

Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District
Board of Education – Regular Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2015 – Park Avenue Elementary School

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

Also Present: Dr. Edward A. Kliszus, Superintendent of Schools; Maura J. McAward, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Joseph Durney, Assistant Superintendent for Grants and Personnel, and Cathy A. Maggi, District Clerk

Call to Order

Mr. Johnson called a public meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President's Opening Remarks

Mr. Johnson summarized the meeting agenda and commented on the pending bond project and the importance of casting a vote. Dr. Kliszus presented a Bond Update. All members of the Board of Education and Dr. Kliszus recognized students and staff for the following honors:

- Park Avenue Grades 3 and 4 New York State Assessments
- 2015 All-County Band and Chorus
- 2015 Soccer Team

Park Avenue School Report

Rosa Taylor, Principal of Park Avenue School gave her state of the school presentation. Board members and Dr. Kliszus congratulated Mrs. Taylor on the presentation and on the good work going on at Park Avenue School.

Vanessa Trezza thanked Mrs. Taylor and commented on her report.

Report From the Superintendent

Request for Action

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the resolution was approved:

The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. Edwin Gonzalez-Roncancio, having performed his duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Teaching Assistant at the High School effective December 12, 2015. Mr. Gonzalez-Roncancio received a B.A. Degree from SUNY Purchase. Mr. Gonzalez-Roncancio holds Level III Certification in the area of Teaching Assistant effective September 1, 2012.
2. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Ashley Glod-Hayes, as Elementary Teacher at the Middle School, beginning approximately January 18, 2016 through May 25, 2016. Mrs. Glod-Hayes 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. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Brooke Magnotta, as Special Education Teacher at the Middle School, beginning approximately January 4, 2016 through February 29, 2016. 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.
4. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Estrella Marziani, as English Teacher at the High School, beginning approximately January 4, 2016 through February 29, 2016. Mrs. Marziani 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. Lauren Fabrizio, Larchmont, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Ashley Glod-Hayes as Elementary Teacher at the Middle School, beginning approximately January 18, 2016 through May 25, 2016. There will be no change in her current salary.

6. Veronica Williams, White Plains, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teaching Assistant to replace Lauren Fabrizio as Teaching Assistant at the High School, beginning approximately January 18, 2016 through March 29, 2016 at an anticipated daily rate of \$100.
7. Nicholas Marcin, Port Chester, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teaching Assistant to replace Lauren Fabrizio as Teaching Assistant at the High School, beginning approximately March 30, 2016 through May 25, 2016 at an anticipated daily rate of \$100.
8. Sheila Flynn, Larchmont, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Brooke Magnotta as Special Education Teacher at the Middle School, beginning approximately January 4, 2016 through February 29, 2016 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125.

9. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2015-2016 school year:

Felicia Knox	Immigrant Education Substitute Teacher – Title III – Middle School	\$42 per hour
Yannyn Suarez	ELA Module Adaption Team – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Robin Bivona	NYSESLAT Administration Facilitator – Edison School	42 per hour
Aisha Lopez	NYSESLAT Administration Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Gina Samaniego	NYSESLAT Administration Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Yolanda Matos	NYSESLAT Administration Facilitator – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Claudia Levy	NYSESLAT Administration Facilitator – King Street School	42 per hour
Lianet Lopez	NYSESLAT Administration Facilitator – JFK ELC School	42 per hour
Ann Marie Keinz	NYSESLAT Administration Facilitator – High School	42 per hour

10. 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>
Gianna Kippes	Instructional Strategies for ELD and SDAIE	3	Professional Development Institute	Fall '15

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 2015-2016 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared, "Grandfathered" in or on a twenty day emergency basis:

Thomas Ward	Lorraine Nowlin	Sarah Palladino	Ryan Melhus-Barreno	Tricia Burns
Helen Nowotnik	Hari Golden-Low	Brendan Burke	Sonia DeCosta	Keny Santizo

12. The following individuals be approved as Teacher Aide, Breakfast Monitor, Lunch Monitor, Hall Monitor or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective December 16, 2015 – June 30, 2016 unless otherwise noted. 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.

Sonya Alston (Effective 11/30/15)
 Vanessa M. De laCruz
 Erika Neri
 Daniella Sepulveda
 Yasmi Velasquez

13. The following individuals be approved as Cleaner Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective December 16, 2015 – June 30, 2016 unless otherwise noted. 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.

Edward D. Fesko (effective 11/18/15)

14. Richard Soriano, Port Chester, New York, having performed his duties in a competent efficient and satisfactory manner, be granted permanent status as Library Clerk (10 months, 7.5 hours/day), Port Chester High School, effective January 11, 2016.

15. Genesis Marte, Stamford, Connecticut, having performed her duties in a competent efficient and satisfactory manner, be granted permanent status as Teacher Aide (10 months, 6 hours/day), Port Chester Middle School, effective January 4, 2016.

16. James Puma, Valhalla, New York, having performed his duties in a competent efficient and satisfactory manner, be granted permanent status as Teacher Aide (10 months, 6 hours/day), Port Chester Middle School, effective January 4, 2016.
17. John Michael Concha, Port Chester, New York, having performed his duties in a competent efficient and satisfactory manner, be granted permanent status as Teacher Aide (10 months, 6 hours/day), Port Chester Middle School, effective January 2, 2016.
18. A Promotional Leave of Absence be approved for Areyls Hidalgo, Port Chester, New York, as Lunch Monitor (3 hours/day, 10-months), Port Chester Middle School, effective November 30, 2015 – January 29, 2016.
19. Areyls Hidalgo, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a temporary assignment as Teacher Aide, Step 1, Grade III, effective November 30, 2015 – January 29, 2016. Her assignment is Port Chester Middle School Special Education. Her assignment may be shortened or extended upon need.
20. Girolama Calogero, Greenwich, Connecticut, be promoted from Lunch Monitor (3 hours/day, 10 months) Park Avenue School to Probationary Teacher Aide, (6 hours/day), Step 1, Grade III, effective October 6, 2015. Her assignment is at John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center Special Education.
21. A Promotional Leave of Absence be granted to Nicole Dorazio, Port Chester, New York, as Lunch Monitor (3 hours/day, 10-months), John F. Kennedy Magnet School, effective December 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
22. Nicole Dorazio, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a temporary promotional appointment as Sr. Office Assistant (Auto. Syst.), Step 1, 7.5 hours/day, 10-months, effective December 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Her assignment is Port Chester High School Nurse’s Office. Ms. Dorazio is NYS Fingerprint Cleared.
23. A Leave of Absence be granted to Ingrid Orellana, Port Chester, New York, as Lunch Monitor (3 hours/day, 10-months), John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center, effective December 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016.
24. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$53,042.81 Schedule #6, dated December 10, 2015, be approved for the 2015-2016 school.
25. Warrants #15 and #16, including in-between checks, dated December 9, 2015, be approved:

General Fund	\$815,174.41
Federal Fund	78,873.07
Cafeteria Fund	178,739.20
Trust & Agency Fund	1,053,484.22
Capital Fund	11,820.00
26. Warrant #17, including in-between checks, dated December 15, 2015, be approved:

General Fund	\$ 946,880.35
Federal Fund	231,208.10
Cafeteria Fund	1,020.00
Trust & Agency Fund	648,528.80
27. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – November 20, 2015	\$ 1,943,962.99
General Fund – December 4, 2015	1,917,227.85
Federal Fund – November 20, 2015	83,555.18
Federal Fund – December 4, 2015	84,309.80
	82,736.87

Public Comment

Heather Mateus, 4 Maywood Avenue commented in support of the proposed bond.

Mark Sedotti, 521 King Street, commented in support of the proposed bond.

Cathy Rosenfeld, 28 Hobart Avenue, commented in support of the proposed bond.

Beverly Pankow-Bunjaporte, 62 Quintard Drive, commented in support of the proposed bond.

Five Park Avenue School students commented in support of the proposed bond.

Gerald Donahue, 88 Hobart Avenue, life-long resident and 51 year member of the Port Chester Fire Department expressed reservations regarding the proposed bond.

Jody Helmle, 40 Betsy Brown Road commented in support of the proposed bond.

Thomas Ceruzzi, 84 Hobart Avenue commented in opposition of the proposed bond.

Richard Hyman, 55 Lafayette Drive expressed reservations regarding the proposed bond and the New York State Historical Preservation determination as it relates to Building Aid.

Kevin McFadden, 263 Columbus Avenue expressed reservations regarding the proposed bond and urged residents to vote.

Marie Sileo, 46 Grant Street expressed reservations regarding the proposed bond.

Liz Rotfeld, 105 Betsy Brown Road, commented in support of the proposed bond.

Thomas Corbia, 365 Putnam Avenue, expressed reservations regarding the proposed bond.

Robert Barrett, District Director of Physical Education, Peekskill, New York spoke in support of the proposed bond.

Arnold Lori, 60 Upland Street, expressed reservations regarding the cost of the proposed bond.

Steve Simmons, 255 North Regent Street, commented in support of the proposed bond.

Cristy Heffernan, 62 Sylvan Road, commented in support of the proposed bond.

Anthony Saunders, 22 Highview Ave, spoke in support of the proposed bond.

Sal Tesoro, 9 Village Green, expressed reservations regarding the proposed bond.

Gerald Washington, 66 Indian Road, spoke about loving and supporting each other.

Angelo Rubino, 6 Maplewood Lane, expressed reservations regarding the proposed bond.

Dom Cervi, 1 Dixon Street, expressed reservations regarding the bond and wanted to know when some of the questions would be answered.

Ms. McAward asked to respond to questions about the fire suppression system equipment at the high school and how it meets State Education standards.

Mr. Johnson called for a recess at 9:31 p.m. for the students to go home and do their homework; at 9:35 p.m., the meeting was called back in session.

Joseph Fuller and John D'Angelo of Fuller & D'Angelo, provided further explanation regarding the high school sprinkler system and stand pipe system. Also spoke about the egression and aggression for emergency vehicles to enter the high school.

Action Items

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the resolution was approved:

A. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District adopt the following Board of Education policies:

- 1222 RELATIONS WITH BOOSTER ORGANIZATIONS
- 1500.R PUBLIC USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES REGULATION
- 1510.1 FACILITY USE AND FEE GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS
- 2270 SCHOOL ATTORNEY
- 2342 AGENDA PREPARATION AND DISSEMINATION
- 2351 QUORUM
- 4320 INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS
- 4326 PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS
- 4326.E.1 PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS EXHIBIT - PARENTAL NOTIFICATION
- 4326.E.2 PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS EXHIBIT - PARENTAL RESPONSE
- 4526 COMPUTER USE IN INSTRUCTION
- 5100 ATTENDANCE
- 5110 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS
- 5150 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS
- 5300.60 STUDENT SEARCHES AND INTERROGATIONS
- 5420 STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES
- 5420.R STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
- 5460 CHILD ABUSE, MALTREATMENT OR NEGLECT
- 5460.R CHILD ABUSE, MALTREATMENT OR NEGLECT
- 5500 STUDENT RECORDS
- 5500.E.6 PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS FOR STUDENT
- 6700 PURCHASING
- 6700.R PURCHASING
- 6830 TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE REIMBURSEMENT
- 8110 SCHOOL BUILDING SAFETY
- 8112 HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
- 8130 SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS AND TEAMS
- 8220 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION
- 8520 FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL SERVICES
- 9645 DISCLOSURE OF WRONGFUL CONDUCT

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

B. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District accept a Tamarack Tower Grant – Using Edison Robotics and Legos to Build Math and Science Skills in the amount of \$2,009 on behalf of Rosann Guido and Cenia Santana, Science Teachers at the Port Chester High School.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the items A-H of the consent agenda were approved:

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

WHEREAS, students, faculty 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,

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 excellence and achievement;

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

A High Score of "3" or Higher on Two or More New York State Program Assessments
2014-2015

Park Avenue Elementary School

Grade 3

Montana Burack
Kayleigh Heckel
William Langenbach
Sophia Maldonado
Andrew Palacios
Matthew Palma
Nathan Provencher
Damaris Ramirez
Trevor Sullivan

Grade 4

Thomas Borzoni
Shaana Cheriyan
Edgar Delgado
Carolina Deus
Gwen Dominguez
Edgar Hernandez
Sophia Kamensky
Ricardo Lopez
Marissa Luchen
Daniel Maldonado

Grade 4

Jose Navarro
Ashly Olmeda
Ty Oshiro
Alfred Rich
Anthony Rivas
Jennifer Rowan
Callie Sullivan
Jorge Velasquez
Letizia Vito
Marissa Williams

Park Avenue Teachers

3rd Grade: Lucille Cappello, Elizabeth Florencio, Lester Ramirez
4th Grade: Michelle Santucci, Azucena Gonzalez, Maria O'Brien

Leadership

Rosa Taylor, Principal, Park Avenue

B. 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,

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 fifteenth day of December, two thousand fifteen, hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments of its honorees.

Elementary All-County Chorus

Khabyra Alston, Soprano, JFK
Jomarys Bazora, Soprano, JFK
Karen Pasato, Alto, JFK
Tanayeah Campbell, Alto, JFK
Stephanie Lazala, Soprano, Edison
Angie Reyes, Soprano, Edison
Jefferson Amaya, Alto, Edison
Michelle Galarza, Alto, Edison
Kevin Martinez, Soprano, King St.
Sophia Ortiz-Heaney, Soprano, King St
Hannah Cabrera, Alto, King St.
Isabel Mateus, Alto, King St.
Dulcinea Sarnicola, Soprano, Park Ave.
Gwen Dominguez, Soprano, Park Ave.

Elementary All-County Chorus

Madeline Cole-Short, Soprano, PCMS
Noah Rotfeld, Soprano, PCMS
Esther Magana, Alto, PCMS
Christopher Pascale, Alto, PCMS

Elementary All-County Band

John Ceruzzi, Tenor Sax, PCMS
Bennett Segal, Trombone, PCMS

**Elementary All-County
Orchestra**

Benjamin Reyes, Violin, King St.

Intermediate All-County Band

Intermediate All-County Chorus

Sophia Reis, Soprano, PCMS
Faith Tomasula, Soprano, PCMS
Lindsey Co, Alto, PCMS
Jasmine Torres, Alto, PCMS
Nicolas Arnel, Baritone, PCMS
Brandon Ramos, Baritone, PCMS
Savannah Langenbach, Soprano, PCHS
Maira Sullivan, Soprano, PCHS
Galilea Morocho, Alto, PCHS
Isabella Rios, Alto, PCHS
Jason Aquirre, Baritone, PCHS
Kyle Baxter, Baritone, PCHS

Teachers

Linda Ventura, Chorus Director, PCHS
Linda McDermott, Band Director, PCMS
Mark Zizolfo, Chorus Director, PCMS
Michael Miceli, Band Director, King St.
Kristen Gruner, Chorus Director, JFK
Kristin Fleming, Chorus Director, King St/Park Ave.
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

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

WHEREAS, students and coaches of the Port Chester High School Varsity Soccer Team have distinguished themselves for achieving athletic and competitive excellence; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education endeavors to recognize publicly and honor its esteemed students and coaches 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 excellence and achievement;

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

**2015 Section One
League 2 Champs**

Kevin Aguirre
Christian Acuna
Josue Argueta
Oscar Arreguin
Sal Cabibbo
Steven Carias
Kevin Castaneda
Alex Cayetano
Miguel Chavel
Abraham Forero
Jose Gamarra
Jonathan Garces
Joseph Garcia
Jose Guzman
Mariano Hernandez
Steven Hernandez

Jason Japa
Diego Linares
Daniel Maldonado
Chris Menjivar
Jeremy Orellana
Jack Palacios
Carlos Pineda
Alejandro Pizarro
Favian Reyes
Marcel Robert
Francisco Romero
Anthony Turcios
Kevin Umanzor
Kevin Valdovinos
Jessi Villa
Orlando Villa

Leadership

John Cafaldo, Varsity Soccer Coach
Lester Ramirez, JV Soccer Coach
Peter Bisceglia, Modified Soccer Coach
Robert Barrett, Athletic Director
Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal, PCHS

- D. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District appoint the following individuals as Election Inspectors for the 2015 Bond Vote to be compensated at a rate of \$9 per hour:

1.	Kathy Kelley
2.	Ann Marie Marino
3.	Marie Martin
4.	Mary Haeger

- E. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District award the following competitive bids as noted below:

Award To	Description	Amount	Basis for award
Jacqueline F. Macken	Claims Auditor Services	\$4,800	RFP Analysis

- F. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following Transportation Contracts for the 2015-2016 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute said contracts.

Southern Westchester BOCES Transportation	In an amount not to exceed \$4,260
Transportation of Port Chester - Rye Union Free School District students as follows: one student from SW BOCES Rye Lake Campus to SW BOCES Tech Center Valhalla in an amount not to exceed \$4,260.	

Eastchester Union Free School District	In an amount not to exceed \$2,000
Transportation of Port Chester - Rye Union Free School District students as follows: one student from Eastchester High School to SW BOCES Tech Center Valhalla in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.	
Susan Neithardt, Port Chester, New York	In an amount not to exceed \$2,000
Transportation of Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District student by Susan Neithardt, Port Chester, New York (parent) as follows: 1 Special Education student residing with said parent at 114 Breckenridge Avenue, Port Chester, New York to Byram Hills High School in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.	

- G. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve attendance at the following conferences as noted below:

	Name	Conference	Date	Amount	Funded
1	Christine Rascona	Leadership in English Language Learning	12/2/15, 1/14/16 and 3/3/16	\$1,291.00 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund
2	Diantha Barone	Leadership in English Language Learning	12/2/15, 1/14/16 and 3/3/16	\$1,291.00 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund
3	Robert Barrett	New York State AAA	3/15-3/18/16	\$1,017.18 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund
4	Robert Johnson	National School Boards Association Advocacy Institute	1/23/16-1/26/16	\$2,287.48 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund

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. Brakewood attended the Tamarack Tower Dinner, was a School Judge at the Park Avenue School Presentation Skills Class, and will be attending the Anthony Carlucci Wrestling Tournament. Mrs. Brakewood shared her final thoughts on the proposed bond and cited many changes with Catholic schools closing and other factors that the time is now to put forth the bond. She said there was a lot of work that went into prioritizing the high school and working with the architects on the high school.

Mr. Wolff stated he had mixed emotions after listening to all tonight's speakers. He endorses the proposed bond and feels that people should step back and make a list of pros and cons and vote their conscience. Mr. Wolff asked people to please come out and vote, either for or against because that will give us a direction.

Mrs. Capeci thanked Ray Sculky of the Elks Club for the dictionaries for the 3rd and 4th grade children to take home. Mrs. Capeci offered her final thoughts on the bond vote and spoke about her commitment to the board and the community.

Mr. Dreves spoke about community members looking for answers to the questions that were asked. Mr. Dreves reflected on the proposed bond and stated he felt the questions asked by the Tax Alliance Group made him look at things more closely. Mr. Dreves acknowledged a difference of opinion in the community

Mr. Johnson spoke about the bond; looking to the future of our district is about our children and their future. He said there was a lot of emotion in the discussion over the last months. Mr. Johnson mentioned that he attended a Westchester Putnam School Boards Association Conference and spoke at the 40 40 Club Meeting. He also commented that advocacy has helped and encouraged community members to continue writing letters on behalf of district.

Mr. Johnson wished everyone a happy holiday season and stated the next meeting will be held on January 12th at 7:00 p.m. at King Street School.

There being no further business at 10:19 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Wolff, seconded by Mrs. Capeci and carried, the Board adjourned the meeting.