

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

Thursday, October 7, 2010

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

ALSO PRESENT

Dan Brenner, Ph.D	Superintendent
Allison Brown	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Joseph C. Dragone	Assistant Superintendent for Business
Edward A. Salina, Jr., Ed.D	Assistant Superintendent for Administration
Cathie L. Britt	District Clerk
Nicole Berman	Student Delegate

ABSENT

Stanley D. Stern

7:00 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

Dr. Brenner asked Mr. Scanlon to present a certificate of recognition to the following students who earned the distinction of becoming the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Competition Semi-Finalists.

Brian Chen
Scott Gladstone
Se-Young Yoon

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting(s):
September 16², 2010

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

Recommendation to accept check warrants for August 2010 (reviewed by Mr. Stern).
POSTPONED until the October 21, 2010 board meeting (Mr. Stern absent).

Recommendation to accept Treasurer's Report(s) for:

1. June 2010 (**Attachment T1, page 7**)
2. July 2010 (**Attachment T2, page 53**)
3. August 2010 (**Attachment T3, page 61**)

Mr. Dragone presented and discussed with the Board the Treasurer's Reports for June 2010, July 2010 and August 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 Reports for June 2010, July 2010 and August 2010.

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy made the following statement on behalf of the administration and Board of Education: *"The board and administration are disappointed that the Middle School fields are not playable for the fall session. We are currently reviewing the condition of the Middle School fields so we can undertake the measures necessary in an effort to ensure that the fields are playable for the spring athletics."*

Ms. Ben-Levy moved and motioned from the floor to add Agenda Item numbered BOE.5, which was seconded by Mr. Saffron for the Board to consider the resolution as listed under the Board of Education section, Agenda Item numbered BOE.5.

Ms. Ben-Levy explained the resolution listed under BOE.5 was drafted on behalf of the Nassau Suffolk School Boards Association (N-SSBA). On Monday morning, Ms. Ben-Levy attended a legislative session of the Nassau County legislature where the county budget was discussed and it was clear funding for the county guarantee was absent from

this year's budget. Nassau County is in a unique legal position in that for the past 60 years the county has assessed property and has guaranteed to refund the prevailing tax certiorari refunds to homeowners. She explained the law prescribing this has been challenged three to four times, including a successful challenge from the NSSBA, however, the issue is now back. In addition, the County Executive is considering introducing a law that would repeal the guarantee. What could this mean to schools? This means that school districts would have no power to assess, but would have the obligation to refund.

Lorraine Deller, Executive Director of the N-SSBA and two N-SSBA board members were present during this meeting as well as Ms. Ben-Levy and other school districts board members who were given an opportunity to speak. It was emphasized this could result in an increase to our budget which would have no direct impact to the educational or instructional process. Ms. Ben-Levy continued that the County Executive and others are in a desperate situation, so as this issue progresses, it will be revealed this is nothing more than cloaking as a tax saving measure the shifting of moving the tax burden.

Why a resolution? To allow the school districts to unite and communicate this is a schools' issue, not a political issue. On October 18, 2010 there will be another meeting of the County Legislature and the N-SSBA has urged all school districts to attend and Ms. Ben-Levy invited and encouraged all to attend the meeting on October 18, 2010 as well.

The Board unanimously voted to support the resolution by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern absent).

Ms. Ben-Levy directed the District Clerk to notify Lorraine Deller, Executive Director of N-SSBA that the Roslyn Board of Education unanimously voted in support of the resolution presented.

Mr. Seinfeld discussed another issue which he said was not dissimilar to this issue, as it pertains to the changes the State Education Department has proposed with respect to testing. We now know that the language proficiency exam in 8th grade is no longer being written by the state but rather the individual school districts. Instead of one entity writing the exam, they are attempting to save money by passing the test writing component down to the districts which could result in hundreds of different exams with thousands of different people involved. This action by the State Education Department will result in significant redundancies and duplication of costs. He suggested that down the road we may want to consider having this discussion with other school districts. Ms. Kline noted how does this answer to standardization when, in fact, it would appear we are going backwards.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Brenner recognized Harbor Hill for the artwork adorning the walls of the board room. He spoke that the district is piloting a paperless board meeting using iPads, starting with the superintendents. The district will also be piloting an iPad program with the high

school. Dr. Brenner attended with Dr. Salina, along with 40 counselors from the county, a presentation by a Harvard representative regarding their college acceptance process. They participated in an exercise to analyze applications to determine which ones would be accepted. The representative explained they reject three times the number of students they accept who they openly acknowledged are absolutely convinced would be successful at Harvard. It was an excellent exercise in the arbitrariness of the acceptance process. Dr. Brenner reiterated what he has said several times before that there is no perfect school for your child because we know for a fact that it is arbitrary and we could have never predicted the outcome. Dr. Salina thanked Mr. Mandel and Mr. Scanlon for inviting the surrounding districts to participate in this and he thanked for the PFA for supplying lunch and refreshments.

Dr. Brenner also said he was reluctant to sign on to the Race to the Top, because he truly believed for the amount of money we would gain that we would be expending more dollars. It now appears that we have to do the work whether we want to or not and he read a statement from one of his colleagues that summarized the position school districts are in.

Mr. Dragone spoke that Ernie Smith approached him a month ago to ask if the Roslyn School District would be willing to host formal audit committee training. He said it's truly a reflection of where Roslyn has come and a reflection that our audit committee is among the best in the state in terms of their operations, its focus, its determination and persistence. With the board's permission, Mr. Dragone announced the district will be holding an audit committee training course on Saturday, January 22, 2010 run by SUNY Oswego and taught by Ernie Smith and his staff.

Having heard that, Ms. Ben-Levy recognized the board member who tirelessly championed that effort and the board and administration recognized and thanked Mr. Cliff Saffron.

Ms. Brown announced that the Marching Band took 2nd place at Whitman last Saturday.

Student Delegate's Comments

Ms. Berman said Homecoming was wonderful and the students from the high school went to the lower schools for mini-pep rallies. She said the pep rally was cancelled, but the parade was awesome.

Mr. Saffron spoke about how well attended and the spectacular event "Friday Night Lights" was. He heard from many residents how nice it was for the kids of the district to be on the high school campus cheering enthusiastically for their friends. Mr. Saffron asked the administration to look at the possibility of making this a more frequent event.

Ms. Ben-Levy recognized Mr. Seinfeld, his wife and their two sons who celebrated the senior triumph of his younger son. Mr. Seinfeld said it was very meaningful moment as a parent. Dr. Valauri spoke about his daughters' wonderful experience during "spirit week"

where they attended the mini-rally. He spoke about the book fair at Harbor Hill, attended the soccer match Friday evening, the pancake breakfast on Saturday morning and marched in the parade as well.

Ms. Berman reported the OCC will have a newsletter this year and they are getting ready for Halloween in a few weeks.

Discussion Item(s):

1. Audit Report

Susan Barossi, Partner and Marc Traina, Manager of O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins, LLP presented the Auditor's Report to the Board.

Mr. Haber asked about the school lunch fund deficit, which is approximately \$850,000. He asked how the district should handle this deficit if this continues and for the sake of simplicity feels it is misleading to run a reserve balance. Ms. Barossi explained a "reserve" is defined as a hold to the advancement of the school lunch fund and she explained this is the way school district fund accounting requires how this deficit is reported. Further, it would be up to the board to decide how to address this deficit. Mr. Saffron explained this was a situation that was inherited and in the past was not as transparent as it is today, in that it was a deficit that was unreserved. Dr. Brenner explained if we wipe out the deficit it still doesn't solve the fact that the school lunch will continue to run at a deficit.

On behalf of the Board of Education and administration, Mr. Saffron thanked Ms. Barossi and Mr. Traina for a job well done and he thanked Abel Picardi, Walter Reed and Prahbat Kumar for the hours they spent discussing and reviewing the audit.

Mr. Saffron also stated that the board is going to ask the auditor's to analyze and evaluate the business office and the functions that are performed to develop possible training needs.

For a complete copy of the Auditor's Report to the Board, please visit the district's website.

2. Explanation of State Assessments (Allison Brown) **(Attachment D.I. 2, page 71)**

- 3/8 Assessments
- Regents
- AP

Ms. Brown gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the State Assessments. Ms. Kline asked about ABCalc, Studio Art 2D and European history and the range of scores the students received, with a focus on how to address the lower end of the scale. Mr. Scanlon explained students who received the lower end scores are

generally seniors who have basically checked out since they have already been accepted to college.

Dr. Brenner acknowledged Ms. Kline's point was valid and he discussed the course sequencing, since the class ends in January and the AP exam is given in June. Dr. Brenner explained the flaw isn't in the sequencing but rather the half semester class and he further explained that possibly the better approach may be for the course to meet using the every-other-day model for the entire year.

Ms. Kline asked if the regent's data will be presented to the same level of detail as show in the chart for NYS Grade 3 ELA. Ms. Kline explained one of the difficulties was it allowed us to correct Physics, but you lost a number of students along the way. Ms. Brown responded that it will absolutely be presented in this format since we have the functionality available through Educational Vistas. The teacher will be able to look at their current class as well as their last class to see where the gaps are.

Dr. Brenner explained, of the \$700 million dollars for Race to the Top, \$360 million will be spent on creating the new exams which are unknown to school districts at this time.

3. SAVE Plan

As required by state law, Dr. Brenner explained the SAVE Binder was distributed to each board member for their review and the plan must be adopted by the board within 30 days of receipt.

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: Ms. Russell commented that we should focus on teaching our students to think and not just test taking techniques and a resident spoke about why we make the seniors sit for AP exams in June.

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

Dr. Salina moved from the floor to amend Agenda Items numbered #79 and #80 to correct the end date to reflect 03/21/11, he further moved to withdraw Personnel Agenda Item P.1 Item numbered #84 and to add Items numbered #85, #86, #87, #88, #89, #90, #91, #92 and #93 to the Personnel Action Report. (See Addendum, Appendix A, P.1 Professional).

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 85)**

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 91)**

Dr. Salina moved from the floor to add Personnel Agenda Item numbered P.3 as follows (Addendum).

P.3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the salary increase of 1% for part-time Bus Drivers for the 2010-2011 school year.

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 P.1 as amended, P.2 and the addition of P.3.

BUSINESS/FINANCE:

ALL ITEMS ON THE BUSINESS/FINANCE PORTION OF THE AGENDA ARE WITHIN THE BUDGET UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

BUSINESS/FINANCE:

B1. 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.)

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| (i) | Contractor: | Extraordinary Pediatrics, P.C. |
| | Services: | Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy services for the period of September 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011 |
| | Fees: | \$ 45.00 / 30 minute individual session
\$ 67.50 / 45 minute individual session
\$ 90.00 / 60 minute individual session |

\$ 30.00 / student / 30 minute group session
\$ 40.00 / 30 minute consultation
\$ 80.00 / 60 minute consultation
Total estimated to be \$100,000.

- (ii) Contractor: All About Kids – Amendment
Services: Parent training for the period of July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011
Fees: \$ 42.00 / 30 minute 1-9 children
\$ 40.00 / 30 minute 10-14 children
\$ 38.00 / 30 minutes 15 or more children
[This is an amendment to the All About Kids Contract approved by the BOE on August 5, 2010 Item B.1.(ii)]

B.2. Recommendation to approve the following flow-through contracts: [The Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) requires the use of federal flow-through funding for pre-school and school age disabled children. The 611 Grant is for all students; the 619 Grant is an additional amount for students 5 years or younger]

- (i) Contractor: Anderson School
Services: Instructional services for 2 students for the 2010-2011 school year
Fees:
611 Grant
\$2,136.00 per student (2 students)
Total will be \$4,272.00
- (ii) Contractor: Association for Children with Down Syndrome
Services: Instructional services for 2 students for the 2010-2011 school year
Fees:
611 Grant
\$2,136.00 per student (2 students)
619 Grant
\$ 777.00 per student (2 students)
Total will be \$5,826.00
- (iii) Contractor: Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
Services: Instructional services for 6 students for the 2010-2011 school year
Fees:
611 Grant
\$2,136.00 per student (6 students)
619 Grant
\$ 777.00 per student (5 students)
Total will be \$16,701.00
- (iv) Contractor: United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau

Services: Instructional services for 1 student for the 2010-2011 school year
Fees:
611 Grant
\$2,136.00 per student (1 student)
619 Grant
\$ 777.00 per student (1 student)
Total will be \$ 2,913.00

(v) Contractor: Variety Child Learning Center
Services: Instructional services for 1 student for the 2010-11 school year
Fees:
611 Grant
\$2,136.00 per student (1 student)
619 Grant
\$ 777.00 per student (1 student)
Total will be \$2,913.00

- B.3.** Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$12,576.85 to Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district for the period ending 8/31/10.
- B.4.** Recommendation that, pursuant to receipt of a donation in the amount of \$263.44 from Joseph Dragone, the Board of Education hereby, accepts the money and increases the balance in the FINA Fund (TE0301) by \$263.44.
- B.5.** Recommendation that, pursuant to receipt of a gift in the amount of \$931.19 from Target, the Board of Education hereby accepts the gift, approves the expenditure of funds for the purpose of purchasing supplies for the Columbia Reading Program. This will increase the appropriation in A2110-450-07-9000-701 (Teaching Supplies HH) by \$931.19 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.
- B.6 Recommendation** to approve Susan Warren to attend the Fall Business Management Workshop in Albany from November 30 through December 2, 2010 at an estimated cost to the district of \$992.

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, B.5 and B.6.

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 September 13, 2010 and September 20, 2010.

- C&I.2 Recommendation** for the Roslyn Board of Education to approve the contract between Educational Vistas, Inc. and the Roslyn School District for the purchase of NYS Assessment Scoring and DataMate Reporting at an estimated cost of \$44,570.00.
- C&I.3 Recommendation** to approve Michael Coffey and 2 students to attend the NYSSMA Winter Conference in Rochester, New York from December 2 through December 6, 2010 at an estimated cost to the district of \$3,643.00.
- C&I.4 Recommendation** to approve 100 members of the Roslyn High School Marching Band and 11 chaperones to attend the NYS Field Band Conference Championship in Syracuse, NY from October 30 through November 2, 2010 at an estimated cost to the district of \$21,170.00. [Total cost of trip is \$39,170.00, 46% is Student Contribution = \$18,000.00 and 54% is School Contribution = \$21,170.00.]
- C&I.5 Recommendation** to approve 16 students and 2 chaperones to attend the DECA North Atlantic Regional Conference NYS Field Band Conference Championship in Washington, DC from November 11 through November 14, 2010 at an estimated cost to the district of \$2,209.00. [Total cost of trip is \$12,823.78, 83% is Student Contribution = \$10,614.78 and 17% is School Contribution = \$2,209.00.]
- C&I.6 Recommendation** to approve Sarah Resti to attend the 73rd Annual New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Verona, New York from November 17 through November 19, 2010 at an estimated cost to the district of \$779.00.
- C&I.7 Recommendation** to approve Jill Scheinberg to attend the 73rd Annual New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Verona, New York from November 17 through November 20, 2010 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,251.25.
- C&I.8 Recommendation** to approve Vera Trenchfield to attend the 73rd Annual New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Verona, New York from November 17 through November 19, 2010 at an estimated cost to the district of \$963.58.
- C&I.9 Recommendation** to approve Melissa Vanco to go on visits to the following colleges: Cortland, Ithaca, Binghamton, Cornell, and Syracuse from October 25 through October 26, 2010 at an estimated cost to the district of \$268.37.
- C&I.10 Recommendation** for the Roslyn Board of Education to approve the contract between The Reading & Writing Project Network LLC and the Roslyn School District for the 2010-2011 school year for professional development and site-based coaching, principal conference memberships, subscription calendar

workshops and transportation reimbursement for staff developers for a total of \$96,150.00.

Ms. Brown moved from the floor to add the following Curriculum and Instruction agenda item numbered C&I.11 (Addendum).

C&I.11 Recommendation to approve Lawrence Reiff to attend the New York State English Council 2010 Conference in Albany, New York from October 21 through 22, 2010 at an estimated cost to the District of \$453.00.

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 C&I.1, C&I.2, C&I.3, C&I.4, C&I.5, C&I.6, C&I.7, C&I.8, C&I.9 and C&I.10 and the addition of C&I.11.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOE.1 WHEREAS, the District received the annual audit report from its external auditor on or about October 1, 2010;

WHEREAS, such annual audit report was reviewed by the District Audit Committee;

WHEREAS, based upon such review, the Audit Committee recommends that the Board of Education accept the annual audit report;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, hereby accepts the annual audit report prepared by Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis Division of O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins, LLP.

BOE.2. Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$3,500 to Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis Division of O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins, LLP. for additional services rendered to the district for the audit of federal funds received through the ARRA program. **[TABLED]**

BOE.3 Recommendation to add Nassau Athletics and Arts Programs (Shostakovich Cultural Program 501 (c3) Non Profit) to the list of approved non-profit facilities users in accordance with policy 1500 **(Attachment BOE.3, page 93)**

BOE.4 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby amends Policy No. 6410 in the form attached hereto, to authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction to serve as the alternate signatory for the District Clerk in accordance with the resolution for "Check-Signing Procedures" adopted by the Board of Education at the annual Reorganization Meeting held on July 15, 2010. **(Attachment BOE.4, page 95)**

Ms. Ben-Levy moved from the floor to add the following Board of Education agenda

item BOE.5.

BOE.5 WHEREAS, in 1938, at the specific request and behest of the County of Nassau, New York State granted country-wide property assessment jurisdiction to the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, aside from upstate Tompkins County, Nassau is the only county-wide assessing unit in New York State, with over 415,000 parcels, and is second in size only to the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, in its original consideration of the County of Nassau's petition for assessment jurisdiction, the New York State legislature expressed concerns that the enormity of the assessment load would result in erroneous assessment and subsequent challenges; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature, aware that school districts are highly dependent on a secure property tax base and that school budgets would be vulnerable as a result of inaccurate tax rolls, thereby endangering the education of children, decreed in 1948 that the County of Nassau, with its broader range of revenues, should be held responsible for costs and penalties resulting from its errors in assessment; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure control of a county-wide system and the benefits thereof, the County of Nassau pledged and guaranteed to the State of New York to protect its school districts from any negative consequences resulting from the assessment procedures utilized by the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, for decades, schools and taxpayers within the County of Nassau have suffered from the inequities caused by the adherence of the County of Nassau to an irrefutably and admittedly flawed assessment process; and

WHEREAS, legal challenges to commercial assessments made by the County of Nassau have been, either negligently or willfully, permitted to languish in the courts for years and years, accruing interest at exorbitant rates prior to their eventual settlement by the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, in order to facilitate an assessment roll relatively free from errors and potential challenges, the New York State Legislature granted the Nassau County Assessment Review Commission one (1) full year for review prior to the establishment of its final assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Nassau, has denied the attempt by the County of Nassau to shift responsibility for multi-year back payments for tax certiorari costs from the County of

Nassau to local school districts in derogation of the pledge and guarantee previously made by the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, has denied an attempt by the County of Nassau to implicate school districts in its move to shift to villages, towns and special districts the funding of tax certiorari judgments; and

WHEREAS, it is the County of Nassau that is responsible for its own property assessments, including, but not limited to any flaws, errors or delays therein, and that school districts within the County of Nassau have no role whatsoever in either making such assessments or in responding to challenges to such assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Executive of the County of Nassau, Edward P. Mangano, has called upon the Nassau County Legislature to unilaterally, without the approval of the State of New York and/or the consent of the school districts of the County of Nassau, relieve the County of Nassau of its pledge, guarantee and lawful obligation to hold such school districts harmless for back payments of multi-year tax certiorari settlements, thereby shifting the costs of such payments onto local school property taxes and local school property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, any assertion that abandonment of the pledge, guarantee and obligation of the County of Nassau contained in language in the proposed Budget of the County of Nassau for Fiscal Year 2011 means “no property tax increase” is false and misleading, resulting in no real cost avoidance, but merely a shift in the lawful responsibility of the County of Nassau on to the schools within the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, such action would only raise school taxes to the taxpayers of the County of Nassau without adding any educational value; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roslyn Union Free School District Board of Education opposes any legislation, from whatever source, that would shift the responsibility of the County of Nassau for funding multi-year tax certiorari settlements of its assessment errors onto the local school district tax levy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be forwarded to the following representatives for their endorsement, which shall be shown by their counter-signatures on the Resolution when returned to this Board of Education:

Members of the Nassau County Legislature

Members of the New York State Senate and Assembly, representing Nassau County districts

Members of the Town Councils of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Ms. Ben-Levy and it was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Stern absent) to TABLE Agenda Item numbered BOE.2.

Mr. Valauri 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, BOE.3, BOE.4 and the addition of BOE.5.

Public Comments #2 – a resident spoke about how unsightly the school buses are on the weekend parked at the RPS Annex (St. Mary’s). Dr. Brenner advised that no buses are parked on the property starting from Friday afternoon until Monday morning. The buses are only parked on at the RPS Annex (St. Mary’s) parking lot from Monday through Thursday.

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 10:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathie L. Britt

**Cathie L. Britt
District Clerk**