

**Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District Work Session  
Thomas Edison School  
January 25, 2012**

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Present: Blanca P. Lopez, President; Carolee C. Brakewood, Vice President; James Dreves, Trustee; Anne Capeci, Trustee; Robert Johnson, Trustee

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

Absent: Frank Sisca, School Attorney; Jennifer M. Bisaccia, District Clerk

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Ms. Lopez called a public meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Lopez thanked Mr. Tolentino for hosting the meeting. Ms. Lopez shared the positive feedback she received from Assemblyman George Latimer and urged the community to continue to send letters to legislators regarding district funding.

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

- A. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District appoint Maura McAward District Clerk Pro Temp for this evening's meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tom Corbia 365 Putnam Avenue, expressed his concern regarding the inconsistency with the public comment time limits. He announced the upcoming fundraising event for the Soccer Booster Club. Mr. Corbia stated that he will be meeting with Assemblyman Latimer and the NAACP regarding mandates. He requested a status report regarding the soccer league that will impact our District.

**ANNUAL REPORT – THOMAS EDISON SCHOOL**

Ivan Tolentino presented the Thomas Edison School annual report. Mr. Tolentino outlined the demographics of the school, goals, initiatives, and professional development.

Mrs. asked what feedback was the received student council with respect to the variety of the food provided in the cafeteria.

Mr. Dreves recognized the fine professionals attending the meeting in support of Mr. Tolentino. He also believes the 2<sup>nd</sup> cup of coffee program will continue.

Mr. Johnson asked what longitudinal studies can the Board expect, what the review process of the data, and the future planning process.

Mrs. Brakewood asked how cooperative play at recess is being managed and what are the initiatives to further Character Education?

Ms. Lopez requested feedback from Mr. Tolentino's first year as Principal as we want to ensure appropriate support is provided.

Dr. Kliszus thanked Mr. Tolentino for his comprehensive report.

Mr. Tolentino responded to the Board's questions and concerns.

**MINUTES**

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

- RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve Work Session meeting minutes for 11/30/12

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following resolution was approved: **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve Regular meeting minutes for 12/8/12.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

- B. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District appoint Maura McAward District Clerk Pro Temp for this evening's meeting.

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

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

	Name	Conference	Date	Amount	Funded
1	Claudia Hyland	IB Teacher Training Category 1: Language B in Spanish	2/17/12 - 2/19/12	\$781 + applicable taxes & tips	General

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following resolution was approved: Mrs. Brakewood abstained from voting on item #1:

- D. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, at its discretion and in the best interest of the District, elects to forgo the written quote and bid requirements for the following professional service procurements in keeping with Policy 6700R – Purchasing Regulation.

	Name	Program	Rate	Term	Funded
1	Port Chester Council for the Arts	After School Program-District and Homeless Student Liaison services (Increase)	\$50,000	9/1/11-6/30/12	21 <sup>st</sup> Century "Oasis"/Extended Day/Title I
2	Estrellita	Professional Development Workshop at Park Avenue School	\$5,000	9/1/11-6/30/12	Dual Language Grant

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

- E. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the following contract for the 2011-2012 school year as noted below:

	Award To	Description	Amount	Basis for Award
1	Sylvan Learning Center Bronxville, NY	Provide supplemental educational services	Not to exceed \$40 per hr per student	Preferred New York State Vendor

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

- F. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the following tuition rates for the 2011- 2012 school year:

Regular Instruction	
K - 6	\$10,122
7 - 12	\$11,365
Special Education Students with Disabilities	
K - 6	\$38,756
7 - 12	\$39,999
Consortium Schools	\$24,000

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

- G. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve reimbursement of funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,800 for an Independent Education Evaluation for said student (9894864).

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **Request for Action**

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the Superintendent's Request for Action was approved by the Board of Education. Resolved that,

1. Aaron Glazer, White Plains, New York, be approved for a three-year probationary appointment as English Teacher, pending verification of NYS certification, at 94% of Step 4-Level 6 of the 2010-2011 Teachers Salary Schedule, effective February 1, 2012 through January 31, 2015. Mr. Glazer received a B.A. Degree from SUNY Stony Brook and a M.S. Degree from Mercy College. Mr. Glazer received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment January 20, 2012. His assignment will be at the High School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. He replaces Linda Coupe who retired.
2. Kristin Remy, Thornwood, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Michelle Cardoso as Special Education Teacher at the John F. Kennedy School effective January 30, 2012 through March 30, 2012. There is no change in the current salary or in the three-year probationary period as Teacher Assistant from December 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013 as per Board of Education action on December 9, 2010.
3. Jolie Vita, Port Chester, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher Assistant to replace Kristin Remy as Teacher Assistant at the John F. Kennedy School effective January 30, 2012 through March 30, 2012 at an anticipated daily rate of \$100.
4. Georgine McManus, Yonkers, New York be approved for a Medical Leave of Absence as Special Education Teacher at Park Avenue School effective January 17, 2012 through approximately March 27, 2012.
5. Kristina Fontanello, Port Chester, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Georgine McManus as Special Education Teacher at Park Avenue School effective January 17, 2012 through approximately March 27, 2012 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125.
6. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2011-2012 school year:

Greg Domestico	Varsity Boys Spring Track & Field Head Coach	\$4,750
Nick Mancuso	Varsity Girls Spring Track & Field Head Coach	4,750
Elizabeth Viggiano	Assistant Spring Track & Field Coach	3,128
Danny Alvarado	Modified Boys/Girls Spring Track & Field Head Coach	3,128
Peter Bisceglia	Golf Head Coach	2,229
Matthew Kleiman	Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	3,001
Robert Barrett	Spring Season Athletic Coordinator	4,000
Susan Covino	21st Century After School Program Teacher – Edison	42 per hour
Erica Rice	21st Century After School Program Teacher – Edison	42 per hour
Suzanne Archino	21st Century After School Program Teacher – Park Ave	42 per hour
Lucille Cappello	21st Century After School Program Teacher – Park Ave	42 per hour
Estrella Quinonez	21st Century After School Program Teacher – HS	42 per hour

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u> <u>Semester</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Location</u>	
David Sheridan Academy	Sports Strength and Conditioning	3	U.S. Sports	Fall '11
David Sheridan Academy	Sports Administration	3	U.S. Sports	Fall '11
Marlee Santa-Donato Community College	Elementary Spanish II	3	Monroe	Fall '11

8. The following individual(s) be approved to serve as Substitute Teacher(s)/Teacher Assistant(s)/Tutor(s)/Intern(s)/Student Teacher(s)/Volunteer(s) on an as-needed basis for the 2011-2012 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared or "Grandfathered" in:

Christianne Cuddy  
Sadije Zerka  
Maxon Kasumba  
Jacqueline Russo

Mark Fiore  
Erin McCarthy  
Jeannine Englert  
Aaron Glazer

Jeffrey Santini  
Gina Palladino  
Ashley Holzel

9. Lily Mutino, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as 3-hour Lunch Monitor (ten month) effective January 11, 2012. Her assignment is King Street School.
10. Jennifer Lopriore, Harrison, New York, be approved for a temporary probationary appointment as Teacher Aide, Grade I, Step 1, (10 months, 6 hours/day) effective January 19, 2012 – June 30, 2012. Benefits will cease June 30, 2012. Her assignment will be Park Avenue School Special Education.
11. The following individuals be approved as Cleaner, Teacher Aide, or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective January 26, 2012. 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.

Lowman J. Clark  
Julie Hinchey

Darlene Wheeler

12. A change of title be made for the following individuals from Substitute Registered Professional Nurse to Substitute Practical Nurse effective January 26, 2011.

Louise Kendall Grace Young

13. A change of status be granted to Daishawn Davis, Port Chester, New York, from Probationary Custodial Worker to Permanent Cleaner, Step 1, (10 months, 7 ½ hours/day) effective January 30 – January 31, 2012; Step 2 effective February 1, 2012. His assignment will be split between King Street School and Port Chester High School.
14. A change of status be granted to Anthony J. Valentino, Bronx, New York, from Probationary Cleaner, Step 1, (10 months, 7 ½ hours/day) to Probationary Custodial Worker, Step 1, (12 months, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday) effective January 30, 2012. His assignment is Port Chester High School.
15. The resignation of Eric Rios, Office Assistant (Automated Systems) Spanish Speaking, John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center be accepted at the end of business on January 27, 2012.
16. The resignation of Sylvia Cuono, Teacher Aide Edison School Special Education, be accepted at the end of business on January 26, 2012.
17. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$7,185, Schedule #10, dated January 19, 2012 be approved for the 2011-2012 school year.
18. The following General Fund Payroll be approved:

January 13, 2012 \$1,706,607.53

19. The following General Fund Bill Schedule, including in-between checks, be approved:

January 25, 2012 \$563,874.20

20. The following Special Aid Fund Bill Schedule, dated January 25, 2012 be approved for payment:

TV Studio High School	\$1,624.00
Title I	11,751.56
Extended Day	35.00
21 <sup>st</sup> Century	21,210.22
21 <sup>st</sup> Century OASIS	22,455.50

Council for the Arts	2,732.73
Title III LED	2,108.40
Dual Language	3,240.00
F.F.I.O.E.	5,149.77
Summer Tuition 2011/2012 Adjustment	1,376.26
High School Band	3,770.00
High School Cable Grant Supplies	456.36
Tamarack Tower	2,000.00

21. The following payroll for the Special Aid Program, be approved:

January 13, 2012 \$141,655.21

**Update**

Dr. Kliszus and Ms. McAward presented an update on the property Tax Levy Limit.

The Board discussed their thoughts and concerns with respect to the Tax Levy.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION ISSUES**

Dr. Kliszus announced that the Parent Teacher President’s Council will be meeting with Assemblyman George Latimer.

Ms. McAward announced that Assemblyman Latimer has scheduled two sessions in February to interface with the middle and high school students who are posing questions and concerns.

**ROUNDTABLE**

Mr. Johnson reported on the trainings and meetings he has attended.

Mrs. Brakewood gave kudos to the people who performed in the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and noted she will be attending a breakfast with the High School Student Senate.

Mrs. Capeci wants to ensure sure the District and the Trustees of Port Chester are corresponding with respect to the planning and zoning boards.

Mr. Dreves agree that the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration was outstanding. He reported on the events he attended and commented on the athletic season.

Ms. Lopez announced the workshops she will be attending and commented on the anti-bullying club that evolved out of the Rachel’s Challenge workshop. Ms. Lopez recognized the students running the club.

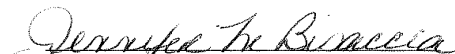
There being no further business at 9:01 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the Board adjourned the meeting.

Minutes taken by:

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Maura McAward, District Clerk Po-Temp

Minutes prepared by:

  
 Jennifer M. Bisaccia, District Clerk