

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

Thursday, April 14, 2011

8:30 p.m.

Held in the Administration Building Board Room

MINUTES

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
Clifford Saffron, Vice President
Adam Haber
David Seinfeld (arrived at 8:55pm)
Stanley D. Stern
Bruce G. Valauri

Dan Brenner, Ph.D
Allison Brown
Joseph C. Dragone
Cathie L. Britt
Nicole Berman

ALSO PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Dani E. Kline
Edward A. Salina, Jr., Ed.D

Assistant Superintendent for Administration
Instruction

7:30 p.m.-Executive Session

Pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 105, it was duly moved, seconded and carried by a vote of 5-0 (Ms. Kline absent and Mr. Seinfeld had not arrived yet) that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and the Board reconvened in Public Session in the Administration Building Board Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Recommendation to accept check warrants for February 2011 (reviewed by Mr. Haber)

Mr. Stern moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron and it was carried by a vote of 5-0 (Ms. Kline absent and Mr. Seinfeld had not arrived yet) to accept the check warrants for February 2011.

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting(s):
March 17, 2011 and March 31, 2011

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Stern and it was carried by a vote of 5-0 (Ms. Kline absent and Mr. Seinfeld had not arrived yet) to accept the March 17, 2011 meeting minutes.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Stern and it was carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Dr. Valauri abstained since he was not present at this meeting) to accept the March 31, 2011 meeting minutes.

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy spoke about the fantastic middle school concerts and she wished everyone a wonderful spring recess and holiday. She encouraged all to attend the performance of Eclectic Electric in concert at the high school on April 30 at 7pm.

Superintendent's Comments

Marguerite Galano

Dr. Brenner spoke about Mrs. Marguerite Galano, a cherished member of the community and a past district clerk of the school district, who announced she is moving out of the district to live closer to her sons. On behalf of the district and administration, Dr. Brenner thanked Mrs. Galano for her unending support and contributions she has made to the district and to the community as a whole and he spoke she will truly be missed.

Dr. Brenner spoke about the passing of Mr. Richard Eschmann, a gentleman who dedicated much of his time to the improvement of the school. On behalf of the administration, he extended his deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Lastly, Dr. Brenner announced that Dr. Edward Salina has accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools for the Plainedge School District. Dr. Salina has served the district for 10 years in the most admirable ways and he will be sorely missed. Dr. Brenner spoke highly of his incredible contributions to the district in the areas of Administration, Human Resources and Technology and he spoke this is a bittersweet moment because he is happy for him, but sad for the district. More information will follow in terms of how to replace Dr. Salina, which will be a topic for future board meetings.

A video was shown produced by Scholastics highlighting the district's use of the iPad initiative. On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy thanked the administration and teachers for embracing the technology and for putting us back on the list in a real way. Dr. Brenner emphasized this is truly a collaborative and team effort with very talented staff and exemplary teachers.

Student Delegate's Comments

Ms. Berman spoke about the upcoming 2nd annual talent show to raise money for Japan and tryouts are scheduled to start after the break. She spoke the OCC is working with the administration to get new club leadership guidelines aimed at making it easier for students to apply for leadership positions in clubs, while having the ability to get feedback from the counselors in terms of whether or not a student is taking on more than they can handle. The goal is to prevent students from spreading themselves too thinly while still seeking to take on leadership roles. The OCC is also working with the administration to try to figure out a way to balance club and sports participation. The junior dance is coming up on May 14 and plans are under way to incorporate more fundraisers during the BBQ. The OCC is planning a number of meetings aimed at increasing communication and support with other clubs. Lastly, Ms. Berman added the fashion show was a great success and raised over \$18,000.

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

Mr. Dragone moved from the floor to add items numbered #67 through #72 to the Personnel Action Report, P.1, Professional (ADDENDUM).

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)**.

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)**.

P.3. Recommendation to approve the Archive Workers' Salaries through the 2010-2011 grant awarded to Roslyn UFSD by the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) attached as **(Attachment P.3)**.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Ms. Kline absent) to approve Agenda Item numbered P.1 as amended, P.2 and P.3.

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 contract 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: South Huntington UFSD
Services: Health & welfare services for 2 Roslyn residents attending private school in South Huntington UFSD for 2010-2011 school year
Fees: \$732.84 per student
Total estimated to be \$1,465.68

(ii) Contractor: Port Washington UFSD
Services: Health & welfare services for 7 Roslyn residents attending private school in Port Washington UFSD for 2010-2011 school year
Fees: \$829.58 per student
Total estimated to be \$5,807.06

B.2. Recommendation to approve the intent to participate in the Joint Materials & Supplies (Bus, Van & Auto Parts) Bid with Garden City UFSD, Herricks UFSD, Mineola UFSD, Great Neck UFSD, Levittown UFSD, North Shore Central School District, Port Washington UFSD, East Rockaway School District, Roslyn UFSD, Long Beach UFSD, Island Park UFSD and Plainedge School District in Nassau County, New York to bid jointly for Materials and Supplies (Bus & Auto Parts) and

WHEREAS, the Roslyn Union Free School District is desirous of participating with other school districts in Nassau County in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 and

WHEREAS, the Roslyn Union Free School District wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Boards of Education and making recommendations thereon, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby appoints David Shoob for the Roslyn School District to represent it in all matters related above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Roslyn Union Free School District Board of Education authorizes the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Roslyn Union Free School District Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding,

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Roslyn Union Free School District Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by the majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all business directly with the successful bidder(s)

- B.3.** Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$1,149.69 to BBS – Burton Behrendt Smith Architecture Engineering for architectural services rendered to the district pertaining to the ADA Toilet Renovation District Wide (Reimbursable Expenses) [Funds will be deducted from the 2010-2011 Capital Budget Codes H2110.245.08.1104; H2110.245.04.1103; H2110.245.06.1106; H2110.245.09.1105; H2110.245.07.1107].
- B.4.** Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$172.72 to BBS – Burton Behrendt Smith Architecture Engineering for architectural services rendered to the district pertaining to the Alterations of Lecture Room B at the Roslyn High School (Reimbursable Expenses) [Funds will be deducted from the 2007-2008 Capital Budget Code H2110.245.08.2805].
- B.5.** Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$74.06 to BBS – Burton Behrendt Smith Architecture Engineering for architectural services rendered to the district pertaining to the Administration Building Lower Level Renovations (Reimbursable Expenses) [Funds will be deducted from the 2009-2010 Capital Budget Code H2110.245.03.1005].
- B.6.** Recommendation to approve a budget appropriation transfer request in the amount of \$6,000.00 from A1621.450.03.9000.310 (Maintenance Supplies – prior balance \$59,682.32) to A5510.430.03.3600.510 (Contract Services Maintenance Vehicles – prior balance \$2,042.36) [To cover the cost of repairs to the Maintenance Vehicles].
- B.7.** Recommendation to approve a budget expense transfer request in the amount of \$39,348.20 from A1680.200.03.9000.311 (Computer Equipment – prior balance \$72,085.71) to A2630.450.03.1100.311 (Computer Supplies (District wide) - prior balance \$108,234.57) [To correct expenditure on PO11-01677 for toner cartridges. Supply incorrectly coded to equipment].
- B.8.** Recommendation to approve the attached capital appropriation transfer. [To transfer monies from 2007-2008 Capital Budget Unallocated Funds to HS Lecture Room B Engineers Fees] **(Attachment B.8.)**
- B.9.** Recommendation that, the Board of Education hereby, accepts the gift, from Ms. Laurie Schoenberg, teacher at the High School, of one white Amana 21 cubic ft top freezer, bottom refrigerator, model #ATB2132ARW; serial #54438702JR for the High School Art Department in the “kitchen area”. This donation will have no impact on the current budget.
- B.10.** Recommendation to declare surplus and dispose of 25 books of Shelly Cashman Series

Office 2003 from the High School which are no longer used for any constructive educational purposes.

B.11. Recommendation to accept the following Extra-classroom activity fund reports:

(Attachment B.11)

Middle School: February 2011

High School: February 2011

Mr. Stern moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Ms. Kline absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4, B.5, B.6, B.7, B.8, B.9, B.10 and B.11.

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 March 9, 2011 and March 15, 2011.

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 February 28, 2011, March 1, 2011, March 2, 2011, March 3, 2011, March 4, 2011, March 7, 2011, March 8, 2011, March 10, 2011 and March 11, 2011.

C&I.3 Recommendation to approve James Mumma to attend the AP Annual Conference in San Francisco, California from July 20 through 23, 2011 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,933.76.

C&I.4 Recommendation to approve Richard Ritter to attend the Walsworth Yearbook Advisors' Academy in Kansas City, Missouri from June 27 to 30, 2011 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,537.84.

C&I.5 Recommendation to approve Allyson Weseley to attend the She Roars: Celebrating Women at Princeton Conference in Princeton, New Jersey from April 29 to 30, 2011 at an estimated cost to the district of \$328.20.

C&I.6 Recommendation to approve Tara Berkowitz to attend instructors' training in Zumba in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania from June 17 to 18, 2011 at an estimated cost to the district of \$784.52.

Dr. Valauri moved, seconded by Mr. Haber and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Ms. Kline absent) to approve Agenda items numbered C&I.1, C&I.2, C&I.3, C&I.4, C&I.5 and C&I.6.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOE.1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the Board of Education and SCOPE Education Services for the purpose of the operation of an Employee Day Care Program in accordance with the terms and conditions of the attached hereto. (Tabled from 3/31/11)

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

BOE.2 Recommendation to add Destination Science to the Approved Advertisers List in accordance with Policy #1511 (**Attachment BOE.2**).

BOE.3 RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby adopts the budget in the amount of \$97,634,983 to be presented to the qualified voters of the district at the Annual Meeting on May 17, 2011, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the submission to the State Education Department and publication of the attached Property Tax Report Card. (**Attachment BOE.3-Revised ADDENDUM**)

Dr. Valauri moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Ms. Kline absent) to approve Agenda Item numbered BOE.1, BOE.2 and BOE.3.

Mr. Dragone announced a copy of the budget is available at each school, the business office, central administration and the Bryant Library.

Public Comments #2 - The following items were discussed during public comments: a resident spoke about the passing of a long-time friend and resident, Mr. Richard Eschmann. On behalf of the seniors at the Village of East Hills, he thanked Mr. Dragone and Dr. Brenner for sharing the budget and he urged the board to further consideration cutting into the fund balance and/or reserve. A resident spoke about the scientific studies that supported the administration's decision to start high school later.

Ms. Ben-Levy spoke about the showing of the "Race to Nowhere" and the presentation to the community and asked what , if anything, can we do about it. Dr. Brenner spoke that the movie talked about sleep and we addressed that. It also talked about the mania the top schools' list generates and we didn't provide it by choice. Additionally, he explained that conversations have started about homework and how much homework is appropriate. There have been a number of healthy conversations with teachers (k-12) and Dr. Brenner spoke to expect major differences with respect to homework next year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Stern moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Ms. Kline absent) to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Mr. Stern moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Ms. Kline absent) to adjourn at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathie L. Britt

**Cathie L. Britt
District Clerk**