

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

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

8:30 p.m.

Held in the Roslyn High School Cafeteria

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 &
Assistant Superintendent for Business
Assistant Superintendent for Administration
Instruction
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 8:40 p.m. and the Board reconvened in Public Session in the Administration Building Board Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Staff/Student Recognition

Dr. Brenner asked Mr. Scanlon to acknowledge the accomplishments and to present the following students and staff with a certificate of recognition.

Students:

Julia Edelman – For writing the book and lyrics for the original musical “AirHeart”

Daniel Pollack – For advancing to the American Chemical Society’s National Exam Level of the 2011 Chemistry Olympiad

Staff:

Brad Frey – For composing the music and directing the original musical “AirHeart”

Larry Reiff – For being named as an Apple Distinguished Educator. Mr. Reiff is one of only two teachers on Long Island to receive this honor.

Dr. Brenner spoke about Caroline Trezza who won 2nd place and a \$35,000 prize in the national Young Epidemiology Scholars competition. She will be recognized at an upcoming board meeting.

Recommendation to accept the Treasurer’s Report for February 2011 (**Attachment T**)

Mr. Dragone presented and discussed the Treasurer’s Report with the Board.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Ms. Kline and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern absent) to accept the Treasurer’s Report for February 2011.

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting(s):
April 14, 2011

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Haber and it was carried by a vote of 5-0-1 (Mr. Stern absent and Ms. Kline abstained since she was not present at this meeting) to accept the April 14, 2011 meeting minutes.

Board President’s Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy wished everyone a nice break and welcomed back all to the last part of the school year. She encouraged all to attend ***Eclectic Electric*** this Saturday, April 30th at 7:00pm at the high school and she announced the Marching Band Fans will be holding their annual recognition night next Friday, May 6th in the high school. All are welcome to attend.

Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Brenner went to the middle school this evening to see the 5th grade science fair and he spoke it was a sight to behold. It’s clear why we have a strong science program in the secondary schools, based on the amazing work accomplished by the 5th grade students. On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy congratulated all for a successful 2nd Annual 5th Grade Science Fair.

Student Delegate's Comments

Ms. Berman spoke that the OCC is focusing on spring fundraisers and the talent show, aimed at raising money to be donated to the victims in Japan. She spoke about upcoming events, including the 2nd annual car wash, junior dance and senior prom. The OCC is also looking into different ways to improve upon the already very successful end of year BBQ and she mentioned the OCC had notified students about the new club leadership form.

Discussion Item(s):

1. Introduction of Candidates Recommended for Tenure

Tenured Employee Reception

Dr. Brenner stated it is a great evening in which the district recognizes and acknowledges the hard work of a number of individuals. It is a significant milestone in one's career and from his perspective it is a time to celebrate the gifts and talents of our teachers. In recent times, the word tenure has conjured up a lot of thoughts and opinion in the paper, however, tonight is about honoring those hard working teachers who got to this point by completing tremendous rigors. Dr. Brenner added it's not about tenure, but rather acknowledging a body of work at this point in your career that is meaningful and tonight we dedicate this time for the district to say thank you.

Administrators

Wood, Mary

Subject Area

Assistant Principal

Building

Harbor Hill

Teacher

Brown, Elizabeth

Guidance

High School

Cottone, Michael

Grade 5

East Hills

DiBenedetto, Sergio

Special Education

Middle School

Edelman, Marc

Mathematics

High School

Gillen, Kaitlin

Spanish

Middle School

Kaufman, Sallykaye

Business

High School

Kelly, Jennifer

Art

Harbor Hill

Kennedy-Hoar, Gail

Guidance

High School

Lehn, Sara

English

Middle School

Molina, Iris

Foreign Language

Middle School

Oliver, Tiffany

Special Education

Middle School

Valente, Jessica

Spanish

High School

Teacher Assistants:

Brue, Lauren

Heights

Dier, Lisa

East Hills

Johnsen, Kate

Heights

McKeown, Kristin

Harbor Hill

[Meeting adjourned for 30 minutes to celebrate tenure appointments]

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)**

P.2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs./Day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping Systems (Y / N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)	Tier 1 (Check only if member is in Tier 1)	Not Submitted (Check box if no record of activities or timekeeping system)
Claims Auditor	Dianne Sheffield	xxx-xx- —		7	07/15/2010 thru 06/30/2011	No	5.86	No	✓
District Clerk	Cathie Britt	xxx-xx- —		7	06/30/2010 thru 06/30/2011	No	20 days during months with 2 payrolls 30 days during months with 3 payrolls	No	✓
District Treasurer	Vivian Zhang	xxx-xx- —		7	08/17/2010 thru 06/30/2011	No	5.86	No	✓

Ms. Kline moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern absent) to approve Agenda Item numbered P.1 and 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 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: Manhasset Union Free School District
Services: Health & welfare services for 18 Roslyn residents attending private school in Manhasset UFSD for 2010-2011 school year
Fees: \$856.16 per student
Total estimated to be \$15,410.88

B.2. Bid for Driver Education Program – High School

Bid advertised: March 17, 2011
Bid mailed: March 17, 2011
Bid opening: April 7, 2011
Number of invitations to bid mailed: 4
Number of bids received: 1

Recommendation that award based on low cost satisfactorily meeting specifications be made to BELL AUTO SCHOOL, INC. of Manhasset, NY 11030 in the amount of \$305.00 per student. Estimated total cost is \$43,920.00 (based on student enrollment last year of 144).

Estimated total cost is within budget allocation for the 2011-12 budget.

Award is subject to approval of the budget by the voters.

- B.3.** Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$27,832.29 to Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district for the period ending 3/31/2011. (Total allocated \$350,000, total spent through March 31, 2011 \$164,352.75)
- B.4** Recommendation to declare surplus and dispose of 107 Simplex Time Recorder Co. classroom clocks with Model #63109132 or Modified #7645 (no asset tags) from the High School which are no longer operational.
- B.5.** Recommendation to declare surplus and dispose of 7 auditorium 3 step 8-18, grey risers, part #024F806 (no asset tags) from the High School which are no longer operational.

Mr. Saffron 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 and B.5.

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 16, 2011 March 21, 2011 and March 23, 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 March 11, 2011; March 14, 2011; March 15, 2011; March 17, 2011; March 18, 2011; March 21, 2011 and March 25, 2011.

C&I.3. Recommendation to approve Eric Chocianowski and 1 student to attend the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, California from May 8 through 14, 2011 at an estimated cost to the district of \$5,097.66.

C&I.4. Recommendation to approve Cherie Totillo to attend the Washington, DC college tour (University of Maryland, Georgetown University, G.W. University, American University) from May 19 through 21, 2011 at an estimated cost to the district of \$900.82.

C&I.5. Recommendation to approve 7 students and 3 chaperones from the Forensic Club to attend the Forensic Grand National Tournament in Washington, DC from May 26 through 29, 2011 at an estimated cost to the district of \$7,939.00. [Fundraising 33% - \$2,590.21 and School Contribution 67% - \$5,348.79]

C&I.6. Recommendation to approve Vincent Kreyling to attend the 2011 Bonsai Seminar in Rochester, New York from June 3 to 5, 2011 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,525.70.

Ms. Kline moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern 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 NASSAU BOCES BUDGET & TRUSTEE DISCUSSION & RESOLUTIONS:

[A] BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby approves the Nassau BOCES Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$18,947,178.00.

[B] BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby casts its votes to fill these THREE (3) BOCES Board seats effective July 1, 2011 from the candidates so nominated: Deborah Coates, Eric Schultz and Stephen B. Witt.

The board and the administration entered into a discussion regarding the proposed budget for the Nassau BOCES Budget and Trustee Vote.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Ms. Kline and it was carried by a vote of 5-0-1 (Mr. Stern absent and Mr. Haber abstained) to approve Agenda Item numbered BOE.1[A].

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Ms. Kline and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern absent) to approve Agenda Item numbered BOE.1[B] to cast a vote for candidates Deborah Coates and Stephen B. Witt.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Ms. Kline and it was carried by a vote of 2-4-0 (Mr. Saffron and Mr. Seinfeld voted yes; Ms. Ben-Levy, Ms. Kline, Mr. Haber and Dr. Valauri voted no) and, therefore, it was decided to not cast a vote for candidate Eric Schultz listed under Agenda Item numbered BOE.1[B].

BOE.2 Recommendation to add The YMCA at Glen Cove to the Approved Advertisers List in accordance with Policy #1511 (**Attachment BOE.2**).

BOE.3 Recommendation to adopt the revised 2011-2012 Board of Education Calendar of Meetings, (**Attachment BOE.3**).

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

Public Comments #2 – no public comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Ms. Kline and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern absent) to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathie L. Britt

**Cathie L. Britt
District Clerk**