

**Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District Regular Meeting
Thomas Edison Elementary School
November 28th , 2012**

Present: Board of Education James Dreves, President, Anne Capeci, Vice President, Trustees: Carolee Brakewood, Thomas Corbia , and Robert H. Johnson,

Also Present: Maura McAward, Assistant Superintendent, Frank Fanelli, Assistant Superintendent, Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer, Yvette Segal, District Clerk

Absent: Frank Sisca, School District Attorney (Sisca & Sisca, ESQ)

Mr. Dreves called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Dreves stated that the Board will continue to honor and recognize its staff and students at each meeting and noted a special acknowledgment to the Building and Grounds staff for dealing with Hurricane Sandy in a selfless and effective manner.

Mr. Dreves announced that the Boys' Varsity Soccer team and Building and Grounds staff recognitions would follow momentarily.

STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Joe Durney, Director of Athletics addressed the PCHS Varsity Soccer team and congratulated them for their extraordinary season. As per Mr. Durney "The last time the Varsity Soccer team achieved this level of success was 1995" Mr. Durney presented Head Coach John Cafaldo with several awards. Coach Cafaldo thanked the soccer players and the community for their tremendous support throughout the season.

Dr. Klizus read the award resolution and presented the PCHS Varsity Soccer team with certificates memorializing them as the Section One Champions, New York State Public High School Athletic Association Regional Champions, and New York State Championship Finalists.

The Varsity Soccer recognitions were followed by the Port Chester- Rye Union Free School District's Building and Grounds department awards. The department's outstanding performance and extraordinary efforts in reaction to Hurricane Sandy lead to a safe re-opening of the schools.

PRINCIPAL'S STATE OF ADDRESS

Mr. Tolentino presented his state of the school address. (copy of speech filed).

He spoke about promoting positive discipline while setting high expectations. He cited the importance of families in their role in ensuring that children are successful in school.

Mr. Dreves expressed support of Mr. Tolentino's leadership style and his innovative educational initiatives.

Mrs. Brakewood commended Mr. Tolentino's style and his innovative ideas.

Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Tolentino had great leadership style

Mr. Corbia characterized Mr. Tolentino's leadership as "doing a great job".

Ms. Capeci commended the school's academic achievements and high student attendance in the school.

Dr. Klizus referenced his list of what is needed to be successful school leader and noted that Mr. Tolentino met the requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT


No public comments

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the Treasurer's report for August 2012 was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the minutes from October 24th 2012 were approved.



Yvette Segal, District Clerk

RESOLUTIONS

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

A. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

WHEREAS, the Port Chester High School’s Varsity Soccer team has distinguished itself by its achievement as Section One Champions, New York State Public High School Athletic Association Regional Champions and New York State Championship Finalists; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education endeavors to recognize publicly and honor its esteemed Varsity Soccer team and its coaches, trainers and director 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 athletic excellence;

2012 Port Chester Rams Varsity Soccer Team

Andres Alvarez	Christian Bautista	Rodrigo Campos
Diego Caminade	Anderson Casteneda	Jhonny Castillo
Raul Corona	Alejandro Coyt	Pablo Duran
Jose Gonzalez	Steven Hernandez	Preston Higgins
Freddy Lopera	Kevin Londono	Luis Macias
Mark Macias	Josiah Marin	Luis Morales
George Olivera	David Orozco	David Pena
Ronny Raymundo	William Ribeiro	Jonathan Siranaula
Bryan Suertegaray	Alexis Valdovinos	Julian Villamizar

Athletic Trainers

Dave Sheridan and Aimee Sarkodie-Menash

Junior Varsity Assistant Coach

Omar Perez

Coach

John Cafaldo

Athletic Director

Joseph Durney

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

B. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

WHEREAS, the staff of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District have distinguished themselves; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education endeavors to recognize publicly and honor its staff members for their extra ordinary efforts in response to unprecedented damage resulting from Hurricane Sandy, 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 and appreciation;

AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education in meeting and assembled this twenty-eighth day of November, two thousand twelve, hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding efforts of its honorees.

Maintenance Department Staff

Jose Aguilar	John Mazella	Mike DiSisto
Gilbert Gordon	John Giordano	Frank Bellantoni
Eddie Brent	Adam Gamble	Dave Carlucci
Eugene Luzzi	Mike Turner	Gus Coppa
Arthur Grant	Joe Allen	Guy Dietz
Arturo Campos	Lawrence Hollinger	Shang Jung
Manny Ramos	Adam Kotzur	Ricky Provenzano
Billy Sapione	Daishawn Davis	Frank Valvona
Mario DeLio	Tony Loizzo	Anthony Lunde
Joe Storino	Joe Truini	George Ural
James Gordon	Rob DiFiore	Gaetano Como

Maintenance Department Leadership

Rosario (Ray) Renda, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds

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

- C. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorize the school District Treasurer to pay General Fund, 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 Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Capeci and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- D. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District award a transportation contract for the 2012-2013 school year as noted below:

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.

Allways East Transportation, Yonkers, NY	In an amount not to exceed \$3500
Transportation of Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District students by Allways East Transportation, Yonkers, New York as follows: 4 students residing in a temporary facility located in Bronx, New York to Port Chester Public Schools.	

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

- E. **WHEREAS**, the Proposed Action involves the following renovations to the John F. Kennedy Primary School: Roof Repair and related work; and

WHEREAS, the application was referred to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) and NYSOPRHP a response from whom the Port Chester – Rye UFSD will await, and will incorporate said response into any final decision taken on the Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Action is an Unlisted Action in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District (UFSD) declared its intent to serve as Lead Agency with respect to the Proposed Action and having received no objection, adopted the role of Lead Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Port Chester – Rye UFSD has reviewed the proposed site plans and the Full Environmental Assessment Form prepared in association with the Proposed Action.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester – Rye UFSD hereby determines, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental review Act, 6 NYCRR Part 617, that the proposed Unlisted Action entitled “Roof Repair and Related Work – John F. Kennedy Primary School” will not have a significant effect on the environment and that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Port Chester – Rye UFSD, as Lead Agency, hereby adopts the attached Negative Declaration for the reasons stated therein.

Upon motion by Ms. Capeci 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 approve the attendance to the following conferences as noted below:

Name	Conference	Date	Amount	Funded
Sadie Heald, Park Avenue School	Community Schools Fundamentals Conference	12/5-12/6	\$ 416.00	General
April Dessereau, PCHS	IB Diploma Program Teacher Training For Visual Arts	11/17-11/19	\$1381.29	General
Kathleen Sutherland	NAEHCY 24 th Conference "Red Hot Solutions: Educating ALL our children".	10/27 – 10/30	\$475.00	Grant

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

- G. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District accept the following school-based grants from the Tamarack Tower Foundation:

School	Purpose	Amount
Port Chester High School	Wireless Microphones for Theater Programs	\$ 2,000
Port Chester Middle School	Rachel's Challenge for 6 th Graders	\$ 2,000
King Street Elementary	Library Books for use in Common Core	\$2,000
Park Avenue Elementary	Library Books for use in Common Core	\$2,000
Edison Elementary	Rollover amount from 2012 – 2013 Grant	\$20.30

CORRESPONDENCE

Upon motion by Ms. Capeci seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following donation was accepted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the donation of \$3,000 from the IBM Community Grant program, in contribution to the John F. Kennedy School Green House project.

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood seconded by Ms. Capeci and carried, the following donation was accepted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the donation of \$894.10 from Rye Country Day School to purchase books for the John F. Kennedy School.

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

REQUEST FOR ACTION

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

The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. The retirement of Elaine Angiello, Teacher Assistant at the High School, be accepted effective November 30, 2012. Mrs. Angiello will have served the District for 12 years. We wish Elaine and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
2. Daniel Mohr, Harrison, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Andrew Cicoria as Physical Education Teacher at the elementary schools effective approximately December 14, 2012 through approximately January 25, 2013 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125.
3. The resignation of Sara Morabito as Junior Varsity Softball Head Coach for the spring season be accepted.
4. The resignation of Shanitra Brinson as Head Coach Girls Junior Varsity Basketball for the winter season be accepted.
5. The resignation of Dan Davis as Winter Season Athletic Coordinator be accepted.
6. Approval of the creation of one (1) IB Coordinator position at the high school for a stipend of \$2,756 per school year.
7. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2012-2013 school year:

Angela Flamio

Breakfast Program Monitor – Edison School

\$23 per hour

Marcia Manzueta	Breakfast Program Monitor – Edison School	23 per hour
Carrie Poulos	Breakfast Program Monitor Substitute – Edison School	23 per hour
Marcia Manzueta	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – Edison School	42 per hour
Melissa Coletti	21 st Century After School Program Teacher – J. F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Ginger Corbia	21 st Century After School Program Teacher Assistant – Middle School	42 per hour
Ayse Ruvolo	ASPIRE/21 st Century After School Program Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Heather Rinello	The Network Team Institute Participant – District	42 per hour
Ann Rose Santoro	The Network Team Institute Participant – District	42 per hour
Maria Laina Sileo	The Network Team Institute Participant – District	42 per hour
Andres Salcedo	Modified Wrestling Head Coach	3,253
Christopher Halstead	Modified Softball Head Coach	3,128
Dan Davis	Head Coach Girls Junior Varsity Basketball	3,253
Christopher Halstead	Winter Season Athletic Coordinator – pro-rated	3,500

8. The following individual(s) be appointed to provide consultant service(s) for the High School Band for the 2012-2013 school year. Expenses will be reimbursed to the District by the Port Chester High School Band Association:

Robert Kogut	Percussion	\$4,000
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9. The following individual receive in-service credit, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Semester</u>	
Aimie Sarkodie-Mensah-Best	NYS AHPERD Conference	1	AHPERD	Fall	'12

10. The following individual(s) be appointed Athletic Event Supervisor(s) for the 2012-2013 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:

Christopher Halstead

11. The following individuals be approved to serve as Substitute Teachers/Teacher Assistants/Tutors/Interns/Student Teachers/Volunteers on an as-needed basis for the 2012-2013 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared, "Grandfathered" in or on a twenty day emergency basis:

Virginia Gunther	Rebecca Cacciato	Theresa Hardaway
Denia Freiberg	Jill Farias	

12. After twenty-six years and four months with the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, the retirement of Diana Rosabella, Sr. Office Assistant (Automated Systems) at Port Chester High School, be accepted effective December 31, 2012.
13. Nancy M. Begnal, Millwood, New York be approved for a probationary appointment as Registered Professional Nurse (School), Step 2 (10 months, 6 hours/day) effective November 5, 2012. Ms. Begnal received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on October 26, 2012. Her assignment is Port Chester High School.
14. The resignation of Nancy M. Begnal, Registered Professional Nurse (School) be accepted effective the end of business on November 13, 2012.
15. Sheila Luna, Bronx, New York, be approved for an appointment as a Clerical Substitute effective October 26, 2012 – November 28, 2012 at a rate of \$18.96/hour. Mrs. Luna received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on October 25, 2012. Her assignment is John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center.
16. Sheila Luna, Bronx, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Office Assistant (Automated Systems) Spanish Speaking, Step 1 (10 months, 7.5 hours/day) effective November 29, 2012. Mrs. Luna received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on October 25, 2012. Her assignment is John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center.
17. The resignation of Antonia Como, 3-hour Lunch Monitor, Edison School be accepted effective the end of business on October 25, 2012.
18. Sandra Fiorino, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Lunch Monitor (3 hours/day – 10 months) effective December 3, 2012 at a rate of \$10.50/hour. Mrs. Fiorino has been previously fingerprint cleared by the District as a substitute worker. Her assignment is Edison School.

19. A change of status and assignment be granted to Laurie Catalano, Teacher Aide (Temporary), Step 1, Grade I, (ten months, 6 hours/day), John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center Special Education to Probationary Teacher Aide, Step 1, Grade I, (10 months, 6 hours/day), Park Avenue School, Special Education, effective December 3, 2012.
20. Elisa Gialanella, Mt. Vernon, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Library Clerk Step 1, (10 months, 6 hours/day), effective December 3, 2012. Ms. Gialanella received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on November 20, 2012. Her assignment is Edison School.
21. Nidia Serrano, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a permanent appointment as School (Lunch) Monitor, (10 months, 3 hours/day), effective November 13, 2012. Her assignment is John F. Kennedy School.
22. The resignation of Catherine Furano-Sapia, School (Lunch) Monitor, (10-month, 3-hours/day), be accepted effective at the end of business, November 20, 2012.
23. The following individuals be approved as Cleaner, Teacher Aide, Monitor, or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective November 29, 2012 – June 30, 2013 unless otherwise noted. Said appointees may also serve as long-term substitutes, if and when required, at Step 1 of the Cleaner, Teacher Aide, or Typist CSEA pay scales. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Michele Aulenti
 Ronald Carroll
 Antonia Como, effective November 5, 2012
 Azucena Gonzalez
 Joseph Imbesi

24. Authorization for overtime compensation be granted to individuals listed below with regard to hours worked in the recovery effort subsequent to Hurricane Sandy on Tuesday, October 30, 2012. All hours worked on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 will be compensated at time and one-half. The overtime differential will be paid retroactively after approval by the Board of Education.

Jose Aguilar	Mario DeLio	Tony Loizzo
Joe Allen	Guy Dietz	Anthony Lunde
Frank Bellantoni	Mike DiSisto	Jonathan Mazzella
Arturo Campos	Adam Gamble	Ricky Provenzano
Dave Carlucci	John Giordano	Billy Sapione
Gaetano Como	Gilbert Gordon	Joseph Storino
Gus Coppa	James Gordon	Joe Truini
Daishawn Davis	Arthur Grant	Mike Turner
Robert DiFiore	Lawrence Hollinger	Frank Valvona
	Shang Jung	

25. Authorization for overtime compensation be granted to individuals listed below with regard to hours worked in the recovery effort subsequent to Hurricane Sandy on Tuesday, October 30, 2012. All hours worked on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 will be compensated at time and one-half. The overtime differential will be paid retroactively after approval by the Board of Education.

Jose Aguilar	Mario DeLio	Shang Jung
Joe Allen	GusCoppa	Gilbert Gordon
Guy Dietz	Tony Loizzo	Frank Bellantoni
Mike DiSisto	Anthony Lunde	Gaetano Como
Arturo Campos	Adam Gamble	Daishawn Davis
RickyProvenzano	Joseph Storino	Frank Valvona
Dave Carlucci	Joe Truini	
James Gordon	Mike Turner	
Arthur Grant	George Ural	
Lawrence Hollinger	Rob DiFiore	

26. The following individual(s) be appointed to After-School Programs for the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District at a rate of \$20/hour. She has received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Extended Day/OASIS After School Program – Teacher Aide John F. Kennedy and John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center

Lourdes Pinto – Effective November 5, 2012

Sheila Luna – Effective November 26, 2012

27. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$40,878.61, Schedule #6, dated November 15, 2012 be approved for the 2012-2013 school year.

28. Warrant #12 and Warrant #13, including in-between checks, dated November 14, 2012, be approved:

General Fund	\$830,423.62
Federal Fund	128,251.41
Cafeteria Fund	289.16
Trust & Agency Fund	1,486,767.41
Capital Fund	0

29. Warrant #14, including in-between checks, dated November 28, 2012, be approved:

General Fund	\$749,239.90
Federal Fund	42,184.99
Cafeteria Fund	2,966.35
Trust & Agency Fund	119.51
Capital Fund	0

30. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – October 26, 2012	\$1,679,743.42
General Fund – November 9, 2012	1,670,615.03
Federal Fund – October 26, 2012	113,139.53
Federal Fund – November 9, 2012	75,091.37

DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY STATUS REPORT

Carlos Sanchez, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment provided a presentation. (Presentation on File)

BOARD OF EDUCATION ISSUES

A brief discussion ensued regarding the future plans for the former United Hospital site, which is now owned by Starwood Capital. As per Mr. Dreves, the Board of Education is examining the plans and potential effect it has on our district.

ROUNDTABLE

All Board members discussed recent events attended such as the PCHS Varsity Soccer dinner, as well upcoming meetings like the December 6th traffic meeting.

There being no further business at 9:56 pm , upon motion by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the Board adjourned the meeting.

