BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROSLYN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting of the Board of Education
held on Thursday, November 6, 2008
in the Administration Building Board Room

MINUTES

Dani E. Kline, President
Meryl W. Ben-Levy, Vice President
Kim Hunter
Clifford Saffron (not present)
David Seinfeld
Ron Smith
Stanley D. Stern (not present)

ALSO PRESENT

Dan Brenner, Ph.D.  Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Edward A. Salina, Jr., Ed.D.  Assistant Superintendent for Administration
Joseph C. Dragone  Assistant Superintendent for Business
Linda Ciampi  Taking Minutes

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Executive Session

Executive Session began in the Superintendent’s Conference room at 7:30 p.m.

Public Session began in the Administration Building Board Room at 8:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones
Recommendation to accept the minutes from the October 16, 2008 Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Hunter and it was carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the minutes of October 16, 2008. (Mr. Saffron and Mr. Stern were not present).

Recommendation to accept check warrants for September 2008

Dr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Seinfeld and it was carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the check warrants. (Mr. Saffron and Mr. Stern were not present).

Recommendation to approve financial reports for the month of September 2008

Dr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Seinfeld and it was carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the financial reports for the month of September 2008. (Mr. Saffron and Mr. Stern were not present).

Board President Comments

Ms. Kline spoke about the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship dinner and what a wonderful and uplifting experience it was.

Ms. Ben-Levy spoke about the possible early release from prison for Pamela Gluckin.

Assistant Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Brenner provided an overview of the district’s Professional Development day on November 4, 2008.

Mr. Dragone reported that we are ready to implement a soft freeze on purchase orders in excess of $1000.

Student Delegate Comments

Ms. Lubman was not present.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

- Safari Montage – Dr. Salina

Dr. Salina provided an overview of Safari Montage, donated by the FAST Program, and how it can be integrated into curriculums district-wide.
Teachers College Writing Program – Allison Brown

Ms. Brown gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Teachers College Writing Program.

Economic Crisis and the Implications of NYS Schools

It was agreed to keep this topic on every Board Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1 Limited to Agenda Items ONLY
(Will be limited to _ hour, no more than 2 minutes per speaker).

Though not required by law, the Roslyn Board of Education invites public comment during its meetings. Citizens will be recognized by the presiding officer. Please state your name and address before speaking and direct all comments to the Board. This is not a time for citizen to citizen exchanges. We ask that comments not include the names of students or staff members, and comments are not permitted with respect to confidential matters. Please also be reminded that Board meetings are designed by law to facilitate the school district’s business and provide for public Board deliberations. Thank you.

The following topic was discussed during public comment: thank you for the two presentations.

ACTION ITEMS

Action may be taken for each individual resolution or by the titled subgroups. Bracketed information following resolutions is not part of the Board’s official action and does not become part of the official record.

All Personnel appointments listed are funded in the current year budget, unless otherwise noted.

PERSONNEL

P.1. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Roslyn Board of Education approves the appointments, resignations, terminations, elimination of positions, transfers, and leaves of absence as detailed in the Personnel Action Reports attached as Appendix A (Professional)

P.2. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Roslyn Board of Education approves the appointments, resignations, terminations, elimination of positions, transfers, and leaves of absence as detailed in the Personnel Action Reports attached as Appendix B
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BUSINESS/FINANCE:

ALL ITEMS ON THE BUSINESS/FINANCE PORTION OF THE AGENDA ARE WITHIN THE BUDGET UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

B.1. Recommendation to approve the following flow-through contracts: [The individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) requires the use of federal flow-through funding for pre-school and school age disabled children. The 611 Grant is for all students; the 619 Grant is an additional amount for students 5 years or younger]

(i) Contractor: Maryhaven Center of Hope
Services: Instructional services for one student for the 2008-09 school year
Fees: 611 Grant
       $ 1,533 per student (1 student)
       Total will be $ 1,533.00

B.2. Recommendation to cancel 3 "stale" accounts payable checks outstanding more than six months at June 30, 2008 and declare the total amount of these checks $97.26 as a refund of prior years expense and to cancel 1 "stale" payroll check in the amount of $69.73. [These checks are at least 6 months old, have not been cashed and, therefore, will not be debited]


Bid advertised: October 9, 2008
Bid opening: October 24, 2008
Number of invitations to bid mailed: 14
Number of bids received: 11

Recommendation that award based on low cost satisfactorily meeting specifications be made to:
Contractor: A-1 Construction and Renovation Inc.
Brooklyn, NY 11214
Description: Masonry work as per bid specifications
Total Base Bid: $ 69,900

Total bid amount is within the Capital Budget.
B.4. Recommendation to accept the following Extraclassroom activity fund reports:

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CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

C&I.1 Recommendation to accept the confidential stipulations of the CSE for the dates listed below as well as the implementation plans for the corresponding special education programs, services and parent notification as previously approved by the Board: October 2, 2008; October 21, 2008; October 24, 2008.

C&I.2 Recommendation to approve Allyson Weseley to attend the Siemens Finals in Pittsburgh, PA from November 14 through November 15, 2008. [Estimated cost is $1,210.74.]

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOE.1 Recommendation that the Board of Education, having reviewed the terms and conditions of a proposed agreement between the District and Real Asset Management International, Inc., hereby approves the terms set forth in the agreement and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute such agreement on behalf of the Board subject to approval by our attorney.

Ms. Ben-Levy moved seconded by Ms. Hunter and it was it was carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve P.1, P.2, B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4, C&I.1, C&I.2 and BOE.1. (Mr. Saffron and Mr. Stern were not present).

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

The following topics were discussed during Public Comment #2: voting booth location and the passing of Roslyn High School alum, Michael Creighton.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. Ben-Levy moved seconded by Mr. Seinfeld and it was it was carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:15 p.m. (Mr. Saffron and Mr. Stern were not present).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Ms. Ben
Levy moved seconded by Mr. Seinfeld and it was carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. (Mr. Saffron and Mr. Stern were not present).

Respectfully submitted,

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