

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

Thursday, October 21, 2010

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
Stanley D. Stern
Bruce G. Valauri

ALSO PRESENT

Dan Brenner, Ph.D
Allison Brown

Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum &
Instruction

Joseph C. Dragone
Edward A. Salina, Jr., Ed.D
Nicole Berman
Cathie L. Britt

Assistant Superintendent for Business
Assistant Superintendent for Administration
Student Delegate
District Clerk

ABSENT

7:00 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 August 2010 (reviewed by Mr. Stern)

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

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

October 7, 2010

Ms. Kline moved, seconded by Mr. Stern and it was carried by a vote of 6-0-1 (Mr. Stern abstained since he was not present at this meeting) to accept the minutes from the October 7, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy spoke the county tax refund guarantee issue continues to be bad news for public school districts. Ms. Ben-Levy, along with Ms. Kline, Mr. Haber and Mr. Dragone, attended a public hearing at the County Legislature on Monday, October 18, 2010 and it is anticipated the vote will be 11-8 to pass this along to the school districts and repeal the county tax refund guarantee. Ms. Ben-Levy said should this pass the burden on the school district could result in a 6- or 7-digit impact to our budget. The problem is we have a broken assessment system and there is 60 years' of history which simply can't be wiped away. She spoke we need a major letter campaign to influence our legislators.

Mr. Seinfeld inquired about the dollar impact to the district and Mr. Dragone concurred with Ms. Ben-Levy's assessment of the financial impact. Mr. Dragone emphasized school districts are not receiving one penny more than what they ask for and it is the county that is making the mistake with their assessment. Dr. Brenner spoke if this happens every school district will be dramatically impacted. Mr. Haber spoke the most disconcerting issue to him is the redundancy which will be created by establishing 56 individual assessing districts.

Ms. Ben-Levy, along with Dani Kline, spoke of their attendance at the Pre-Convention Law Conference today and the topics discussed included the role of the school board in negotiations, the critical issues facing the State of Education, bullying and sexting and the question of school liability and an update on recent legislative and regulatory activities, court decisions and other rulings.

Superintendent's Comments

- Staff Recognition

In keeping with the philosophy of honoring our teachers and students, Dr. Brenner announced we have several staff members to be honored this evening.

Ms. Cerrone honored Jill Scheinberg, Vera Trenchfield and Sarah Resiti, and Ms. Brown honored Josh Cabat with a certificate of recognition for the following accomplishments.

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- Josh Cabat Featured presenter at the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference to be held in Orlando, FL. His presentation, offered in conjunction with the Folger Shakespeare Library, will be given on November 20, and is officially entitled: *Shakespeare Set Free 4: How to Use Film and Video in an Active Way to Connect Your Students and Shakespeare's Plays*
- Sarah Resti Presenter at NY State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
- Vera Trenchfield Presenter at NY State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
- Jill Scheinberg “*Amazing Person*” NY State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

- Board of Education Recognition by CCPA

In recognition of School Board Recognition Week, Dr. Brenner read a proclamation acknowledging and thanking the Board for all their hard work and he presented them with a small gift as a token of the district's appreciation. He spoke the district is very fortunate to have this school Board and he thanked the Board for supporting every educational initiative he ever presented to them.

Nancy Romagna, CCPA co-president, read the following statement: *On behalf of the CCPA and the building PTAs, we thank the Board of Education for all their hard work to ensure that the Roslyn School District functions at the very highest levels. The countless, and sometimes thankless, hours you put in do make a difference. In recognition for your volunteerism, the CCPA has made a donation in your name to the FINA fund.*

[Meeting adjourned for 15 minutes to celebrate School Board Recognition Week.]

Student Delegate's Comments

Ms. Berman spoke about next week's Halloween festivities, including a costume contest to be held afterschool. She spoke they are trying to reschedule the Pep Rally that was cancelled. On behalf of the OCC, she thanked the Board for all their hard work and for making this a great school.

Discussion Item(s):

1. High School Presentation – Business Department

Mr. Scanlon introduced Ms. Murphy who gave a presentation regarding the business course offerings at the high school. She spoke about the progression of the business

courses since its inception in 2007-2008 through the current school year. The program has received great praise and feedback from the students. Ms. Murphy spoke about their work and relationship with the W.I.S.E. program, how they have partnered with local businesses, the internship programs offered and the fact they are investigating virtual business programs as well. She extended her sincere thanks to the Board for their unending support of new course offerings. Ms. Murphy invited the community to attend an Informational Meeting on November 17, 2010, in an effort to tap into the wonderful resources the community has to offer.

Mr. Saffron offered his assistance in the placement of interns for those students interested in Accounting at the Melville office of the firm he works for and for those students interested in business law at several law firms on Long Island.

Ms. Murphy introduced Sallykaye Kaufman and Jennifer DiPetro who spoke about the program's goal to improve financial literacy, the effort to offer programs focused on improving software skills and the trips taken to support real world experience. The business programs are designed for all types of students, with an emphasis placed on differential instruction aimed at ensuring all students succeed.

Mr. Haber spoke he could provide his assistance in placing any intern interested in Hospitality and Hotel Management. Mr. Seinfeld spoke it is stunning to see the growth of the program and congratulated the staff on the incredible feat of growing a department in such a short period of time. Ms. Ben-Levy acknowledged and thanked Mr. Saffron for his efforts, along with Dr. Brenner and Mr. Scanlon, in championing this effort.

2. Use of Facilities Fees – Interior Space (**Attachment D.I.2, page 7**)

Dr. Brenner spoke the district is loosely operating outside the current Use of Facilities Fees Policy, Regulation 1500-R. He explained there is a gap between the current policy and the actual practice in place which needs to be addressed. Dr. Brenner suggested the Board address this issue by revising the current policy to be in line with current practices. He suggested the more equitable approach would be to revised the current policy *to charge all organizations that use the facility during non-school hours, regardless of the facility used or whether a custodian has been assigned or not.*

Ms. Kline spoke the goal is to determine an equitable charge regardless of the service, building and/or rooms that are used. Mr. Haber inquired if we are cash flow positive and he expressed his concern about the maintenance of the football field. Dr. Brenner, Mr. Dragone and the Board entered into a discussion regarding the options which could be pursued to create a reserve fund specific to the maintenance, repair and rehabilitation of our facilities (repair/reserve fund).

The Board unanimously voted to approve Dr. Brenner's recommendation to change the Public Use of School Facilities, Regulation 1500-R. The policy will be revised and presented to the Board for a formal reading and approval by resolution at the next Board meeting.

3. Enrollment Update – Dr. Edward Salina (**Attachment D.I. 3, page 13**)

Dr. Salina provided and discussed with the Board a Class Enrollment Update as of October 15, 2010. He noted the kindergarten class grew the first week of school and there is one teacher and one teacher assistant assigned in those classes. Dr. Salina stated the district is on target with our class size enrollments and assignments.

Mr. Saffron asked the administration to provide him with the current high school class size, including year-over-year class size statistics. Dr. Brenner explained he could also provide him with the increased number of sections in the honors and AP classes.

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

There were 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

Dr. Salina moved from the floor to add Items numbered #20 through #34 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 15**)

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**)

Mr. Stern moved, seconded by Mr. Seinfeld and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve Agenda Items numbered P.1 as amended 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 Public Schools
Services: One student from Manhasset to attend the Hilltop Academy for the 2010-2011 school year
Fees: \$ 70,000.00 tuition for school year
Roslyn to receive \$ 70,000.00
- (ii) Contractor: North Shore Central School District
Services: One student from North Shore to attend special class in Roslyn effective October 18, 2010 through June 24, 2011.
Fees: \$ 78,527.00 tuition for school year (prorated)
Total estimated to be \$66,747.95

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: Bilinguals, Inc.
Services: Contractual 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
- (ii) Contractor: The Hagedorn Little Village School
Services: Instructional services for 2 students for the 2010-11 school year
Fees:
611 Grant
\$2,136.00 per student (2 students)
619 Grant
\$ 777.00 per student (1 student)
Total will be \$ 5,049.00
- (iii) Contractor: Kidz Therapy Services

Services: Contractual services for 6 students for the 2010-11 school year
Fees:
611 Grant
\$2,136.00 per student (4 students)
\$ 712.00 per student Related Services only (2 students)
619 Grant
\$ 777.00 per student (4 students)
\$ 259.00 per student Related Services only (2 students)
Total will be \$ 13,594.00

(iv) Contractor: New York Therapy Placement Services
Services: Contractual 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

(v) Contractor: The Summit School (Jamaica)
Services: Instructional services for 1 student for the 2010-11 school year
Fees:
611 Grant
\$2,136.00 per student (1 student)
Total will be \$ 2,136.00

(vi) Contractor: The Summit School (Nyack)
Services: Instructional services for 1 student for the 2010-11 school year
Fees:
611 Grant
\$2,136.00 per student (1 student)
Total will be \$ 2,136.00

B.3. Recommendation that, pursuant to receipt of a gift in the amount of \$224.33 from Target, the Board of education hereby accepts the gift, approves the expenditure of funds for the purpose of purchasing administrative supplies in the principal's office in Roslyn Middle School, and increases the appropriation in A2020-450-09-9000-901 by \$224.33 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.4. Recommendation to rescind the following resolution which was approved by the BOE at its meeting on September 2, 2010:

B.9. Recommendation that the firm of J. C. Broderick be appointed as asbestos consultant for the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with the fee schedule.

B.5. Recommendation to accept the following Request for Proposal for Asbestos
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Consultant for the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with Board policy #6700-R:

- (i) RFP – Air Sampling and Testing of Asbestos/Lead Containing Materials
 - # of RFP's mailed: 4
 - # of RFP's returned: 2
 - RFP opened: October 8, 2010

The following proposal is accepted:
J. C. Broderick & Associates, Inc.
1775 Expressway Drive North, Suite 1
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Service: Air Sampling and Testing of Asbestos/Lead Containing Materials
Fees: \$42.00 / hour Asbestos Inspector
\$15.00 / sample
\$42.00 / hour Asbestos Project Designer Cost
\$42.00 / hour Asbestos Air Sampling Technician/Project Monitor
\$72.00 / hour Management Services/Project Manager Cost

- B.6.** Recommendation to approve the payment in the amount of \$13,537.00 to Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district for the period ending 9/30/10.

- B.7.** Recommendation to approve a budget appropriation transfer request in the amount of \$16,326.00 from A1620-423-09-9000-310 (Operation Fuel Oil MM – prior balance \$45,920.00) to A1621-443-03-9000-310 (Maintenance Prof/Tech Services – prior balance \$-16,325.92) [Transfer needed in General Fund for payments to the architect, KG&D, for work performed on behalf of district during the 2009-2010 school year]

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Ms. Kline 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 and B.7.

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 October 6, 2010.

- C&I.2 Recommendation** to approve Gail Horn to attend the American Speech Language Hearing Association's Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from November 17 through 20, 2010 at an estimated cost to the district of \$420.00.

- C&I.3 Recommendation** to amend the cost of the trip for Larry Reiff to attend the New York State English Council 2010 Conference in Albany, New York from October 21, 2010 Board of Education Meeting Minutes

October 21 through 22, 2010 (approved by BOE on 10/7/10 in the amount of \$453.00). Total cost has increased by \$245.00 for an amended total cost of \$698.00.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOE.1. 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 from 10/7/10 meeting).
[TABLED]

BOE.2. Recommendation that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following committee applicants for the Citizens' Audit Advisory Committee (CAAC) and the Revenue & Efficiency Committee (REC) for the 2010-2011 school year:

Citizens' Audit Advisory Committee (CAAC)

Prabhat Kumar
Abel Picardi
Marylou Popick
Walter Reed
Ron Smith
Sharon Sullivan

Revenue & Efficiency Committee (REC)

Richard Blatt
Marguerite Galano
Jason Garmise
Nancy Goldman
Young Lee
Abel Picardi
Tom Powell

Ms. Ben-Levy noted the following Addendum to add Agenda Item numbered BOE.3.

BOE.3 Recommendation that the Board of Education hereby accepts committee applicant, Steven Pinks, to the Revenue & Efficiency Committee (REC) for the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. Dragone moved from the floor to add the following Board of Education agenda item BOE.4.

BOE.4 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education hereby authorizes

counsel to negotiate the terms of the “Remaining Work Protocol and Settlement Agreement” between the District, J. Barwick Landscape and Colonial Surety in connection with the Athletic Field Reconstruction Work at the Roslyn Middle School;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Agreement is subject to the approval of the District counsel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board, together with any and all documents necessary to effectuate said Agreement.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Ms. Ben-Levy and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to TABLE Agenda Item numbered BOE.1.

Mr. Valauri moved, seconded by Ms. Kline and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve Agenda Items numbered BOE.2 and the addition of BOE.3.

Mr. Valauri moved, seconded by Ms. Kline and it was carried by a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Saffron voted no) to approve the addition of Agenda Item numbered BOE.4.

Public Comments #2:

The following items were discussed during public comments: a resident inquired about the policy regarding kindergarten transportation. Dr. Brenner advised the resident to give the District Clerk her contact information and he will look into it and contact her; and a resident asked for more information about the “best schools” banner hanging in the high school as ranked by Newsweek.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Valauri moved, seconded by Ms. Kline and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:40 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Mr. Valauri moved, seconded by Ms. Kline and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn at 12:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathie L. Britt

**Cathie L. Britt
District Clerk**