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

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

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

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Mr. Dreves called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Mr. Dreves gave a brief description of the topics discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Dreves elected to enlist Dr. Klizsus to read and celebrate Resolution A and B "Staff and Student Recognitions". Dr. Klizsus acknowledged those listed and presented certificates.

Mr. Dreves and Board members thanked and congratulated the Port Chester High School Ensemble participants and the Port Chester High School Band for all they have accomplished.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S STATE OF ADDRESS**

Mrs. Taylor presented the state of the school address. (**copy of speech on file**)

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were made

#### **Meeting temporarily adjourned 8:10**

#### **Meeting reconvened at 8:14**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE TREASURERS REPORT**

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the October 2012 Treasurers report was approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Ms. Capeci and carried, Regular Meeting Minutes for November 28<sup>th</sup> 2012 were approved.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, 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**, students and staff of Port Chester High School and Port Chester Middle School have distinguished themselves by their acceptance into prestigious New York State and Westchester County School Music Association ensembles; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, it is clear that the community is justifiably proud of these individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, these individuals present an exceptional and superior example for their colleagues, peers, and the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education expresses its sincere thanks, appreciation, and admiration for artistic excellence;

**AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education in meeting and assembled this

twelfth day of December, two thousand twelve, hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments of **its honorees**.

#### **Area All-State Mixed Chorus and Women's Chorus**

Danielle Serrano – Mixed Chorus  
Emmalie Tello - Mixed Chorus  
Kyle Thomas - Mixed Chorus  
Rosie Veltri - Mixed Chorus  
Sarah Dapaah - Women's Chorus  
Anne Marie Esposito - Women's Chorus  
Jillian Ferretti - Women's Chorus  
Kimberly Maguire - Women's Chorus  
Christopher Velazquez - Mixed Chorus

#### **Teachers**

Linda Penney, Choral Director, PCHS  
Bob Vitti, Band Director, PCHS  
Linda McDermott, Band Director, PCMS

#### **State Middle School Honor Concert Band**

William Brakewood – Trumpet

#### **State High School Honor Concert Band**

Emmalie Tello – Clarinet

#### **State High School Honor Jazz Ensemble**

Anthony Pellegrini – Baritone Saxophone

Isabella Roca – Trumpet

#### **Area All-State Band**

Emmalie Tello - Clarinet

#### **Intermediate All-County Chorus**

Michael Bansey- Baritone

Alfred DiLeo - Baritone

Annmarie Loper – Soprano

#### **Leadership**

Kenneth Kraut, Department Chair

Patrick Swift, Principal, PCMS

Dr. Mitchell Combs. Principal. PCHS

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**B. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation

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

**B. WHEREAS**, students and staff of Port Chester High School and Port Chester Middle School have distinguished themselves by their musical achievements and as ambassadors for the district; and,  
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education endeavors to recognize publicly and honor its esteemed staff members and students for these successes; and,  
**WHEREAS**, it is clear that the community is justifiably proud of these individuals; and  
**WHEREAS**, these individuals present an exceptional and superior example for their colleagues, peers, and the community; and,  
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education expresses its sincere thanks, appreciation, and admiration for artistic excellence;  
**AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education in meeting and assembled this twelfth day of December, two thousand twelve, hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments of its honorees.

Brien McMahon High School, Norwalk, CT, 9/22/2012 11 Bands, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest Overall Score, <b>First in Class</b> Best Visual, Best Effect	Pequanock High School, Pompton Plains, NJ, 9/29/1012 13 Bands, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest Overall Score, <b>First in Class</b> Best Music, Visual, Effect, Color Guard & Percussion	Verona High School, Verona, NJ, 10/6/2012 12 Bands, <b>Highest Overall Score, First in Class</b> Best Music, Visual, & Effect	Yamaha Cup, MetLife Stadium, NJ, 10/13/2012 5 <sup>th</sup> Place	US Bands NY State Championship, Hofstra University, 10/21/2012 8 Bands, <b>Highest Overall Score, First in Class</b> <b>US Bands NY State Champions</b> Best Music, Visual, Effect, Color Guard, & Percussion
Bunnell High School, Stratford, CT, 10/27/2012 10 Bands, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Highest Overall Score, Second in Class	US Bands New England State Championship, Bridgeport, CT, 11/3/2012 21 Bands, <b>Highest Overall Score, First in Class</b> <b>US Bands New England State Champions</b> Best Music, Best Effect, Best Percussion	US Bands National Championship, MetLife Stadium, NJ, 11/11/2012 20 Bands, Fourth in Class <b>Best Color Guard</b>		

**Marching Band Members**

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|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Paulina Aguilar     | Nicole Franceschini | Brenna Matturro | Nicholas Smith       |
| Jessica Aguilar     | Andres Franco       | Luke Maxwell    | Juan Solano          |
| Tinu Alex           | Samantha Franco     | Cameryn         | Solange Soria        |
| Natalia Babula      | Alessandra Garcia   | Messina         | Madeline Strauch     |
| Michael Bansey      | Barbara Garcia      | John            | Emmalie Tello        |
| Anthony Barajas     | Luis Garza          | Montemurro      | Jessica Torres       |
| Maria I Barragan    | Jacqueline Gonzalez | Elizabeth       | Maria Torres         |
| Maria V Barragan    | Eduardo Gonzalez    | Montemurro      | Derreck Torres       |
| Griselda Bautista   | Sthefany Guiracocha | Jorge Montoya   | Stephanie Turcios    |
| Alejandro Becerra   | Ryann Gutierrez     | Mark Morano     | Alana Tursi          |
| Alex Blas           | Cameron Gutierrez   | Evan Moyano     | Camilo Vargas        |
| Christopher Bolzan  | Jonathan Henry      | Stephanie       | Teresa Vasquez       |
| Clarissa Bolzan     | Liam Herbert        | Munguia         | Rosemarie Veltri     |
| Jessenia Bonilla    | Vanessa Hernandez   | Carlos Munoz    | Monica Vera          |
| Alexis Bray         | Odalys Hernandez    | Omar Neyra      | Joseph Verrastro     |
| Samuel Brown        | Emily Hewlitt       | Maria Neyra     | Amanda Vitola        |
| Gabriela Bukanowska | Christopher Holguin | Lily Nowotnik   | Juila Vyskocil       |
| Brittany Bunjaporte | Mesha Iqbal         | Marianela       | Tim Vyskocil         |
| Brianna Bunjaporte  | Marie Jallow        | Olivera         | Danielle Winchester  |
| Maribel Burga       | James Jarama        | David Orozco    | Nathaniel Winchester |
| Sarah Cabot         | Sarah Kamensky      | Brittany Palmer | Katherine Wojton     |
| Diego Caminade      | Anika Krause        | Benny Palomba   |                      |
| Willey Campbell     | Emily Laguardia     | Lukas Patrizio  |                      |
| Caitlyn Celestino   | Jacklyn Lambert     | Anthony         |                      |
| Jake Cepero         | John Lancia         | Pellegrini      |                      |
| Sonya Chandy        | Leticia Lua         | Jeaneska Perez  |                      |
| Stephanie Ciosek    | Moises Lugardo      | Brooke          |                      |
| Katie Cochrane      | Imani Lukunku       | Pietrafesa      |                      |
| Sally Condori       | Jean-Luc Lukunku    | Leonard         |                      |
| Sarah Dapaah        | Kim Maguire         | Pietrafesa      |                      |
| Caroline Delacruz   | Shannon Maguire     | Colby Quinlan   |                      |
| Alfred DiLeo        | Emma Manos          | Lanasha         |                      |
| Anne Marie Esposito | Alicia Margiotta    | Robinson        |                      |
| Victor Evangelista  | Christina Marquez   | Mikaela Roca    |                      |
| Jillian Ferretti    | Ricardo Martinez    | Isabella Roca   |                      |

**Marching Band Staff**

- Robert Vitti – Band Director
- Kevin Hassan – Assistant Band Director
- Michael Coppola – Visual Designer
- Darren Delaney – Visual Consultant
- Sergio Marroquin – Dance Choreography
- David Dion – Wind & Percussion Arranger
- Daniel Matos – Color Guard Designer
- Larry Coleman – Marching Technician
- Juan Aguilar - Marching Technician
- Madeline Rende – Music Technician
- Michael Johnson - Music Technician
- Anthony Masi - Music Technician
- Carlos Becerra – Percussion Technician
- Matthew Bauer – Percussion Technician
- Victor Sandoval – Percussion Technician
- Rob Kilpatrick – Percussion Technician
- Karen Wittig – Color Guard Technician
- Amanda Scocchera – Color Guard Technician
- Andrew Rivas – Color Guard Technician

**Leadership**

- Kim Morano, President, PCHS Band Association
- Kim Maguire, Drum Major
- Stephanie Ciosek, Drum Major
- Kenneth Kraut, Department Chair
- Patrick Swift, Principal, PCMS
- Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal, PCHS

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Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, 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, 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.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Funded</b>
1	SER of Westchester	Consultant Staff – HS/MS Increase	\$20,000 Increase	2012-2013 school year	21st Century - MS/HS

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

**D. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize ‘Steer for Student Athletes Inc.’ to provide academic, counseling and related services for students in need attending district schools,

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these services be provided at no cost to the school district or students;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the district may terminate this authorization at any time it deems necessary.

*\*\* Mr. Finelli presented information on the “Steer for Student Athletes Inc.” program.*

*\*\*All Board of Education members expressed thanks to all involved for spear heading this program with special thanks to Mr. Joe Durney.*

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

**E. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) designating the placement of these children within the Port Chester School District, Out-of-District placement, and transportation as needed for the 2012-13 school year. The file numbers of the children are as follows:

- 62638
- 62028
- 62624
- 62258
- 62532
- 62634
- 62528
- 62639
- 62622
- 62051
- 62758
- 62641
- 62623
- 62281
- 62636
- 62771
- 62635
- 62621
- 62625
- 62670
- 62803
- 62797

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

**F. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) designating the placement of these children within the Port Chester School District, Out-of-District placement, and transportation as needed for the 2012-13 school year. The file numbers of the children are as follows:

- 9897949
- 3003
- 9897239
- 9898664
- 9894534
- 9894116
- 9894714
- 9891051

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9894787  
9896445  
62742  
9894865  
9896823  
8000390  
9892673  
5045  
9894013  
9897225  
62705  
9896232  
61250  
62570  
9894340  
8000057  
9897273  
9898430  
61975  
9896310  
9898573  
62779  
16360  
9894758  
800077

**G. 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. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**H. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve and adopt the modified 2012-2013 school calendar.

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

**I. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the Memorandum of Agreement amending the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Port Chester Teachers Association and the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District on terms and conditions previously agreed to by both parties.

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

#### CORRESPONDENCE

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

**J. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the donation of 10 tickets to the Westchester Ballet Company's 2012 performance of the Nutcracker at the Westchester County Center on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 to Port Chester Middle School.

#### REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT REQUEST FOR ACTION

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the Superintendent's Request for Action was approved; with Mr. Corbia abstaining from item #9.

The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. Luz Mendoza having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Teacher at Park Avenue School, effective January 1, 2013. Ms. Mendoza received a B.A. Degree from Hunter College. Ms. Mendoza holds Initial Certification in the area of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) effective February 1, 2010.
2. Edwin Gonzalez, Rye, New York be approved for a three-year probationary appointment as Teacher Assistant, at 96% of Step 4-Level 7 hours/day (B.A. Degree) (pro-rated) of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective December 13, 2012 through December 12, 2015. Mr. Gonzalez received a B.A. Degree from SUNY Purchase College. Mr. Gonzalez received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment December 5, 2012. His assignment will be at the High School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. He replaces Elaine Angiello who retired.



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2012. Her assignment is John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center.

- 18. Maryrose Furci, Yorktown Heights, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Senior Office Assistant (Automated Systems), Step 2 (10 months, 7.5 hours/day) effective January 2, 2013 pending NYS Fingerprint Clearance. Her assignment is Port Chester High School Health Office.
- 19. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$22,150.28, Schedule #7, dated December 5, 2012 be approved for the 2012-2013 school year.
- 20. Warrant #15 and Warrant #16, including in-between checks, dated December 12, 2012, be approved:

General Fund	\$1,840,500.36
Federal Fund	159,017.74
Cafeteria Fund	156,811.60
Trust & Agency Fund	1,491,751.84
Capital Fund	0

- 21. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – November 21, 2012	\$1,671,219.37
General Fund – November 30, 2012	116,170.00
General Fund – December 3, 2012	38,532.41
General Fund – December 7, 2012	1,683,879.36
Federal Fund – November 21, 2012	138,344.75
Federal Fund – November 30, 2012	2,800.00
Federal Fund – December 7, 2012	95,115.49

**APPR Update:**

Dr. Kliszus announced the NYSED approved the Port Chester – Rye Union Free School district’s APPR plan. This is an extraordinary accomplishment. He thanked the administration for their hard work and team effort.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION ISSUES**

Dr. Kliszus is very happy and proud to announce the revival of succession planning through the introduction of the Administrative Internship Program and a call to leadership. This program will permit teachers a chance to experience administration first hand alongside district administrators. The end goal is to create a pool of talented individuals to draw upon.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE AND DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Capeci will reschedule to the Village Liaison meeting with the intention of bringing back great things to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Brakewood attended the Park Avenue School Hall of Fame which was and is always great to see the history. It’s the start of concert season.

Bob Johnson attended an advocacy meeting which covered the tax cap. Informative conversations were held.

Mr. Corbia thanked the High School Senate for assisting with transportation. Expressed holiday wishes to all.

Mr. Dreves attended several functions for the holiday season and wished everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2013.

There being no further business at 9:05 pm , upon motion by Mrs. Capeci seconded by Mr. Corbia and carried, the Board adjourned the meeting.

  
Yvette Segal, District Clerk