

**ROSLYN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Meeting of the Board of Education**

**Thursday, January 6, 2011**

**8:30 p.m.**

**Held in the Administration Building Board Room**

**MINUTES**

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President  
Clifford Saffron, Vice President  
Adam Haber  
Dani E. Kline  
David Seinfeld  
Bruce G. Valauri

Dan Brenner, Ph.D  
Allison Brown

Joseph C. Dragone  
Edward A. Salina, Jr., Ed.D  
Cathie L. Britt  
Nicole Berman

**ALSO PRESENT**

Superintendent  
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum &  
Instruction  
Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Assistant Superintendent for Administration  
District Clerk  
Student Delegate

**ABSENT**

Stanley D. Stern

**7:30 p.m.-Executive Session**

Pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 105, it was duly moved, seconded and carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern absent) that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:45 p.m. and the Board reconvened in Public Session in the Administration Building Board Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

**8:30 p.m.-Board of Education Meeting**

Preliminary Announcements  
Emergency Procedures  
Cell Phones

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Recommendation to accept the Treasurer's Report for November 2010 (Attachment T, page 5)

**Ms. Zhang presented and discussed with the Board of Education the Treasurer's Report for November 2010.**

**Ms. Kline moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern absent) to accept the Treasurer's Report for November 2010.**

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting(s):  
December 16, 2010

**Dr. Valauri moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern absent) to accept the minutes from the December 16, 2010 Board of Education meeting.**

### **Board President's Comments**

Ms. Ben-Levy spoke that the school board is very proud of the Roslyn Marching Band for their participation and performance at the Orange Bowl this past weekend and she is excited about the upcoming high school homecoming pep rally.

### **Superintendent's Comments**

Dr. Brenner spoke about the beautiful artwork adorning the walls of the Board Room provided by the high school students and he read a letter from a 1962 Roslyn graduate who spoke very highly of his Roslyn education and praised the district for promoting the educational uses of technology and, more specifically, the iPad as discussed in a recent NY Times article.

Dr. Brenner introduced Carol Murphy, high school assistant principal, who explained there are 110 students in the Career and Finance Management section, of which 46 students sat for the WISE Financial Literacy Exam. Ms. Murphy introduced Ms. Jennifer DiPietro, who praised all the students in the program and noted that Roslyn students scored 20% higher than the national average. The following students were recognized for earning "Medal Status" after taking the WISE Financial Literacy Exam in December:

Lyle Berstein  
David Blauzvern  
Jared Benatar  
Michael Lefcort  
Keith Rothschild

On a separate note, Dr. Brenner announced as a result of concerns raised by the NYS Office of Fiscal Integrity the district has been advised that the \$150,000 grant from the Dormitory Authority (DASNY) for the high school cafeteria renovation has been revoked and the district is at risk of losing the \$100,000 grant secured by the Bulldog Boosters, as the grant awaits legislative approval. Dr. Brenner stressed the concerns raised by the Office of Fiscal Integrity have nothing to do with Roslyn, but rather with the State. As more information becomes available, the Board of Education and administration will continue to keep the public informed.

## Student Delegate's Comments

Ms. Berman reported sales doubled this year from the Candy Cane Sale and the homecoming pep rally is scheduled for Friday, January 7, 2011.

### Discussion Item(s):

#### 1. Use of Fields (Attachment DI1, page 14)

Dr. Brenner explained it was brought to the attention of the administration over the Thanksgiving break that residents wanted to use the turf field for a "Turkey Bowl". In full compliance with district policy, Security responded appropriately, however, it was suggested that guidelines be developed to address field usage over the Thanksgiving holiday for Board approval.

Mr. Haber suggested the Board consider suspending the Use of Facilities Policy, #1500 (current policy version attached) for the Thanksgiving holiday (Thursday, Friday and Saturday).

**The Board unanimously agreed (Mr. Stern absent) to suspend the policy rules governing the use of facilities and to waive all fees during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). First preference will be given to permit holders, but the fields will be open to all.**

#### 2. New Courses (Kevin Scanlon)

Mr. Scanlon spoke and presented to the Board the following seventeen (17) new, proposed courses as reviewed by the Curriculum Development Council (CDC).

- 1) Freshman Humanities
- 2) The Practice of Writing
- 3) The Courtroom: Law and Order
- 4) Law and Society
- 5) Differential Equations
- 6) Finite Mathematics
- 7) Statistics
- 8) The Mathematics of Finance
- 9) Problem Solving in Mathematics 1
- 10) Chemistry/Physics
- 11) "Are You Sick Again?" Common Ailments of the Young & Restless
- 12) Italian 2 Honors
- 13) Italian 3 Honors
- 14) Introduction to Business
- 15) Entrepreneurship
- 16) Beginning Potter's Wheel
- 17) Advance Computer Graphics

### 3. 2011-2012 Calendar (Attachments DI.3, page 25)

Dr. Brenner presented the latest version of the proposed school calendar for the 2011-12 school year. A discussion ensued between the Board and Dr. Brenner regarding the considerations and various possible calendar options.

By a vote of 4-2 (Ms. Ben-Levy, Mr. Haber, Mr. Seinfeld and Dr. Valauri voted yes; Ms. Kline and Mr. Saffron voted no; Mr. Stern absent), the Board agreed to start school before Labor Day and asked the administration to revise the proposed school calendar to reflect the following. The revised calendar will be presented to the Board for approval at the next board meeting scheduled on January 20, 2011.

09/01/2011 – Superintendent Conference Day  
09/02/2011 - First Day of School / Students Return  
04/05/2012 - Holiday / School Closed  
05/25/2012 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Snow Day  
05/29/2012 – 1<sup>st</sup> Snow Day  
06/22/2012 – Last Day of School

### **PUBLIC COMMENT #1 Limited to Agenda Items ONLY**

(Will be limited to ½ 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 items were discussed during public comments: A resident asked about Agenda item B.5, the use of turf blankets and the bleachers at the Middle School field.**

### **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.

### **PERSONNEL:**

**ALL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS LISTED ARE FUNDED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

**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 **(Attachment P.1 Professional, page 28) [TABLED]**

**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 **(Attachment P.2 Classified, page 29)**

**Ms. Kline moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern absent) to table Agenda Item numbered P.1 and to approve Agenda Item numbered P.2.**

**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 contracts and to authorize the Board of Education President to execute (those contracts marked with an asterisk have been prepared pursuant to a previous award of an RFP.)

- (i) Contractor: Walsworth Publishing Company
- Services: Publication and printing of Class of 2011 Yearbook
- Fees: \$ 34,000.00
- Total estimated to be \$ 34,000.00
- [Bid approved by BOE 11/4/10 Item B.12.]

**Mr. Seinfeld suggested that wording be added to the comment section to reflect that the majority of the yearbook cost to be paid by the students.**

**B.2.** Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$20,737.50 to Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district for the period ending 11/30/10.

**B.3.** Recommendation to approve a payment of \$5,000.00 to Eberlin and Eberlin, Consulting Engineers, Planners, Landscape Architects for professional services rendered to the district pertaining to the Middle School Athletic Field [Funds will be deducted from the 2009-2010 Capital Budget Code H2110-246-09-1001].

**B.4.** Recommendation to approve a payment of \$5,710.00 to Eberlin and Eberlin, Consulting Engineers, Planners, Landscape Architects for professional services rendered to the district pertaining to the Middle School Athletic Field [Funds will be deducted from the 2009-2010 Capital Budget Code H2110-246-09-1001 and 2008-2009 Capital Budget Code H2110-246-09-2909].

**B.5.** Recommendation to approve a payment of \$13,663.88 to School Construction Consultants for Construction Management Services rendered to the district pertaining to the MS Athletic Field Work [Funds will be deducted from the 2009-2010 Capital Budget Code H2110-201-09-2909]

**B.6.** Recommendation to accept the following Extraclassroom activity fund reports:  
**Attachment B.6, page 30.**

- Middle School: November 2010
- High School: November 2010

**Dr. Valauri moved, seconded by Mr. Haber and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4, B.5 and B.6.**

### **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

**C&I.1** Recommendation to accept the confidential stipulations of the CPSE 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 Committee on December 1, 2010.

**C&I.2** 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 Committee on December 10, 2010.

**Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern absent) to approve Agenda Item numbered C&I.1 and C&I.2.**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**BOE.1** Recommendation that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District conduct the **third** reading of Policy #4330 – Independent Educational Evaluations. **(Attachment BOE.1, page 32)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free school District hereby adopts Policy #4330 – Independent Educational Evaluations.

**BOE.2** Recommendation that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District conduct the **third** reading of Policy #2800 – District-owned iPads for use by the Board of Education. **(Attachment BOE.2, page 33)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free school District hereby adopts Policy #4330 – District-owned iPads for use by the Board of Education.

**BOE.3** Recommendation to approve the 2011-2012 school calendar as attached (tabled from 12/16/10). **[TABLED]**

**Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Haber and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern absent) to approve Agenda Item numbered BOE.1 and BOE.2, and to table Agenda Item numbered BOE.3.**

**Mr. Haber suggested the district investigate whether it would be possible to create a list of approved “stand-by/emergency” vendors in the event no municipal vendor agreement exists and an emergency arises whereby the cost to the district is projected to be in excess of \$10,000.00. Ms. Ben-Levy asked the administration to investigate with district**

counsel if they are aware of any policies for other districts regarding an emergency policy for this purpose.

Public Comments #2 - No public comments at this time.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern absent) to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:25p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern absent) to adjourn at 10:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cathie L. Britt*

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District Clerk