

Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District
Board of Education – Regular Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2017 – King Street 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; Maura J. McAward, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Joseph Durney, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel/Grants and Cathy A. Maggi, District Clerk

Call to Order

Mr. Dreves called the public meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President's Opening Remarks

Mr. Dreves welcomed everyone and said he was happy to be at King Street School. He has a special bond with King Street School as he sent his children through the King Street School. Dr. Dreves summarized the meeting with saying that we have an important agenda where the bond will be discussed. There is a report from the King Street School Principal and there is also recognition for students in the Music Program. He turned the program over to Dr. Kliszus for these awards. Mr. Kraut and the music teachers proceeded with presenting the vocal and instrumental awards.

There was a short break for students and those who wished to exit the meeting to do so.

King Street School Report

Samuel Ortiz, Principal of King Street School delivered his state of the school presentation.

Mr. Ortiz acknowledged the teachers who have completed more than 25 years of service: Mrs. Patricia Johnson - 25 years, Ms. Maria Laina Sileo – 25 years, Ms. Tana Gullotta - 29 years, Mrs. Lori Huhne – 29 years, and Mrs. Laurie Glockenberg – 30 years.

Mr. Ortiz thanked all of his staff, his PTA members, Board of Education members, and the public for all of their support and hard work.

The Board members and Dr. Kliszus thanked Mr. Ortiz, his staff, the students and the parents for all of the good work being done at King Street School. The PTA members were recognized as well for everything that they do for the King Street School students.

Dr. Kliszus announced that we now have a new Facebook page and Twitter account. We can now certify the diplomas of our high school students who are literate in more than one language a seal of bi-literacy.

Public Comment

Mr. Dreves opened the floor for public comments and first read our policy with respect to public comments:

Thomas Ceruzzi – King Street School is a wonderful place. He is loath to worry about when these students go to the High School with the recent happenings and the state of the student population coming in. He realizes it is a delicate situation. He recommended student ID cards. He mentioned the public relations firm. He resented the comment that they need to re-educate the taxpayer. The taxpayers don't need to be educated. The people can read and they can understand. I don't think they should release any information until they have all of the financial data from the state. What is the cost going to be afterwards on the budget with teachers, maintenance and operation on the budget because this will go into the budget and will not come off. Soon we will have a 100 million dollar budget which is unacceptable, especially for the people that are his age and situation as they have gone through hard times. During roundtable, he would like to be told where he should get the money from if this bond were to go through.

Vanessa Tressa, lives on 101 North Ridge Street, is in the Park Avenue School for her children, and has been teaching in the city. We need to think about living in an area where the school district is desirable. Housing values go up if the school district is desirable. It makes sense to do everything and anything and it is necessary to do everything to live in a desirable school district. I would give double that amount of money if it meant that my children received the best education possible

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and that my property value would go up. She believes Port Chester is a great school district. I know what a good education looks like. We need to have our property values go up. For the education that our children receive, anything we can do, we should do. Anything we can do to make sure that our children have not what we had, but better.

Keith Morlino, Park Avenue School District, talked about how important the public relations firm is. The last bond failed because there was a lot of confusion about exactly what was in the bond. There were a lot of comments where there was not an understanding of what was included in the bond. There needs to be an education process for the general public. It is so complex that it is so important that we educate what exactly the bond is about, what schools are involved, the sizing, and the population. He feels the public relations firm is what we need to accomplish this effort.

Jody Helmle, King Street School, and was part of the bond advisory committee. We have continued on and formed a group on our own called, P C Partnership for Community and Schools. We invite other people to join it. It is open not closed.

Noah Gellar, King Street School. People talk about affording this, but we will probably never see the interest rates as low as they are now. Time is running out however. If we borrow now, we will probably get more for our money. Borrow at a cheaper rate and we are going to pay less.

Dan Telep, Renshaw Place, I missed quite a few meetings for various reasons. He is very confused as to why we would put forward an \$80 million dollar bond in Port Chester. The \$40 million dollar bond wasn't turned down because of confusion, it was turned down because of cost. Three gymnasiums do not address overcrowding. Where do you get your knowledge that this is going to pass. The Taxpayer Alliance Group feels this \$80 million dollar bond is not going to happen, not ever. On my school tax bill, why am I paying \$7,000 in school taxes. Other people get a free ride. You people are far wrong. Everyone will be moving out when they find out what their taxes are going to be in Port Chester.

Lou Russo, King Street School, served on the bond advisory committee. We looked at the post bond survey that was taken after the bond failed last year. The facts are that some of the feedback is that 23% of the people that responded said that not enough was being done so that they voted no. About 30% voted no because they didn't know what they were voting on. Perception is one thing, but you have to do your homework and look at the data. You have to make an informed decision. No one wants to pay more taxes if they don't have to do so. However, education is a key part and a very important part of life for all of the children. The reputation is always an issue in Port Chester. If it is not us than who and if not now than when. We have to do something and now is the time.

Steve Simmons, 255 North Regent Street, I don't think anyone in this room can fully fathom what \$78 million looks like. He feels that it is very premature to say that this won't pass or that won't pass. He then talked about the bond and how much it would cost individual homeowners. He felt that without knowing what it would cost the individual homeowner and/or what state aid will be, there was no way to know whether or not the bond would pass. Thank you for hiring the public relations firm as they should be able to professionally communicate information.

Heather Winniki Mateus, Park Avenue School, said that her sincere hope is that we can come together as a community to do what is right for the children. At the end of the day, we are talking about children. I am concerned about the article in the Westmore News but more concerned about the judgements that have been passed. We should think about giving the children the best we can give them. More would be better, but she feels this bond is a great compromise. She also thinks the public relations firm is a great idea and that the cost is a bargain. We all need to listen to each other and to be as transparent as possible. The information coming out of the public relations firm should be factual and should address all of the concerns of the people in Port Chester. People should ultimately make the right decision for the community.

Public Comment was closed at 8:21 p.m.

Dr. Kliszus spoke about the recent article about a student, and said let's clear that up tonight. There are students with substance abuse in every high school in America. We do not tolerate any criminal behavior of any kind in our schools under any circumstances; we enforce a strict code of conduct. There is one single point of entry into the high school, which is manned by security guards and we have cameras in the hallways. The trespasser was removed immediately and we work very closely with the police department. Anyone who engages in criminal behavior is dealt with to the fullest extent of the law. The 20 year old student was not a sophomore, he has 21 credits and would have graduated this year. The misinformation is not helpful. If you have any questions, please call me. . Regarding the public relations firm, we do not

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have the means to communicate with everyone effectively. The staffing is already in place at the high school. Teachers do not have their own classroom and travel from room to room. We have added programs to have our children be competitive. Overcrowding impacts the optional AP courses, as we then need the classrooms for mandated programs.

Mr. Dreves briefly addressed the public relations firm and he feels that it is going to help us to educate the public about the bond. He knows the public is an educated group. However, the public relations firm will explain and educate the public about all aspects of the bond. In the Westmore News the district put some facts, but he wanted to read the last part of the article where he talked about the District doing its part in addressing the problems that happen. We will do the best for our children.

Mrs. Capeci mentioned her having asked the board for an executive session to discuss the cost of the bond. She feels that no one would meet. It could have been a meeting with the board and the committee. She feels that this bond is the top figure of what is wanted and she feels there is a middle ground. She doesn't feel that it is reasonable to the taxpayers and many people have addressed the amount with her. She talked about wanting a committee, and appreciates the committee, but feels that the committee and the board should have met. The board should decide if the bond can pass, which is what was done with the bonds that passed previously. She would like the board and the committee to meet; she asked if we can look and come up with an amount that will pass. We need classrooms and the people of the village know that we need classrooms.

Mr. Wolff said that he didn't think that any information would have been presented at a separate meeting that hasn't been presented at the public meetings and the other meetings that have already been held.

Dr. Kliszus explained that children are able to attend high school until age 21 for various reasons and the State permits this, special education students included as well. Since last school year we now have a social worker who is trained in substance abuse. We also have a relationship with Family Services of Westchester for counseling, and counseling services are also available through Open Door. Through superintendent's hearings, we discuss these services. It is our job to try and save these children and we have a strong program that addresses these issues. We nip it in the bud by partnering with our parents and our partnerships and we save many children. We do everything to save our children and we also protect all of our children in the district.

Report From Superintendent

Request for Action

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

The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Kimberly Fanelli, West Harrison, New York as Teaching Assistant at the Middle School, beginning approximately December 19, 2016 through February 10, 2017. Mrs. Fanelli 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.
2. The following individual(s) be appointed to position(s) for the 2016-2017 school year:

Lindsay Macri	Title IA Extended Day Program – King Street School	\$42 per hour	
Lori Huhne	Title IA Extended Day Program – King Street School	42 per hour	
Stephanie Pagnotta	Title IA Extended Day Program – King Street School	42 per hour	
Jeffrey Kravitz	Title IA Extended Day Program – High School		42 p
Kevin Clark	Title IA Extended Day Program – High School		42 p
Robin Bivona-Rocco	NYSESLAT Administration Facilitator – Edison School		42 p
Karin Miletti	NYSESLAT Administration Facilitator – High School	42 per hour	
Nitai Penate	6 th Period – Science – High School – Second Semester		3,23
Patricia Donnelly	6 th Period – Special Education – High School – Second Semester	3,233	
Aferdita Berisha	6 th Period – Special Education – High School – Second Semester	3,233	
Ashley Glod-Hayes	6 th Period – ENL – Middle School – January – June	4,200	

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3. 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:

James Henderson Mabel Espinal Jendra Teuscher Josue Calderon

4. The following individuals be appointed Athletic Event Supervisors for the 2016-2017 school year at a stipend of \$50 per school event and/or \$25 per hour for Tournaments, providing the individual is not a member of the coaching staff for the particular event:

Joseph DeProssino Jonathan Plato Corey Crane

5. The following individuals be approved as Clerical, Teacher Aide, Lunch Monitor, Hall Monitor or Breakfast Monitor Substitutes at a rate of \$12/hour effective January 11, 2017 – 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.

Aimee Farias at a rate of \$16.75/hour Effective 1/5/17 – 1/20/17
Michele Grosse at a rate of \$16.75/hour Effective 1/4/17 – 1/20/17
Tyler King
Nancy Tavarez
Thomas Vitale at a rate of \$16.75/hour Effective 1/4/17 – 1/20/17

6. John R. Stiene, City Island, New York, be approved for a promotional change of status from Part-time Cleaner, Step 2, 10 months, 17.5 hours/week, to Maintenance Laborer/Grounds, Step 1, 12 months, 40 hours/week, effective January 11, 2017. His new assignment will be Buildings and Grounds, district-wide.
7. The services of Kaylee W. Rothweiler, Port Chester, New York, Teacher Aide, John F. Kennedy Magnet School Special Education, be terminated effective 11:00 a. m. on December 30, 2016.
8. The resignation of Carol Bedoya, Port Chester, New York, as Lunch Monitor, Park Avenue School, be approved effective the end of business on January 6, 2017.
9. The resignation of Madalyne Colon, Port Chester, New York, as Lunch Monitor, Thomas A. Edison School, be approved effective the end of business on January 20, 2017.
10. Giovanni Pena, Mamaroneck, New York, be approved for a promotional temporary change of status from Cleaner, 12 months, 40 hours/week, Step 1, Port Chester Middle School, to Custodial Worker, 12 months, 40 hours/week, Step 1, Port Chester Middle School, effective December 5, 2016 through approximately December 31, 2017.
11. Antonio DeLio, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a temporary appointment as Cleaner, 12 months, 40 hours/week, Step 1, effective January 11, 2017 through approximately December 31, 2017.
12. The resignation of Yvette Surita, Thornwood, New York, as Senior Office Assistant (Auto. Sys.) – Spanish Speaking, Special Education Office, be approved effective the end of business on January 20, 2017.
13. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$29,938.88, Schedule #9 dated January 6, 2017, be approved for the 2016-2017 school year.
14. Warrants #16 and #17, including in-between checks, dated January 10, 2017, be approved:
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| General Fund | \$1,487,105.80 |
| Federal Fund | 109,550.54 |

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Cafeteria Fund	149,029.53
Trust & Agency Fund	1,544,669.27

15. The following payrolls be approved:
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| General Fund – December 16, 2016 | \$2,060,151.28 |
| General Fund – January 3, 2017 | 2,034,944.70 |
| Federal Fund – December 16, 2016 | 89,650.26 |
| Federal Fund – January 3, 2017 | 86,458.44 |

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Wolff and carried, the minutes were unanimously approved (5-0), with the exception of Mrs. Brakewood abstaining from the July 27, 2016 meeting and Mr. Johnson abstaining from the November 15, 2016 meeting:

July 27, 2016, August 31, 2016, September 27, 2016, October 25, 2016, November 15, 2016, November 29, 2016, and December 13, 2016

Treasurer's Report

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

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TREASURERS REPORT							
November 30, 2016							
		GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
BOOK BALANCE							
BEGINNING OF MONTH		\$24,087,971.39	\$104,002.81	\$607,689.78	\$212,992.18	\$497,550.65	\$25,510,206.81
<u>Receipts</u>							
Revenues		\$4,296,990.21	\$807,731.18	\$32,696.07	\$12.89	\$10,933.15	
Interfund Transfers			\$300,000.00				
Sales Tax Receipts				\$55.48			
Reimbursement of Expense		\$397,185.77	\$91.83				
Accounts Receivable							
Total Receipts		\$4,694,175.98	\$1,107,823.01	\$32,751.55	\$12.89	\$10,933.15	\$5,845,696.58
<u>Disbursements</u>							
Warrant #11		\$1,331,169.28	\$146,306.17	\$3,361.30	\$7,854.00		
Warrant #12		\$789,036.66	\$61,368.64	\$754.00			
Warrant #13		\$39,193.99					
Payroll 11/4/2016		\$2,293,793.47	\$89,505.35	\$3,466.54			
Coach's Payroll 11/22/16		\$147,919.93					
Payroll 11/18/2016		\$2,310,190.03	\$90,083.24	\$4,418.08			
Interfund Transfers		\$300,000.00					
Total Disbursements		\$7,211,303.36	\$387,263.40	\$11,999.92	\$7,854.00	\$0.00	\$7,618,420.68
BOOK BALANCE							
END OF MONTH		\$21,570,844.01	\$824,562.42	\$628,441.41	\$205,151.07	\$508,483.80	\$23,737,482.71
		GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
CASH - BANK BALANCES	Rates						
Chase Bank	0.030%		\$67,147.06	\$392,708.58	\$180,939.48	\$211,337.05	
TD Bank	0.200%	\$277,617.04					
Hudson Valley Bank	0.050%	\$2,477.86					
Webster Bank	0.120%	\$294,907.18	\$6,244.64			\$2,719.47	
PC Credit Union	0.250%					\$157,793.31	
Peoples United Bank	0.300%	\$3,093,962.65	\$321,521.34				
MBIA - C.L.A.S.S.	0.066%	\$15,814,552.51	\$429,649.38	\$235,732.83	\$24,211.59		
Scholarship Invest	various					\$136,633.97	
Signature Bank	0.300%	\$2,087,326.77					
TOTAL CASH - BANK BALANCES		\$21,570,844.01	\$824,562.42	\$628,441.41	\$205,151.07	\$508,483.80	\$23,737,482.71
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						12/23/2016	
Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer						Date	

Action Items:

Dr. Kliszus sent home a handout that discussed additional maintenance items. Dr. Kliszus brought up these additional maintenance items in the amount of \$10 million and also a canopy at John F. Kennedy in the amount of approximately \$40,000. Mr. Johnson did not think that he could support funding these additional items at this time. There was then a discussion of the options of paying for these items by including them in the budget in the future.

Mr. Wolff mentioned other items that he thought people would like to see, an auditorium at Park Avenue School and/or additional classrooms at John F. Kennedy. He really didn't want to look at any additional items and/or even put a time line. He and Mr. Johnson feel that we should be able to handle an emergency with contingency funds. Mrs. Capeci does feel bad about the canopy not being part of the bond as she felt strongly about it. There was further discussion about the Energy Performance Contract and the possibility of looking at it again if it is available. For Action Item A, there was a motion by Mrs. Brakewood and then a second by Mr. Wolff.

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Mrs. Capeci asked that this resolution be tabled and wanted a meeting with the board and the committee to see if a smaller amount could be arrived upon.

Mrs. Capeci made a motion to table the item and Mr. Dreves seconded it.

Mr. Wolff stated that he feels that he has already received all of the information. He doesn't think he would receive any other information. Mrs. Capeci is looking for another amount that we all feel will pass. She feels that the community feels that it is too much money. Mrs. Capeci feels from what she is hearing from the public that this won't pass. She would like it to pass. Mr. Wolff understands that, but feels that an \$80 million would pass. He knows that more needs to be done and/or he would like to see more done, but he feels that would be down the road. He really believes that we need to support this bond and all that needs to be done. Mr. Johnson would like to go forward with a vote, as would Mrs. Brakewood.

There was then a vote to table the resolution, which was defeated (4-1).

There was further discussion about the process of the resolutions regarding the bond, which were put forth at previous meeting, at this meeting and then will be put forth at a future meeting. Mr. Wolff talked about that since there is such a process, that with any changes, the timeline gets pushed further into the future. Mr. Wolff mentioned that there is a lot of potential in Port Chester and knows what the teachers and schools do. He sees far greater return in growth for his home, his biggest asset, for any money that is spent. He sees this bond as an investment in his children and in his home. He feels that if we don't put up the bond, that that has too many negative impacts.

Mr. Johnson feels that this bond is affordable on an individual basis. He doesn't like hearing that "I don't have children in the district" since someone was there paying for their education when their children went through the school system. It is the wrong message to send to the community. By saying yes to this bond we are presenting ourselves as optimistic and forward thinking in the community. The hope is that it will bring in more commercial taxpayers and a bigger tax revenue flow into this village. You made a choice to live here, it is time to make an investment in the community.

Mrs. Brakewood feels trying to alleviate overcrowding has been a long time coming. She will support the bond. She feels like we have yet to solve the problem. She feels that the committee has thought through it, that we should not wait, we need to give it a shot and put it up to the community for a vote.

Mr. Dreves feels that it he has an obligation to take care of the children. The focus needs to be on the children. He supports the bond and he knows that people were there to support the schools when his children went to school. He has explained the bond to people; they understood the bond better and the reasons why the bond was being put up the way it is. He again mentioned the importance of the public relations firm. He feels the bond will go a long way in Port Chester with the schools being more competitive and having the perception of Port Chester now being looked upon more favorably. We will have a better school system and a better community.

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

- A. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorize Hawkins Delafield and Wood as the district appointed bond counsel to prepare a resolution calling for a bond referendum in the amount of \$79,950,000 based on the scope and estimated costs as listed:

<u>Port Chester High School</u>	<u>John F. Kennedy School</u>	<u>King Street School</u>	<u>Park Avenue School</u>	<u>Thomas A. Edison School</u>
\$49,942,287.00	\$15,426,012.00	\$11,619,906.00	\$2,670,159.00	\$291,636.00
Classroom Addition - Elevated (2) stories Parking areas / ground floor	Classrooms (enclosing lower level) South Classroom addition North Office addition (with toilets)	Gym and Classroom Addition Tie-in to existing building	Classroom Addition - over existing Tie-in to existing building	Lighting Upgrades Synthetic Turf Play Area
Gym addition Elevator	Gym Addition	Interior renovations Site Improvements	Removals (exist. Roof) Interior Renovations	Structural allowance Utilities allowance

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		(Parking)		
Tie-in to existing building	Maintenance Below Addition	Retaining Wall Landscape (New Playground)	Media Center Renovations	Rock removal
Interior renovations	Elevator		Site Improvements Landscape (allowance)	Landscape (allowance)
Site work	Tie-in to existing building	Utilities allowance Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment		Utilities allowance Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment
Bleachers	Media Center Existing Gym / Cafeteria Renovation	Architect Engineers / Technical Services Construction Management	Utilities allowance Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	Architect Engineers / Technical Services
Concession/Press Box			Architect Engineers / Technical Services Construction Management	Construction Management
Synthetic Turf Field Technology Network Infrastructure Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	Site work Utilities allowance Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	Legal Insurance	Legal	Legal
Architect Engineers / Technical Services Construction Management	Architect Engineers / Technical Services Construction Management	Incidentals Design / Construction Contingency	Insurance Incidentals Design / Construction Contingency	Incidentals Design / Construction Contingency
Legal	Legal	Escalation Construction Contingency	Escalation Construction Contingency	Escalation Construction Contingency
Insurance	Insurance			
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Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the resolution was unanimously approved (5-0):

- B. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the Middle School Foreign Exchange Trip to Spain on or about March 2018.

There was a discussion about the Spain trip and concerns about trips abroad to Europe and terrorist attacks. There was a meeting with counsel and discussion about meeting of the insurance requirements. Trip cancellation insurance is going to be purchased, along with medical insurance, by any of the students going. The trip has been on-going. However, further conditions were required to be met by counsel and the insurance company.

Mrs. Brakewood is thrilled that this trip is continuing to happen. Mrs. Capeci was concerned about the school's exposure and all concerns have been met. If at some point, we don't feel this is a safe trip, we would cancel it. This is why all of the insurance conditions are being required and met. There is also an emergency plan in place. Mr. Dreves is asking to make sure that the parents are signing something that they understood all the parts that they are agreeing to in the paperwork.

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Wolff and carried, the items A-J 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 the Port Chester Public Schools have distinguished themselves; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education endeavors to recognize publicly and honor its esteemed staff members and students for these successes; and,

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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 tenth day of January, two thousand seventeen, hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments of its honorees.

Elementary All-County Chorus
Dirnelys Herrera, Soprano, JFK
Dachesca Payano, Soprano, JFK
Michelle Cando, Alto, JFK
Valeryn Deras, Alto, JFK
Jennifer Farias, Soprano, Edison
Lindsey Linares, Soprano, Edison
Shantel Azanon, Alto, Edison
Melody Sapione, Alto, Edison
Hana Baxter, Soprano, King
Mia Morban, Soprano, King
Lennon Anderson, Alto, King
Kathleen Scarola, Alto, King
Jessie Onofrio-Franceschini, Soprano,
Park
Joshua Rosenberg, Soprano, Park
Sebastian Gimenez, Alto, Park
Damaris Ramirez, Alto, Park

Elementary All-County Chorus
Esther Ventura, Soprano, PCMS
Stephen Vumbacco, Soprano, PCMS
Caelyn Matturro, Alto, PCMS
Melissa Soler, Alto, PCMS

Elementary All-County Band
Benjamin Reyes, Trumpet, PCMS
Stephen Vumbacco, Trumpet PCMS
Jack Richardson, Trombone, PCMS

Elementary All-County Orchestra
Benjamin Reyes, Violin, PCMS

Intermediate All-County Band
Tracy Andreoli, Clarinet, PCMS
Callie Schultz, Clarinet, PCMS
Britney Davila, Clarinet, PCHS
Molly Brakewood, Trumpet, PCHS
Megan Gleason, French Horn,

Elementary All-County Orchestra
Chelsea Reyes, Violin, PCMS

Intermediate All-County Chorus
Katherine Torres, Soprano, PCMS
Milly Wong, Soprano, PCMS
Ava Quartarolo, Alto, PCMS
Julia Rios, Alto, PCMS
Harrison Callaway, Baritone,
PCMS

Michael Perrone, Baritone, PCMS
Brandon Ramos, Baritone, PCMS
Noah Rotfeld, Baritone, PCMS
Gianna Villanova, Baritone, PCMS
Molly Brakewood, Soprano, PCHS
Francesca LaDore, Soprano,
PCHS
Lindsey Co, Alto, PCHS

Teachers

Linda Ventura, Chorus Director, PCHS
Bob Vitti, Band Director, PCHS
Linda McDermott, Band Director, PCMS
Mark Zizolfo, Chorus Director, PCMS
Kristen Gruner, Chorus Director, JFK
Kristin Fleming, Chorus Director, King /Park
Michael Johnson, Chorus Director, Edison

Leadership

Kenneth Kraut, Music Department
Chair
Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal, PCHS
Patrick Swift, Principal, PCMS
Judy Diaz, Principal, JFK
Samuel Ortiz, Principal, King Street
Rosa Taylor, Principal, Park Avenue
Ivan Tolentino. Principal. Edison

B. **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:

1	Robert Johnson	NSBA Advocacy Institute	January 28-31, 2017	\$2,534.52 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund
2	Robert Johnson	2017 Capital Conference	February 12-13, 2017	\$534.78 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund

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

DESCRIPTION	CONTROL #	REASON
High School – Table Refrigerator – Radell Brand	Tag # 104267	Beyond Useful Life
High School – Impinger Oven – Lincoln Brand	Tag # 20130577	Beyond Useful Life

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High School – Slicing Machine – Hobart Brand	Tag # 104145	Beyond Useful Life
Park Ave. School – Freezer – True Brand	Tag # 104288	Beyond Useful Life
Park Ave. School - Mixer – Hobart Brand	Tag # 200172	Beyond Useful Life
King St. School – Freezer – Victory Brand	Tag # 101103	Beyond Useful Life
Thomas A. Edison School – Mixer – Hobart Brand	Tag # 200240	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.

- D. **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:

9898445 9896553 61434 65116 9895750 62732 63551 9894694 9897525 9898852
63369 9896999 64179 9894605 9896553 9894694 62465 9896389 61377 61455
63370 9894605 9897244 9897388 9897103 9894699 9895626 9896978 65575
63551 63880 64666 63300 61589 61442 9894458 9897222 65657

- E. **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:

65649 65748 65749 65873 65815 65650 65715 65802 65803 65817

- F. **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

Mr. Johnson gave a shout out to the high school performance for the holidays. The Martin L. King celebration is on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with Mr. Womack receiving the Humanitarian award, George Latimer is the key note speaker, and the Middle School chorus will perform as well as community members. The Middle School play, The School of Rock, will be on February 2, 3 and 4.

Mrs. Brakewood mentioned the Middle School and High School holiday concerts which were great. She mentioned the boys swim team who are making progress. There are few more upcoming meets.

Mrs. Capeci gave a shout out to Grunar, her AFS Student many years ago, who was visiting her over the holidays. He is now a pediatric cardiologist in Sweden, but he loves the fact that he is a Port Chester High School Graduate, Class of 1978. Eddie Robinson, Class of 1978, who is the Musical Director at Radio City Hall, took Grunar to see a show there and took him backstage.

They also caught up with Dr. Eddie Marianacci, another 1978 graduate, who is a Radiologist in Boston and Dana Linen, another successful 1978 graduate. Jose Gonzalez graduated in the Class of 2013. He went to Westchester Community College and he recently graduated from Paris Island, North Carolina Marine boot camp. We thank Jose for his service to our country and for making Port Chester High School proud. They are new citizens of our country. She also gave him information on Francis Tief, retired Brigadier General, Class of 1945. She was urged to continue to do this a future meetings. She also mentioned Ana Gonzalez, a successful attorney and her twin sister. People were asked to email Mrs. Capeci at acapeci@portchesterschools.org.

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Mr. Dreves mentioned the fantastic Middle School and High School concerts and how proud we are of these talented children. The next meeting will be a Special Meeting on January 31, 2017 with the official adoption of the bond counsel's interpretation of the resolution, declare ourselves lead agency and declare negative impact.

Dr. Kliszus mentioned the on-line petition and reminded people to sign it for foundation aid.

There being no further business at 9:44 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried (5-0), the Board adjourned the meeting.