

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

Thursday, May 5, 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
Stanley D. Stern
Bruce G. Valauri

ALSO PRESENT

Dan Brenner, Ph.D
Allison Brown
Joseph C. Dragone
Edward A. Salina, Jr., Ed.D

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

Cathie L. Britt
Nicole Berman

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 8:40 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

Recommendation to accept check warrants for March 2011 (reviewed by Mr. Stern).

TABLED

Mr. Seinfeld moved, seconded by Mr. Stern and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to TABLE the check warrants for March 2011.

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting(s):

April 27, 2011

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Ms. Kline and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to accept the April 27, 2011 meeting minutes.

Student/Staff Recognition

Dr. Brenner spoke it was his pleasure to acknowledge a number of students and one teacher, Mr. Alejandro Elena, for all their amazing and wonderful accomplishments. He asked Mr. Scanlon to present a certificate of recognition to Mr. Alejandro Elena, and Dr. Weseley recognized the following students for their accomplishments. The Board recognized and thanked Dr. Allison Weseley and all the honorees for their hard work and accomplishments.

Alejandro Elena – Distinguished Teacher of 2011 by the Harvard Club of Long Island

Young Epidemiology Scholars
2nd Place (National Competition)

Caroline Trezza

Qualified for the International Science and Engineering Fair

Sarah Pak

Evan Schneider

Ecybermission

1st Place in NY State and Region

Anvit Kalra-Lall

Ross Kaplan

Andrew Penner

Ecybermission

2nd Place in NY State

Cassandra Chan

Oona Intemann

Raina Kamdar

Jacqueline Steinberg

Qualified for New York State Science Congress

Rachel Freeberg

Benjamin Kornick

Daniel Sikavi

Christie Wang

Budget Hearing

[Even though the law requires a “Budget Hearing”, please understand that the law also requires that nothing can be changed in the budget at this time. This “hearing” is purely informational.]

Mr. Dragone explained the district is required by law to conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget. All the budget information which has been presented to date is available on the district’s website. He reiterated that the budget increase proposed is 1.9% and the contingent cap is 1.92%; the budget proposed is actually less than the contingent cap would require. The tax levy increase is 1.93%, but he noted this is not the same as the tax rate or tax bill. Mr. Dragone suggested the budget hearing be closed and indicated he will continue to be available for questions.

Board President’s Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy spoke about the beautiful artwork displayed in the board room. She encouraged all to attend tomorrow night’s Marching Band Fans annual recognition night at the high school and the middle school Art Exhibition at the library starting Monday, May 9, 2011.

Superintendent’s Comments - Dr. Brenner had no additional comments at this time.

Student Delegate’s Comments

Ms. Berman stated the junior dance is next Friday and the car wash will be held on May 21, 2011 in the high school circle by the front entrance. The Talent Show is scheduled for May 27, 2011 with the proceeds going to benefit the victims in Japan and planning is under way for the end of year BBQ. The club leadership forms are due this Friday and the OCC election will be held June 3, 2011.

Discussion Item(s):

1. Update on Cafeteria

Dr. Brenner explained we are on a tight timeline and he asked Mr. Mohrman to provide the Board with an update. Mr. Mohrman stated the insurance certificates are in and the performance bond has been approved. Air testing has been completed and the final report is on file in Mr. Mohrman’s office. He explained there have been some unforeseen items discovered during the demolition process, including the discovery of a wall within a wall and some minor asbestos. The cost for the additional work will be calculated based on square footage and an advisory will be provided to the board and administration shortly. The Nassau County Dept. of Health approved the plans. Mr. Mohrman reported the project is on schedule and the kitchen equipment has been ordered. The chairs and tables will be ordered within the next two weeks. Dr. Brenner will provide color samples to the board and he mentioned the cafeteria will have air conditioning.

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

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.

The following items were discussed during public comments: a resident spoke about a letter sent to the board on behalf of 30 Roslyn residents regarding the budget and proposition #4.

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. 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)**.

Dr. Salina moved from the floor to add items numbered #2 and #3 to the Personnel Action Report, P.2 Classified, as follows (Addendum).

Item	Name	Action	Civil Service Title	Class	Type of App't	Location	From	To	Salary Schedule Step & Rate
2	Sikona Blagrove	Termination	Bus Driver p/t	Non-Comp		Bus Garage		5/5/11	
3	Sikona Blagrove	Appointment	Bus Driver	Non-Comp	Prob. 6 mos.	Bus Garage	5/9/11		Per RCDBMA Contract Step 1 \$51,619

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

Dr. Brenner spoke that it is with regret and with pleasure that we accept Dr. Salina's resignation as he is moving on to be the Superintendent of the Plainedge School District. Dr. Salina stated that it has been his pleasure to work for the Roslyn School District for the past 10 years. He expressed his thanks to the board and administration for allowing him to flourish, to build on exciting ideas and to participate in what he believes to be the number one school district. On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy thanked Dr. Salina for all his hard work and for bringing the District into the 21st century.

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: Jericho Union Free School District
Services: One student from Jericho UFSD to attend Special Class in Roslyn Middle School for the 2011-12 school year.
Fees: \$ 81,789.00 - 10-month School Year Tuition
Total estimated to be \$ 81,789.00 (Roslyn to receive).

- (ii) Contractor: Jericho Union Free School District
Services: One student from Jericho UFSD to attend Special Class in East Hills Elementary School for the Summer 2011 and for the 2011-12 school year.
Fees: \$ 12,135.92 – Summer Tuition
\$ 75,326.00 – 10-month School Year Tuition
Total estimated to be \$ 87,461.92 (Roslyn to receive).

- (iii) Contractor: North Shore Union Free School District
Services: One student from North Shore UFSD to attend special class in Roslyn Middle School for the Summer 2011 and for the 2011-12 school year.
Fees: \$ 13,177.02 – Summer Tuition
\$ 81,789.00 – 10-month School Year Tuition
Total estimated to be \$ 94,966.02 (Roslyn to receive).

- (iv) Contractor: North Shore Union Free School District
Services: One student from North Shore UFSD to attend special class in Roslyn High School for the 2011-12 school year.
Fees: \$ 81,789.00 – 10-month School Year Tuition
Total estimated to be \$ 81,789.00 (Roslyn to receive).

- (v) Contractor: Port Washington Union Free School District
Services: One student from Port Washington UFSD to attend the Hilltop Academy for the 2011-2012 school year.
Fees: \$ 70,000.00 - 10-month School Year Tuition
Total estimated to be \$ 70,000.00 (Roslyn to receive).

B.2 Recommendation to accept the following Extraclassroom activity fund reports:
Attachment B.2.

Middle School: March 2011
High School: March 2011

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Stern and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve Agenda Items numbered B.1 and B.2.

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 April 12, 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 16, 2011, March 30, 2011 and March 31, 2011.

Ms. Brown moved from the floor to add Curriculum and Instruction agenda item numbered C&I.3 as follows.

C&I.3 Recommendation to approve Allyson Weseley and 3 students to attend the eCYBERMISSION National Judging and Education Event in Washington, DC from June 22 through 24, 2011 at an estimated cost to the District of \$1,719.44.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOE.1 Recommendation to nominate the following two Board members to serve as co-chairpersons of the Annual Election and Budget Vote to be held on May 17, 2011: Nominee(s): Meryl Waxman Ben-Levy, President and Clifford Saffron, Vice President.

Mr. Stern moved, seconded by Mr. Seinfeld and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve Agenda Item numbered BOE.1.

Public Comments #2 - The following items were discussed during public comments: RTA president, Eleanor Russell, spoke that the telephone music be changed to original pieces.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Stern and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:30p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Stern and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn at 11:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathie L. Britt

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District Clerk