

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

Thursday, January 20, 2011

8:30 p.m.

Held in the Harbor Hill School Cafeteria

MINUTES

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
Clifford Saffron, Vice President
Adam Haber
Dani E. Kline
David Seinfeld
Stanley D. Stern
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

7:30 p.m.-Executive Session

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:35 p.m. and the Board reconvened in Public Session in the Administration Building Board Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Recognition: Mr. John Kornreich
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Roslyn Public Schools

Ms. Lori Brennan, Family Service League
Mr. Ty Klipstein, Rallye Motors

Dr. Brenner recognized the following individuals who aided in making our adult education program richer and he introduced Mr. Edelson, who spoke about Ms. Lori Brennan, of the Family Service League and Mr. John Kornreich, who stepped up to help privately fund our English as a Second Language program. A plaque honoring their generous contribution to the community was presented to Ms. Brennan and in Mr. Kornreich's honor, since he was not present due to another commitment.

Dr. Brenner praised and thanked Rallye Motors for the difference they have made to our kids and in an effort to recognize and honor them for their significant contributions to our community a plaque was presented, which read "In recognition of the philanthropic spirit that has inspired the annual holiday celebration for the benefit of the community's children and the extraordinary generosity that has made a difference in their lives over the course of many years." Ms. Ben-Levy extended the Board's gratitude and spoke how grateful she is to count these individuals among our wonderful community.

Recommendation to accept check warrants for November 2010 (reviewed by Dr. Valauri).

Ms. Kline moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to accept the check warrants for November 2010.

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy reported she attended the Tri-M Music Honor Society induction tonight and spoke about what a wonderful treat it was to hear such musical talents and leadership. She also attended the All-County Music Festival at the Tilles Center and encouraged all to attend the Middle School performance of "13 The Musical" on February 10-13, 2011. The next adult education course bulletin will include some very exciting new course offerings, including advanced iPad courses taught by Dr. Brenner and Dr. Salina and Mr. Cabat who will be teaching an advanced English class.

Dr. Valauri spoke about his visit to Harbor Hill and he thanked Mrs. Berman, Mrs. Wood and the PTA president for welcoming him and taking the time to meet with him. He was impressed with the curriculum and the energy exuded by so many happy students. He spent time with the music teacher and also observed teachers and students participating in team teaching activities and engaging in their Martin Luther King projects. Dr. Valauri enjoyed his visit and spoke of the warm sense of family, caring and what a wonderful atmosphere for students to learn in and he credited and thanked all those responsible.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Brenner provided a follow-up update on the Dormitory Authority (DASNY) grant, which the school is relying on for the high school cafeteria renovation. He spoke the district, along with district counsel, continue to push and reach out to the Dormitory Authority, however, at this time there is no new information or updates to report. In addition, it appears the money

originally promised for Nassau County appears to have been systematically revoked as well.

Dr. Brenner introduced Harbor Hill School principal Maureen Berman to talk about what's going on at Harbor Hill.

Ms. Berman welcomed the Board of Education and all in attendance to Harbor Hill and she thanked Dr. Valauri for the time he spent visiting Harbor Hill. She gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Peaceful School Bus Program*, which has been implemented at both Harbor Hill School and East Hills School. She explained this is an initiative designed to decrease inappropriate behavior on school buses and to create a climate of respect and cooperation on the bus. Ms. Berman spoke it is our goal to insure that every child deserves and receives a peaceful school bus ride.

The Board and Ms. Berman entered into a discussion regarding the various aspects of this initiative and the Board thanked Ms. Berman and Ms. Krieger for all their efforts and for a job well done.

Student Delegate's Comments

Ms. Berman spoke about the upcoming Valentine's Day Roses Sale, which for the first time they will be selling chocolate roses instead of "real" roses. She also reported a kickoff meeting was held today to discuss the "Clash of the Classes", which will be held the week following winter break in February.

Dr. Brenner commended and congratulated Ms. Berman on a well done OCC newsletter, and mentioned a copy was distributed to the Board of Education.

Dr. Brenner announced a video team from Scholastic magazine spent an entire day visiting and videotaping at the high school and they spoke with seniors about the use of the iPad and how it's changing how they learn and work in the classroom. The article is scheduled to appear in the March issue.

Discussion Item(s):

1. Review of Board Goals (Attachment DI 1, page 7)

An initial draft of the Board Goals was presented to the Board by the following administrators.

Dr. Dan Brenner, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Allison Brown, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Joseph Dragone, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Dr. Ed Salina, Assistant Superintendent for Administration
Mr. Tom Mohrman, Assistant to the Superintendent for Operations

See attachment DI 1 for a complete listing of the goals discussed.

2. MSG Varsity (Attachment DI 2, page 8)

Dr. Brenner explained MSG is a television station that televises high school games, marching band performances and various school events. The initial agreement presented to the District was skewed more favorably towards MSG, and therefore, the District at that time made the decision to not enter into the agreement as presented. There have been significant changes to the agreement terms since that time and Dr. Brenner explained it would be a wonderful opportunity to showcase not only the district's sporting events, but also non-sporting events. Currently, the district participates on an event-by-event approval basis. We have the opportunity starting July 1st to enter into a year-to-year agreement, whereby students would be given the option to opt-out should they choose. In return for this access, MSG will provide the District with two (2) \$1,000 scholarships.

The question presented to the Board is whether the District should continue with the current event-by-event arrangement, or sign on for a year-to-year agreement for complete access to District's functions. It was noted that district counsel, John Gross, Esq. of Ingerman Smith, was instrumental in drafting the agreement under consideration.

The Board entered into a discussion regarding previous concerns that were raised with the original contract terms. Dr. Brenner encouraged the Board to take a look at MSG and to take the time to consider this decision, since there is ample time to consider given a July 1st agreement start date. Dr. Brenner will investigate the questions and issues raised by the Board with John Gross, Esq.

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

No public comments at this time.

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 16)**
- 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 17)**

- P.3. Recommendation** to approve the Adult Education Instructor Salaries for the Spring 2011 session attached as **(Attachment P.3, page 18)**

Dr. Salina moved from the floor to amend Agenda Item P.4 as indicated below.

- P.4.** BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement between the Board of Education and the Roslyn Teachers Association in the form attached hereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the ~~Superintendent of Schools~~ **President of the Board of Education** to execute said agreement on its behalf.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Haber and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve Agenda Item numbered P.1, P.2, P.3 and P.4 as amended.

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: East Meadow School District
Services: Instructional services for one student attending the “Roslyn Hilltop Academy” for the period of 1/10/11 to 6/24/11
Fees: \$40,250.00 pro-rated tuition
Total estimated to be \$40,250.00 (Roslyn to receive)
[\$70,000.00 10 month tuition]
- (ii) Contractor: Port Washington UFSD
Services: Instructional services for one student attending the “Roslyn Hilltop Academy” for the period of 1/7/11 to 6/24/11
Fees: \$40,600.00 pro-rated tuition
Total estimated to be \$40,600.00 (Roslyn to receive)
[\$70,000.00 10 month tuition]

- B.2.** Recommendation to approve a budget appropriation transfer request in the amount of \$1,368.19 from 2330-430-03-5800-304 (Adult Ed Contractual – prior balance \$14,959.00) to 1621-443-03-9000-310 (Maintenance professional tech service – prior balance \$48,423.00) [To cover the cost of the installation of mirrors in Annex Room 14]

- B.3.** Recommendation to approve a budget appropriation transfer request in the amount of \$41,079.13 from 9760-700-03-9000-303 (Tans Interest – prior balance \$384,100.00) to 1930-430-03-9000-303 (Judgments and Claims – prior balance \$35,273.04) [To cover

2008-09 school taxes owed to North Shore CSD for common boundary (split) properties]

- B.4.** Recommendation to approve a budget appropriation transfer request in the amount of \$35,000.00 from C2860-520-00 (Food Gov't Surplus SL – prior balance \$35,000.00) to C2860-520-01 (Food & Milk Warehouse SL – prior balance \$25,000.00) [To correct budget to reflect expense in correct code; C2860-520-00 is for Food Government Surplus charges only]
- B.5.** Recommendation to approve Capital Budget appropriation transfer requests as per e
- B.6.** Recommendation to approve a payment of \$924.00 to BJLJ Engineers & Architects, P.C. for Architectural Services rendered to the district pertaining to the Roslyn High School Field House [Funds will be deducted from the 2010-2011 Capital Budget Code [H2110.245.08.1108]
- B.7.** Recommendation to approve a payment of \$1,647.77 to Kaeyer, Garment & Davidson Architects, P.C. for Architects Services rendered to the district pertaining to the Roslyn High School Cafeteria [Funds will be deducted from the 2010-2011 Capital Budget Code [H2110.245.08.1102]
- B.8.** Recommendation to approve a payment of \$1,788.71 to BJLJ Engineers & Architects, P.C. for Architectural Services rendered to the district pertaining to the Middle School Auditorium Renovation [Funds will be deducted from the 2009-2010 Capital Budget Code [H2110.245.09.2907]
- B.9.** Recommendation to approve a payment of \$7,527.31 to Burton Behrendt Smith Architects for Architectural Services rendered to the district pertaining to the ADA Toilet Renovations at the High School and Heights School. [Funds will be deducted from the 2010-2011 Capital Budget Codes H2110.245.08.1104 and 2110.245.06.1106].
- B.10.** Recommendation that, pursuant to receipt of a gift in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the American Dairy Association, the board of education hereby, accepts the gift, approves the expenditure of funds for the purpose of contributing to the cost of the purchase of a milk vending machine for the high school, and increases the appropriation in C2860-526-03 (Milk – School Lunch Progr) by \$2,000.00 with the understanding that this increase in appropriations is the result of unanticipated revenue and therefore will result in no impact on the tax levy. **[TABLED]**

Mr. Haber suggested the District investigate leasing the milk vending machine first before purchasing, given its high maintenance costs. He also asked the District to determine whether the demand for such a machine exists among the students.

- B.11.** Recommendation to approve the following Actual Non-Resident Tuition Rates for the 2009-2010 school year as calculated by NYSED on 1/5/11:

Regular Full-Time Students	Grade K-6	\$15,519
	Grade 7-12	\$20,113

Students with Disabilities Full-Time	Grade K-6	\$63,129
	Grade 7-12	\$67,723

[This resolution amends resolution B.9. from the January 14, 2010 agenda]

B.12. Recommendation to approve the following Estimated Non-Resident Tuition Rates for the 2010-11 school year as calculated by NYSED on 1/5/11:

Regular Full-Time Students	Grade K-6	\$17,352
	Grade 7-12	\$23,815
Students with Disabilities Full-Time	Grade K-6	\$75,326
	Grade 7-12	\$81,789

B.13. WHEREAS, on or about November 11, 2008, the Board of Education entered into an intermunicipal cooperation agreement with the Town of North Hempstead for the purpose of providing equipment, labor or professional services or for the purchase of equipment, materials or supplies on a cooperative basis as agreed to between the parties;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the agreement, the Town of North Hempstead is authorized to revise the Schedule of Services and Pricing attached to the agreement as “Schedule A” upon written notice to the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School District has received written notice that the Town has revised “Schedule A” and provided the School District with a copy of the 2010 version of “Schedule A”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District, hereby accepts the revisions to “Schedule A” as reflected in 2010 Schedule attached hereto as **Attachment B.13, page 21**.

Mr. Saffron and Mr. Haber expressed concern over the costs listed under “Schedule A” (B.13), and suggested that if approved, the district use their services judiciously. Dr. Brenner noted there are some services provided that are competitively priced, such as paving.

Mr. Haber moved, seconded by Ms. Kline and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to TABLE Agenda Items numbered B.10.

Ms. Kline moved, seconded by Mr. Stern and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve Agenda Items numbered B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4, B.5, B.6, B.7, B.8, B.9, B.11, B.12 and B.13.

CURRICULUM AND 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 Committee on December 13, 2010, December 16, 2010 and December 17, 2010

C&I.2 Recommendation to approve 28 students and 3 chaperones from the Forensic Club to

attend The Harvard National Invitational in Boston, Massachusetts, from February 18 through February 21, 2011 at an estimated cost to the district of \$11,957.53. [Total cost of the trip is \$17,086.93 – 30% student contribution = \$5,129.40 and 70% school contribution = \$11,957.53.]

C&I.3 Recommendation to amend the cost of the trip for KerriAnn Jannotte to attend the National Conference on Alternative Education in Nashville, Tennessee from February 8 through February 12, 2011 (approved by BOE on 11/18/10 in the amount of \$1,821.84.) Total cost has increased by \$357.78 for an amended total cost of \$2,179.62.

Ms. Brown moved from the floor to add the following Agenda Item C&I.4 (ADDENDUM).

C&I.4 Recommendation to approve 3 chaperones and 24 members of the DECA Club to attend the DECA State Conference in Rochester, New York from March 9 through 11, 2011 at an estimated cost to the district of \$10,328.50. [Total cost of trip is \$18,128.50 – Fundraising 17% = \$3,000; Student Contribution 26% = \$4,800; School Contribution 57% = \$10,328.50.]

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Ms. Kline and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve Agenda Item numbered C&I.1, C&I.2, C&I.3 and the addition of C&I.4.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOE.1 Recommendation to approve the 2011-2012 school calendar as attached (tabled from 1/06/11) (**Attachment BOE 1, page 25**).

BOE.2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Agreement resolving a contemplated request for an impartial hearing filed on behalf of student #1980 in the form attached hereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

BOE.3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement between the Board of Education and Barrett, Bonacci & Van Weele, P.C. for surveying services in the form attached hereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education on its behalf.

BOE.4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement between the Board of Education and Camp Taconic in the form attached hereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement on its behalf.

BOE.5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement between the Board of Education and the Board of Education of the Herricks Union Free School District in the form attached hereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement on its behalf, which was previously approved by the Board at its August 5, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

BOE.6 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby approves an Agreement for Legal Services dated January 6, 2011 between the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District and Hamburger, Maxson, Yaffe, Knauer & McNally, LLP as attached, and authorizes the Board President to execute said Agreement.

Mr. Haber requested that going forward a copy of all contract agreements and the costs be included in the Board agenda packet, if available.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Stern and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve Agenda Item numbered BOE.1, BOE.2, BOE.3, BOE.4, BOE.5 and BOE.6.

Public Comments #2 - No public comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:45 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathie L. Britt

**Cathie L. Britt
District Clerk**