Treasurer's Report was passed unanimously (5-0).

Port Chester - Rye Union Free School District							
<u>TREASURERS REPORT</u>							
October 31, 2016							
		GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
BOOK BALANCE							
BEGINNING OF MONTH		8,856,472.73	331,334.59	601,391.95	88,315.07	497,529.61	10,375,043.95
<u>Receipts</u>							
Revenues		24,282,459.34	324,682.23	20,519.19	9.11	11,008.91	
Interfund Transfers							
Sales Tax Receipts				64.89			
Reimbursement of Expense		376,028.38					
void checks							
Accounts Receivable		5,749.98					
Interfund Transfers		17,037.00			200,000.00		
Total Receipts		24,681,274.70	324,682.23	20,584.08	200,009.11	11,008.91	25,237,559.03
<u>Disbursements</u>							
Warrant #9		1,898,444.27	75,857.82	1,497.64	75,332.00		
Warrant #10		2,625,722.52	283,321.31	4,697.15		10,987.87	
Warrant #11							
Warrant #12							
Payroll 10/07/2016		2,300,077.18	89,372.44	4,139.63			
Buyout Payroll 10/14/16		83,755.13					
Payroll 10/21/2016		2,300,115.26	86,425.44	3,951.83			
accounts payable		41,661.68					
Interfund transfers		200,000.00	17,037.00				
Total Disbursements		9,449,776.04	552,014.01	14,286.25	75,332.00	10,987.87	10,102,396.17
BOOK BALANCE							
END OF MONTH		24,087,971.39	104,002.81	607,689.78	212,992.18	497,550.65	25,510,206.81
		GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
CASH - BANK BALANCES	Rates						
Chase Bank	0.050%		67,144.23	377,973.65	188,786.87	200,435.82	
TD Bank	0.250%	277,558.27					
Sterling Bank	0.050%	2,477.76					
Webster Bank	0.170%	294,864.72	6,243.74			2,687.55	
PC Credit Union	0.150%					157,793.31	
Peoples United Bank	0.300%	4,005,575.33	(70,909.40)				
MBIA - C.L.A.S.S.	0.319%	17,420,700.31	101,524.24	229,716.13	24,205.31		
Scholarship Invest	varies					136,633.97	
Signature Bank	0.300%	2,086,795.00					
TOTAL CASH - BANK BALANCES		24,087,971.39	104,002.81	607,689.78	212,992.18	497,550.65	25,510,206.81
		-	-	-	-	-	
						12/7/2016	
Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer						Date	

Action Items:

There was a discussion about Action Item A by the board members.

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

- A. **WHEREAS**, the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District ("the District") is considering the impact on the environment in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.1 et. seq ("SEQRA") of a proposed capital improvement project known as the High School Addition, JFK Elementary School Addition, and the King Street Elementary School Addition (hereinafter "the Project") which is set forth in more detail in the one Full Environmental Assessment Form and two Short Environmental Assessment Forms located at the District administrative offices ("the Project Plan"). The Project is to be undertaken at:

1. Port Chester High School Addition, 1 Tamarack Road, Port Chester, NY
Proposed are additions to two areas at the perimeter of the High School building, comprising a total of ±49,150 square feet.
 - a. A new ±14,150 square foot gym structure addition to step into the grade providing a lower profile addition to the north of the school adjacent to the current gymnasium.
 - b. A ±35,000 square foot academic addition to the west side of the existing building adjacent to Tamarack Road. The addition is elevated over the existing parking lot to remain (and be reconfigured, with some parking to be relocated to the south side), and contains classrooms, computer room, band and choral rooms. The addition will connect with all glass links to the existing building.
 A synthetic turf field is also proposed to replace the existing natural grass turf athletic field within the track. In addition, bleacher refurbishment and a new small (±600 s.f.) concession stand are proposed.
2. JFK Elementary School Addition, 40 Olivia Street, Port Chester, NY
Proposed is a ±3,200 s.f. 2-classroom addition to the south side of the existing lower Elementary school; a ±7,300 gym addition to the north of the existing building adjacent to Olivia Street, to be connected by a bridge; and a ±7,300 s.f. bus storage/maintenance area below the gymnasium. Total size of the additions is 17,800 s.f.
3. King Street Elementary School Addition, 697 King Street, Port Chester, NY
Proposed is a ±13,850 s.f. addition to the north side of the existing building in the play area (which will be relocated), containing a ±7,300 s.f. gymnasium, classrooms, and office support space. The existing northerly parking lot off of Upland Street will be expanded and reconfigured.
4. Edison Elementary School, 132 Rectory Street, Port Chester, NY
A synthetic playground and stage lighting are proposed.
5. Park Avenue Elementary School, 75 Park Avenue, Port Chester, NY
Proposed is a ±3,500 s.f 2-story addition to be situated atop the kindergartens, or 1,750 s.f. per floor, and align with all of the exterior walls below. The new punched windows would mimic the size of the existing kindergarten classrooms below, and the proposed exterior envelope of the addition would match the red brick and pre-cast masonry elements of the existing building.

WHEREAS, the District directs that the District consultants notify as appropriate involved and interested agencies under SEQRA of the District's intent to act as lead agency for the coordinated environmental review of the Project under SEQRA to such agencies (list attached) together with this Resolution of the District's intent to act as lead agency for the SEQRA review of same, and if no objection to the District acting as lead agency is upheld in accordance with applicable law, then the District wishes to be installed as lead agency in order to conduct a coordinated environmental review under SEQRA for the Project;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District hereby directs District consultants to provide the involved agencies and interested parties for the Project (list attached) with a copy of the EAF Part 1 for the High School addition and two Short Environmental Forms, one for the JFK Elementary School Addition and one for the King Street Elementary School Addition, and a copy of this Resolution, and that the District intends to act as the lead agency in order to conduct a coordinated environmental review for the Project under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that if no objection to the District acting as lead agency is received within thirty (30) calendar days, then the District will declare itself as lead agency for the SEQRA review of the Project and conduct a coordinated environmental review for same in accordance with 6 NYCRR. 617.1 et seq. of the implementing regulations under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act as well as Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law, and

This resolution shall be effective immediately.

There was a discussion about Action Item B by the Board members. Mrs. Capeci asked that Action Item B be tabled to look at the costs further. There was not a second to this motion to table. Therefore, the original motion was voted on.

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the resolution was approved (4-1):

- B. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District award the following competitive bid(s) as noted below:

Award To	Description	Amount	Basis for award
Focus Media, Inc.	Public Relations Services for Capital Bond	(1) \$6,600 for the first four (4) months	RFP Analysis
		(2) \$6,700 for any further period	
		(3) \$10,000 Production of a Bond Video.	
		(4) \$5,000 Boosted FaceBook posts/You Tube Campaign	

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wolff and carried, resolutions a-h 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 staff of Port Chester High School have distinguished themselves by their acceptance into the New York State Middle School Honor Concert Band and Area All-State Band and Choirs; 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 thirteenth day of December, two thousand sixteen, hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments of its honorees.

**New York All-State
Symphonic Band
Alternate**
William Brakewood - Trumpet

**New York State
Middle School Honor
Concert Band**
Nicolas Arnel – Trumpet

**New York State
High School Honor
Jazz Ensemble**
William Brakewood – Trumpet
Lauren Pellegrini - Trombone

**Area All-State
Women’s Choir**
Taylor Masi – Alto
Gisella McCallion - Soprano
Elizabeth Montemurro –
Soprano
Isabella Rios - Alto

Area All-State Mixed Choir
Robert Perrone – Tenor
Area All-State Concert Band
William Brakewood – Trumpet
Cameron Gutierrez – Snare Drum
Derrick Torres - Tuba

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

Leadership
Ken Kraut, Music Department Chair
Mr. Patrick Swift, Principal, PCMS
Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal, PCHS

B. **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,

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Northern Highlands Regional High School, Allendale, NJ, 9/17/2016 7 Bands, First in Class, Best Music, Overall Effect, Visual	Wayne Valley High School Wayne Valley, NJ, 9/25/2016 8 Bands, First in Class Best Visual, Percussion, Music, Overall Effect, Color Guard	Montville Township High School, Montville, NJ 10/1/2016 16 Bands, First in Class Best Visual, Percussion, Music, Overall Effect, Color Guard	Newtown High School, Sandy Hook, CT 10/8/2015 7 Bands, First in Class Best Visual, Music, Overall Effect
Yamaha Cup East Rutherford, NJ 10/15/2016 Fourth in Class Best Percussion	US Bands NY State Championship Walt Whitman HS, Huntington Station NY, 10/22/2016 9 Bands, First in Class, Highest Overall Score, US Bands NY State Champions, Best Music, Visual, Color Guard, Percussion	Ridge High School, Basking Ridge NJ, 10/29/2016 15 Bands Second in Class	US Bands National Championship, Allentown, PA, 11/5/2016 44 Bands, 3rd in Class Final score – 93.313 Best Music

Marching Band Members

Valeria Aguilera	Edwin Flores	Alyssa Martinez
Sheilly Aguilar	Mario Flores	Elvi Martinez
Tinu Alex	Alondra Gamez	Taylor Masi
Penelope Alvarez	Matilde Garcia	Allaire Matturro
Amanda Andreoli	Nancy Garcia	Lea Maxwell
Jessica Arias	Jake Gleason	Madri Mazo
Alexandra Arizmendi	Megan Gleason	Darby McDermott
Geovany Argudo	Robinson Gomez	Syed Mehdi
Emily Avelar	Kayla Gonzalez	Brayan Mendez
Lesli Barajas	Jaquelin Granados	Daniela Michaca
Santiago Bautista	Julia Greco	Robert Mickatavage
Gabriel Bodas	Lysa Guaman	Carolyne Molano
Helen Bonilla	Sthefany Guiracochoa	Elizabeth Montemurro
Molly Brakewood	Cameron Gutierrez	Aurora Montenegro
William Brakewood	Jose Guzman	Julia Morales
Ashley Cabrera	Ryan Heffernan	Evan Moyano
Antonio Carcamo	Julissa Hernandez	Martin Muratalla
Kaylee Chavez	Jonathan Hidalgo	Diana Naula
Christian Chumpitazi	Fajr Iqbal	Guadalupe Novoa
Christina Chumpitazi	Larabe Iqbal	Kiara Ortiz
Robert Ciosek	Brendan Johnston	Emi Oshino
Lindsey Co	Brian Johnston	Kevin Pallazhco
Abel Contreras	Edzani Kelapile	Joseph Pascale
Alfred Cordova	Gabriella Kessler	Lauren Pellegrini
Anthony Cortese	Francesca LaDore	Amado Perez
Cindy Cruz	Joelle LaGuardia	Robbie Perrone
Madelin Cruz	Savannah Langenbach	Tania Puchi
Jade D'Amario	Tyler Langenbach	Zuzanna Rafalowska
Britney Davila	Jason Laynes	Ana Ramos
Cameron Davis	Manuel Lazala	Yajaira Ramos
Joseph DeCarlo	Emily Loiaconi	James Repaci
Theresa DiLeo	Madeline Loiaconi	Liana Rich
Gabriel Escobar	Santiago Lopez	Karen Rios
Angelia Fallanca	Eric Magana	Nely Rivera
Michael Fallanca	Alexandra Manos	Gianella Robles
Maria Fernandez	Peter Manos	Erika Rojas
Emily Ferraro	Erica Margiotta	Wendy Rojas

Marching Band Staff

Robert Vitti – Band Director, Program Coordinator
Madeline Rende – Assistant Band Director, Music and Marching Technician
Michael Miceli – District Music Staff
Michael Coppola – Visual Designer, Marching Technician
Darren Delaney – Visual Designer
David Dion – Music Arranger
Isabella Roca – Set Designer, Percussion Technician
Amanda Scocchera – Color Guard Design/Caption Head
Juan Aguilar – Marching Technician
Matthew Gurdak – Marching Technician
Anthony Masi - Music Technician
Anthony Pellegrini – Music Technician
Carlos Becerra – Percussion Caption Head
Victor Sandoval – Percussion Technician
Alex Sandoval - Percussion Technician
Jessica Westerman – Percussion Technician
Andrew Rivas – Color Guard Technician
Vanessa Scarlato– Color Guard Technician
Amanda Vitola – Color Guard Technician

Leadership

Eileen Pellegrini, President, PCHS Band Association
Cameron Gutierrez, Band President
Nicholas Smith, Band Vice-President
Elizabeth Montemurro, Drum Major
Grace Simmons, Drum Major
Ken Kraut, Music Department Chairman
Patrick Swift, Principal, PCMS
Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal, PCHS

C. **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	Dates	Amount	Funded
1	Ann Rose Santoro	Introduction to Responsive Classroom	November 28- December 1, 2016	\$625 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund
2	Kate Albero	Fountas and Pinnell School Leaders Seminar	June 27-29, 2017	\$2,240 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund

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

DESCRIPTION	VIN #/SERIAL #	REASON
1999 Dodge Maxi Van	2B7LB31Z0XK542701	Beyond Useful Life
Randell Refrigerator	Serial #T000059053, Inventory Control #104287	Beyond Useful Life

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Agent is directed to discard or sell the equipment in accordance with Board of Education Policy 6900.

E. **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 in keeping with Policy 6700R – Purchasing Regulation and approve the contracted services agreements / memorandums of agreement for the following 2016-2017 school year professional service procurements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the president of the Board / Superintendent of Schools / Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute related contracts.

	Vendor	Function	Rate	Not to Exceed	Fund
1	Manhattanville College	Additional Community Schools PDS	Flat Rate	\$5,000	Title I
2	Sylvan Learning Center	Federal Title IA Intervention Services for eligible students at Corpus Christi/Holy Rosary School	As per contract	\$49,976	Title I

F. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) designating the placement of these children within the District and/or out-of-District and transportation as needed for the 2016-2017 school year. The file numbers of the children are as follows:

63175	9893733	63782	64274	61721	9894619	9898286	64183	9898445
64183	9895661	63827	64642	61728	9895947	62369	62896	
9892620	9896310	65671	9893733	62732	9896441	63018	63517	
9896310	9896445	9898447	9894895	63484	61377	61504	63898	
9895589	64238	63186	9896501	64663	62732	62289	64409	
9895845	9896002	9896248	9897050	61320	64210	62827	9897103	
9897244	9896134	9897388	9897973	63671	64263	9897271	61296	
62508	62289	9897948	9898009	63895	64315	63740	63371	
63527	63778	61903	9898447	9893376	9896445	62637	63489	

G. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the recommendation of the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) designating the placement of these children within the District and/or out-of-District and transportation as needed for the 2016-2017 school year. The file numbers of the children are as follows:

65486	64452	65651	65649	65695	65683	65656
65566	64315	65717	65652	65810	65813	65715
65567	65195	65739	65654	65905	65932	65750
65653	65528	65322	65686	65652	64904	65751

H. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorize the School 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

Mrs. Capeci spoke about Dr. Anthony Mascia who would have turned 101 but passed away last week. He was a graduate of Port Chester High School. Many of his former patients were at the wake. She wanted to give a shout out to Raymond Skulky, an amazing Elk. Last year he was able to get every 3rd grader a dictionary. He was able to do it again this year for every 3rd grader. He is a graduate of Port Chester High School and his children go to the school district. Thank you to Mr. Skulky.

Mr. Wolff went to the Harlem Wizards game at the Middle School. Jennifer and Anthony Sanders are still here and I want to thank them for the email they sent to the Board regarding their child entering the middle school. I wanted to recognize them and thank them as they are still in the audience.

Mrs. Brakewood mentioned the elementary concerts and the Middle School and High School holiday concerts. She spoke on the entire board's behalf as they were disappointed they were unable to attend the Tamarack Tower Foundation dinner tonight. We want to wish the members who are being honored all the best and we do send our support to the organization. She wished a happy and safe holiday season to everyone.

Mr. Johnson mentioned with two seconds to go our varsity basketball team lost 68-67 to Ramapo. He also mentioned that it was great to be here at Park Avenue School. He attended several Westchester Putnam Association legislative action committees. Mrs. Brakewood, Dr. Combs and Mr. Johnson attended the PCMS/PCHS PTA Dinner at T&J. It was a great job and it was great to see T&J reopened.

Mrs. Capeci mentioned that parents need to be careful parking at the Middle School and High School when attending meetings and/or concerts.

Mr. Dreves mentioned that he unfortunately missed some of the concerts and also was sorry that they had to miss tonight's Tamarack Tower Foundation Dinner. He also wants people to be aware and have their children be aware of being approached by cars. Be very careful if someone stops and asks for directions. There were two incidents in Rye that police are looking into where children were approached by individuals in cars. He talked about Assemblyman Otis reaching out to him regarding a meeting with the DOT and the traffic situation at King Street School and people going too fast. The DOT didn't feel a traffic light was warranted. Assemblyman Otis will go to the DOT and is asking for new signage; signs telling you how fast you are going and additional signs on the street.

Dr. Kliszus is sending the information to the village manager as well regarding the King Street School traffic situation. He is meeting with the local clergy and the Martin Luther King celebration will be held January 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School. The keynote speaker is George Latimer and one of the recipients of the Humanitarian award is Byron Womack.

The next board meeting will be held at King Street School at 7 p.m. on January 10th. Mr. Dreves wished everyone happy holidays.

There being no further business at 9:22 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried (5-0), the Board adjourned the meeting.