

Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 11th, 2013
Park Avenue School

Present: Board of Education trustees: Anne Capeci, Carolee Brakewood, Thomas Corbia, Jim Dreves, Robert Johnson

Also Present: Dr. Edward Kliszus, Superintendent of Schools, Maura McAward, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Frank Fanelli, Assistant Superintendent Grants/Personnel; District Treasurer Coleen Kotzur and Yvette Segal, District Clerk

Absent: Frank Sisca, School District Attorney (Sisca Sisca and Associates)

The Board met for Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. in the Teachers Room to discuss pending litigation.
Mrs. Capeci called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS

Mrs. Capeci greeted everyone at Park Avenue School. Mrs. Capeci acknowledged former Port Chester High School Graduates Katie Glockenberg, Class of 2001. She attended Harvard and then medical school, went on to Columbia Presbyterian to complete her residency and now has a fellowship at Sloan Kettering. Lee Glockenberg, teacher, is her sister and also a PCHS graduate. Brother Luke is a PCHS graduate, class of 2010.

Dr. Kliszus read aloud student names for AP Scholar Recognition and students received their recognition certificates.

Mrs. Rosa Taylor, Principal of Park Avenue School presented the school report.

Mrs. Brakewood thanked Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. Dreves acknowledged Park Avenue School challenges and made mention of all the challenges the Port Chester Schools have in comparison to our neighboring districts. He commended Park Avenue School for a job well done.

Mr. Johnson stated "Always great to be here at Park Avenue School". His son has wonderful memories of his experience at Park Avenue School.

Mrs. Capeci expressed her appreciation for a school and noted that is well kept and in excellent condition. It is a wonderful environment to be in and children want to be there.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Ford – Quintard Drive. The teachers have a lot of work cut out for them with Common Core. Mr. Ford reflected on last public comment at the November 20th meeting. He wants to make it clear that the goal in speaking about taxes is not to gut the schools. The issue has nothing to do with politics. Mr. Ford expressed his inability to afford his school tax bill. Mr. Ford discussed the non residency issue in Port Chester. He asked about the re-registration costs associated with the process and noted that he had inquired with the Ossining School District who recently conducted a re-registration.

Liz Rotfeld – Betsy Brown Road. Thanked Mrs. Capeci for acknowledging a former graduate who attended Harvard. Mrs. Rotfeld spoke about the benefits of working together as a community and not write negative letters to the press and School Board.

Mr. Fanelli stated that he meets with Mr. Acevedo and Mr. Guinta almost every day. Mr. Fanelli gave a residency update. Port Chester completes physical checks vs. paper audits only. There is a minimal amount of students found. Mr. Fanelli stated there are multiple steps taken and the process is difficult in addition to lengthy. We as a District must follow the appropriate legal steps.

Dr. Kliszus stated the current enrollment of 4400 students and the historical high was 4800.

Mr. Ford shouted from his seat with comments and left the meeting abruptly. It was unclear what was stated to the public because Mr. Ford was not at the podium while speaking.

Mrs. Charlene Tobin – Hidden Falls, Port Chester. She stated that the problem is that taxpayers are overburdened. She blamed the Board to refuse to enforce residency laws. She accused the district of stonewalling the taxpayers for a re-registration. She asked why won't the district conduct a re-registration? Mrs. Brakewood commented that the current process is a form of re-registration. Mrs. Tobin said the numbers do not add up. Port Chester is a 2.4 mile square village with 4400 students and it does not make sense.

Mr. Dreves commented on the potential illegal housing that is in place within the village.
Mrs. Tobin left the meeting and Mrs. Capeci asked to continue with the Treasurers report.

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Treasurers Report – October 2013

Upon motion by Mr. Dreves and seconded by Mr. Corbia and carried the October 2013 Treasurers Report was approved.

Approval of the Minutes

Upon Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Corbia and carried, Regular Meeting Minutes for August 29th 2013 was approved.

Upon Motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, Regular Meeting Minutes for September 25th 2013 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

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

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 achievements in Advanced Placements courses in 2012-13; 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 academic excellence;

AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education in meeting and assembled this eleventh day of December, two thousand thirteen, hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments of its honorees.

AP Scholars: those who scored a 3 or higher on 3 or more exams

Safiat A. Adeogun (English Language & Composition, U.S. History, World History)

Natalia Babula (English Language & Composition, U.S. History, Calculus AB, Chemistry)

Jonathan N. Henry (U.S. History, World History, Chemistry)

Sarah K. Kamensky (U.S. History, World History, Chemistry)

Leticia Lua (English Language & Composition, Calculus AB, Italian Language)

Oscar Merino (Calculus AB, Chemistry, Italian Language)

Omar Neyra (U.S. History, Calculus AB, Biology)

Daniella O. Olonilua (English Language & Composition, U.S. History, Chemistry)

Emmanuel O. Olonilua (English Language & Composition, Calculus AB, Chemistry)

Layla Santos (English Language & Composition, U.S. History, World History)

Stephanie Turcios (English Language & Composition, Calculus AB, Spanish Language)

Juan C. Vargas (Studio Art 2D, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature)

AP Scholars with Honor: those who scored 3 or higher on at least 4 or more exams, with an average score of 3.25

Caitlyn N. Celestino (U.S. History, World History, Calculus AB, Chemistry)

Caroline S. DelaCruz (English Language & Composition, U.S. History, World History, Chemistry)

Anne Marie Esposito (U.S. History, World History, Calculus AB, Chemistry)

Susana Garcia (English Language & Composition, U.S. History, World History, Italian Language)

Lukas B. Patrizio (U.S. History, World History, Calculus AB, Chemistry)

Katherine Wojton (English Language & Composition, U.S. History, World History, Chemistry)

AP Scholars with Distinction: those who scored 3 or higher on at least 5 exams, with an average score of 3.5

Leonardo M. Evangelista (English Language & Composition, U.S. History, World History, Calculus AB, Environmental Science)

Jillian M. Ferretti (English Language & Composition, U.S. History, World History, Calculus AB, Chemistry)

Eduardo Gonzalez (English Language & Composition, U.S. History, World History, Calculus AB, Chemistry, Italian Language)

Jason A. Ippolito (English Language & Composition, U.S. History, World History, Calculus AB, Chemistry)

Anika Krause (English Language & Composition, U.S. History, World History, Calculus AB, Chemistry)

Astrid C. Vargas Hernandez (English Language & Composition, U.S. History, Calculus AB, Chemistry, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature)

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Teachers

Carlos Gomez (Calculus AB)
 Annamarie DiBerardino (Italian Language)
 April Dessereau (Studio Art 2D)

Alan Cramer (Chemistry)
 Santiago Egana (Spanish Language)
 Steve Gibaldi (U.S. History)

Diantha Barone (English Language & Composition)
 David Terry (Spanish Literature)
 Edward Waite (World History)

Guidance Counselors

Andrea Davis

Juan Sanchez

Marta Sandoval

Stacey Wolff

Leadership

Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal

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

B. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the first reading for the following Board Policies:

- 1120 SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS
- 1120.E.1 APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECORDS
- 1120.E.2 AGENCY REPOSE TO REQUEST FOR RECORDS
- 1120.R SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS
- 4321 PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISAB UNDER IDEA AND NY ED LAW ART 89
- 4526 COMPUTER USE IN INSTRUCTION
- 4526.R COMPUTER USE IN INSTRUCTION
- 4773 DIPLOMA AND CREDENTIAL OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
- 5151 HOMELESS CHILDREN
- 5151.R HOMELESS CHILDREN
- 5300.10 DEFINITIONS DIGNITY ACT
- 5300.15 CODE OF CONDUCT STUDENT RIGHTS RESPONSIBILITIES
- 5300.20 ESSENTIAL PARTNERS
- 5300.30 PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT
- 5300.60 SEARCHES AND INTERROGATIONS
- 5300.65 VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS
- 5300.70 PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY
- 5300.75 DISSEMINATION AND REVIEW CODE OF CONDUCT
- 5500 STUDENT RECORDS
- 5500.R STUDENT RECORDS
- 5500.E.1 FERPA NOTICE
- 5500.E.2 FERPA NOTICE SAMPLE FORM
- 5500.E.3 STUDENT RECORDS EXHIBIT DIRECTORY INFORMATION SAMPLE FORM
- 5500.E.4 SAMPLE NOTIFICATION - DISCLOSURE TO THE MILITARY
- 5500.E.5 NOTICE REGARDING ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS AND STUDENT INFORMATION SAMPLE FORM
- 6900 DISPOSAL OF DISTRICT PROPERTY
- 9350 STAFF REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS
- 9520.2 FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE
- 9520.2.R FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

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

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	Date	Amount	Funded
1	Joe Durney	New York State Athletic Administrators Association Conference	March 13 th – 14 th 2014	\$ 635.35	General

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

- D. 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	Sutherland Consulting	Homeless Liaison-change in funding source, plus increase.	\$5,000 Increase	2013-2014 school year	Homeless Student Grant/Title I
2	Nancy Cloud	Staff Development Consultant – Park Avenue-DL Program	\$3,000	2013-2014 school year	Dual Language Grant
3	Clay Arts Center	District Clay Art Projects	\$5,000	2013-2014 school year	Extended Day
4	Education Consortium LLC	Staff Development Consultant – Park Avenue-DL Program	\$3,000	2013-2014 school year	Dual Language Grant
5	Pezzella Photography, Inc. dba Memorable Moments Photography	HS Yearbook Advisors Stipend	\$4,504	2013-2014 school year	General Fund

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

- E. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District increase the minimum wage of employees in keeping with the New York State Department of Labor standard effective December 31, 2013.

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

- F. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorize the school District Treasurer to pay General Fund, Federal Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Trust & Agency Fund and Capital Fund bill schedules, and Payrolls as well as complete budget transfers as necessary. Said bill schedules, payrolls, and transfers will be approved by the Board of Education at the first available board meeting.

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

- G. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorize the following budget transfer:
- | Transfer To | Transfer From | Amount | Reason |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|--|
| A2250 410 10 4500 | A2250 471 10 4500 | \$40,000.00 | Itinerant Program Services for a out of district student |

At the request of Dr. Kliszus, prior to reading Resolution H, Maura McAward, Assistant Superintendent of Schools presented a presentation on the lack of funding received from Foundation Aid. In looking at the pool of 8 districts underfunded from the expected Foundation Aide, the Port

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Chester School District is ranked one of the highest underfunded school districts in all of New York State with an annual increasing enrollment. Since 2007 Port Chester has only received 48% of their Foundation Aid. Poverty and enrollment is what drives Foundation Aid. We have been underfunded since 2007 in the amount of 85 million dollars. There are districts in New York State that have been overfunded because of decreased enrollment which is not the case for Port Chester.

Dr. Klizus along with the PTA representatives have drafted an advocacy letter that is also available on the district web site. Mrs. Brakewood read the letter out loud. Dr. Klizus then read the resolution.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution to Promote Equitable School Funding that Complies with New York State's Constitutional Mandate and Every Student's Right to A Sound, Basic and Quality Education Under State and Federal Law

H. WHEREAS, The Campaign for Fiscal Equity (CFE) undertook the mission to enforce the constitutional rights of all New York schoolchildren to a sound, basic and quality education;

WHEREAS, CFE filed a lawsuit claiming that New York State was underfunding New York City's public schools and thus denied its students their constitutional right to the opportunity for a sound, basic education;

WHEREAS, in 1995, the New York Court of Appeals ruled that CFE made a valid claim and remanded the case for trial;

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Court of Appeals upheld the ruling that the State's school funding system violated schoolchildren's constitutional right to a sound, basic education;

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Governor and Legislature recognized the constitutional obligation to all children in New York State and passed statewide funding reform;

WHEREAS, the law enacted a Foundation Aid Formula designed to ensure adequacy and equity in state school funding by establishing a relationship between state aid, the needs of students and a district's ability to raise revenue;

WHEREAS, The State froze Foundation Aid Formula at 2008 school aid levels;

WHEREAS, School Districts with decreasing enrollment and student needs have benefited from the freeze;

WHEREAS, in the first two years, the Legislature provided installments of the Foundation Aid Formula, however, in 2009, aid was frozen at 37.5% of the four year target and cut by \$2.7 billion in 2010 and 2011;

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature adopted a budget process that prevents full funding of the 2007 Foundation Aid Formula;

WHEREAS, the implementation of Foundation Aid is not adhering to the principles upon which it was designed;

WHEREAS, as a result of the current implementation of Foundation Aid, some school districts are receiving more than 100% of their aid and other districts are receiving funding levels well below an amount deemed adequate for the provision of a sound, basic education;

WHEREAS, the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District received only 48% of its Foundation Aid; and is the fourth lowest Foundation Aid funded district in New York State;

WHEREAS, the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District has seen an increase in student enrollment since 2008 – ranking first among ALL Districts in NYS that have experienced an INCREASE in student enrollment AND have been underfunded in Foundation Aid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District calls on Governor Andrew Cuomo, Also, the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District is requesting that Foundation Aid be unfrozen for School Districts seeing increases in enrollment and that are underfunded.

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

- I. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District award a transportation contract for the 2013-2014 school year as noted below:

All County Bus Transportation Yonkers, NY	In an amount not to exceed \$2250
Transportation of Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District students by All County Bus Transportation, Yonkers, New York as follows: Pick-up and drop-off of one residential student to and from The Children’s Home of Kingston, Kingston, New York when required.	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the number of children, buses, vans, monitors, or cost approved in each contract is subject to change in accordance with New York State Education Law and Commissioner’s Regulations.

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Corbia suggested this resolution be tabled until the next Board of Education. This resolution was motioned to table by Mrs. Brakewood and seconded by Mr. Johnson.

- J. WHEREAS**, the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District is a separate municipality encompassing the Village of Port Chester and parts of Rye Brook, with its own budget funded by the taxpayers of the Town of Rye within our geographic area; and

WHEREAS, the school district enrollment has seen a dramatic increase of 16% (or 619) in student enrollment since 2007; and

WHEREAS, the school district has been experiencing *maximum classroom and classroom capacity* and *room utilization* for several years; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue its mission to provide an excellent education and “Success for Every Student,” the school district does not wish to increase classroom sizes further; and

WHEREAS, the school district buildings cannot readily accommodate additional students; and

WHEREAS, the district is already renting classroom space at the Holy Rosary School/JFK Early Learning Center to accommodate over enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the school district historically spends the least per pupil in Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, the school district is hampered by and the taxpayer is burdened by inadequate state funding and unfunded state mandates; and

WHEREAS, the school district has successfully kept tax increases within the state calculated tax levy cap; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District calls upon the Villages of Port Chester and Rye Brook to discourage additional large scale residential developments within the area known as Port Chester-Rye UFSD because it will increase student enrollment in our schools, exacerbate overcrowded classrooms, increase school taxes, and potentially diminish student achievement.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the donation of \$1,500 from the Rye YMCA. The funds are to be applied to the Thomas A. Edison School

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the donation of \$3,000 from Neris Retail Outlet, Inc.. The funds are to be applied to the John F. Kennedy Garden Project.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the donation of the book “Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln” by Doris Kearns Goodwin valued at \$27.75, from the VFW Post 1576 and Mr. Hank Birdsall to the PCHS Library Media Center.

REQUEST FOR ACTION

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Corbia and carried, the following Request for Action was approved:

The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. Brittany Marciano, White Plains, New York be approved for a three-year probationary appointment as English Teacher, at 98% of Step 1- Level 6 (pro-rated) of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2016. Ms. Marciano received a B.S. Degree and a M.A. Degree from Syracuse University. Ms. Marciano received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment November 22, 2013. Her assignment will be at the High School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Jason Mulero who resigned.
2. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Giselle Ferraro, Harrison, New York, as Mathematics Teacher at the High School, beginning approximately January 6, 2014 through April 21, 2014. Mrs. 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.
3. Diane Windas, Sleepy Hollow, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Giselle Ferraro as Mathematics Teacher at the High School effective approximately January 6, 2014 through April 10, 2014 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125.
4. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Brooke Magnotta, West Harrison, New York, as Special Education Teacher at the Middle School, beginning approximately January 6, 2014 through May 30, 2014. Mrs. Magnotta 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.
5. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Mrs. Allison Silverman, Yonkers, New York, as Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher at the Middle School, beginning approximately January 2, 2014 through February 28, 2014. Mrs. Silverman 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 following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2013-2014 school year:

Linda Fortugno	After School Program Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	\$42 per hour
Lester Ramirez	After School Program Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Lianet Lopez	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Cynthia Ponce	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Karla Purcell	Elementary Science Assistant – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Jenny Maldonado	Elementary Science Assistant – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Suzanne Rubenstein	Elementary Science Assistant – King Street School	42 per hour

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Colleen Cahill Elementary Science Assistant – Edison School

42 per hour

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Semester</u>
Heather Temple	Various Workshops	1	Windward	2011-2013

8. The following individual(s) be approved to serve as Substitute Teacher(s)/Teacher Assistant(s)/Tutor(s)/Intern(s)/Student Teacher(s)/Volunteer(s)/ on an as-needed basis for the 2013-2014 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared, “Grandfathered” in or on a twenty day emergency basis:

Maria Hernandez Rochelle Garnett Jonathan Cain Alexandra Lockwood

9. Jeffrey Harris, Port Chester, New York, having performed his duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted permanent status as Teacher Aide, Grade I, Port Chester Middle School Special Education, effective December 23, 2013.

10. Leslie Cove-Mercuri, White Plains, New York, having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner, be granted permanent status as Teacher Aide, Grade I, Port Chester High School Special Education, effective December 26, 2013.

11. Yeny Rodriguez, Rye Brook, New York, be approved for an appointment to the position of Dual Language Parent Coordinator at Park Avenue School effective December 12, 2013. Ms. Rodriguez will receive a District Funded Stipend in the amount of \$5,000 for her services. NYS Fingerprint Clearance was received on December 5, 2013.

12. Donna Schwenk, Rye Brook, New York, be approved for an appointment to the position of After-School Special Education Teacher Aide at the rate of \$20/hour effective November 18, 2013 through the end of the program in June 2014. Her assignment is King Street School.

13. The resignation of Maria Maldonado, Port Chester, New York, as ten month, 3-hour/day Lunch Monitor, John F. Kennedy Magnet School, be accepted at the end of business December 6, 2013.

14. Marisol Vargas, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as ten month, 3-hour/day Lunch Monitor at a rate of \$10.50/hour, effective December 16, 2013. Her assignment will be at John F. Kennedy Magnet School. Ms. Vargas is NYS Fingerprint Cleared.

15. The resignation of Tommy Grey, Port Chester, New York, as ten month, 3.5 hour/day Cleaner, John F. Kennedy Magnet School, be accepted at the end of business December 6, 2013.

16. As per New York State mandated Minimum Wage Law, a change in hourly wage be approved for Caitlin Maggi, Port Chester, New York part-time Student Helper, from \$7.25/hour to \$8.00/hour effective December 31, 2013. Her assignment is the Business Office.

17. The following individuals be approved as Teacher Aide, Lunch Monitor or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective December 12, 2013 – June 30, 2014 unless otherwise noted. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Arellys Hidalgo
Luis Perea
Elsa Salmon, at a rate of \$16.43/hour (Effective 12/2/13-12/20/13)

Josina Correia, Port Chester, New York, be approved as Teacher Aide, Jacob Burns After-School Program at Edison School, on a temporary basis, effective November 6, 2013 – January 31, 2014 at a rate of \$20/hour. Mrs. Correia is NYS Fingerprint Cleared.

The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$137,558.11, Schedule #7, dated December 5, 2013 be approved for the 2013-2014 school year.

Warrants #15 and #16, including in-between checks, dated December 11, 2013, be approved:

General Fund	\$2,437,599.12
Federal Fund	33,529.14
Cafeteria Fund	163,568.85
Trust & Agency Fund	962,417.34

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Capital Fund

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The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – November 22, 2013	\$1,745,403.89
General Fund – November 27, 2013	121,518.00
General Fund – December 6, 2013	1,716,829.74
Federal Fund – November 22, 2013	\$84,368.33
Federal Fund – November 27, 2013	2,800.00
Federal Fund – December 6, 2013	83,591.33

Board of Education Issues

Over Crowding

Mr. Corbia

It was an interesting meeting this evening. He wants to make sure we all stay level headed. He stated that in town people believe there are overcrowded issues. If perception is reality for residents, than the BOE needs to clear up the resident's perception. Mr. Corbia will continue to follow his gut.

Mrs. Brakewood

It is not just the elementary schools that overcrowded, the PCHS is also overcrowded. Mrs. Brakewood expressed that any additional housing developments will affect the schools and add to the overcrowded issue in Port Chester. Mrs. Brakewood went on to list the active developments within Port Chester.

Mr. Dreves

The issue is overcrowding but another issue is "maximum capacity". Port Chester is at a point where they can no longer stretch the capacity. Mr. Dreves urged the Liaison Committee to make the illegal housing issue top of the agenda in the Village Liaison meeting. Overcrowding is not going away.

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson agrees with everything previously stated. Looks like the enrollment will increase. We had an enrollment had an increase in 2007 due to the closing of Holy Rosary School.

Ms. Capeci

Ms. Capeci reminded everyone of the Village Liaison meeting the next day. We have the right as a school district has the right to acquire land by condemnation.

Dr. Kliszus thanked people for their tips on non-resident students. The work of Mr. Acevedo is thorough. One of the most important things the community could do right now is to write the legislators for the lack of funding received in Port Chester. Letters should be written and examples are found on the District Website. The energy and passion should be directed to Albany.

Board of Education Roundtable / Discussion

Mrs. Brakewood wished everyone a happy holiday season. Mrs. Brakewood read a letter she submitted to the Westmore News.

Mr. Dreves discussed the topic of the meeting with NAACP. A demographic balance is important among our teachers and the Board will pay attention to the conversation had with the NAACP.

Mr. Johnson thanked everyone who came to the meeting to speak publicly. He that that he realizes it is not easy for everyone to express their point of view. He recounted Mr. Corbia's past comment of recommending that board cut 9 million dollars from non-instructional

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costs in the school budget. He reminded the public of a Board member's financial fiscal training requirement, and noted that Mr. Corbia's has failed to complete such training since taking Oath of office. Mr. Johnson stated missing fiscal training by a board member was irresponsible to the children and community.

Mr. Corbia accepts the challenge from his fellow Board members in regards to the budget and welcomes it. He will continue to speak from his heart and listen to the public. On a lighter note, he chose to speak of the holidays and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanza to everyone.

Ms. Capeci stated that she attended the Football game. Ms. Capeci attended a PTA/PTO meeting and noted that the parents do an incredible job.

Dr. Kliszus echoed many of Ms. Capeci comments complimenting the parents, students and teachers and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr, Dreves and carried the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 pm.