



**RYE NECK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
300 HORNIDGE ROAD
MAMARONECK, NEW YORK 10543
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JULY 2, 2024**

Present: President Jason Carmel
Trustee Halli Gatenio
Trustee Gloria Golle
Trustee Erica Wagner
Trustee Elizabeth Yong
Dr. Eric Lutinski, Superintendent of Schools
Carolyn Mahar, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Corinne Ryan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Mary Ellen Chiera, District Clerk

Absent: Trustee Nikki Barker

I. Opening of Meeting

President Carmel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. President’s Report

President Carmel welcomed the new board members and stated that he was looking forward to a new start..

III. Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Lutinski began by stating that he is eager to work with the new Board and welcomed new Trustees Nikki Barker and Halli Gatenio.

Next, he reported that there are several significant projects scheduled for the summer: the renovation of the Daniel Warren rear parking lot, courtyard, and pathway areas; the reconfiguring of the Middle/High School gravel parking lot; and the installation of shatter resistant security film to portions of all of the buildings. Due to the work at Daniel Warren, there will be no access to or through the property for the summer, including the fields or playground .

Finally, he advised that the annual Administrator’s retreat will take place later this month. It’s a time when they talk at length about important topics such as professional learning, curriculum, goals, and the Rye Neck Strategic Plan. In addition, he noted that 67 families participated in the recent survey regarding the professional learning calendar. After earlier community feedback, they pared down the use of student release time by eliminating all delayed openings from the original plan; the Rye Y will be available to provide additional service for early dismissal days; and Assistant Superintendent Ryan

and the PTSA will be planning STEAM programming that can be offered to students while the staff is participating in professional development.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

Upon Motion duly made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Golle, it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District approves the following consent agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 20, 2024 Board of Education Meeting

2. Approval of Personnel Appointments and Resignations

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board appoint **Oscar Bentancur Betancur** to a probationary position as a Maintenance Worker, Buildings effective 07/01/24 and ending 06/30/25. Civil Service requires a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board appoint **Rachel Druker**, in accordance with §3012 of the Education Law, to a three-year probationary term as an English to Speakers of Other Languages Teacher, in the tenure area of English to Speakers of Other Languages, commencing on 08/27/2024 and ending on 08/26/2027; except that to the extent required by Education Law § 3012, in order to be eligible for tenure at the end of the probationary term, Ms. Druker must have received composite or overall APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or §3012-d (as applicable) of either effective or highly effective in at least two (2) of the three (3) preceding years, and also must have received an effective composite or overall APPR rating in the final year of the probationary period, or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time ; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board appoint the following certified personnel:

Name	Effective Date	Type	Assignment/Location	Salary/Step
Daniel Linehan	08/27/2024	Part-Time 0.5 FTE	Teacher/ RNMS/HS	BA/Step 1
Daniel Linehan	08/27/2024	Part-Time 0.3 FTE	Teaching Assistant/ RNMS/HS	Level III/ Step 1

and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board appoint staff members to the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year:

Kindergarten Ready Camp Teachers

Melissa Wagner
Brian Pinto
Dawn Drace
Lynda Welsh

3rd Grade Summer Transition Program Teachers

Ann Cullagh
Philece McCoy

Team Leaders - DW

Kindergarten - Monique Santoro
1st Grade - Dawn Drace
2nd Grade - Deena Winchenbach

Team Leaders - FEB

3rd Grade - Ann Cullagh
4th Grade - Joan Spedafino
5th Grade - Susan Combs

Team Leader - MS

8th Grade - Catherine Toolan

MS Class Advisors

6th Grade - Allison Reynolds
7th Grade - Matthew Magnani

HS Class Advisors

9th Grade - Jennifer Dallow
10th Grade - Rosina Martinelli
11th Grade - Linette Milo
12th Grade - Mark Lauten

Department Chairs

DEI - Meegan Lawlor
District Library - Linda Costelloe
English - Kara Slattery
ENL - Ivan Martinez
Enrichment - Leigh Ann Kowalchick-Porphy
Mathematics - Veronica Faraci
PDC - Linette Milo
Physical Edu. & Health - Christopher Shawn Lincoln
School Counseling - Susan Hannon
Science - Anne Palombo
Social Studies - Thomas Graziano
Special Services - Kristina Schlote
Unified Arts - Jennifer Dallow
World Languages - Davide Bianco

HS Testing Coordinator - Davide Bianco

District Wide PA System Coordinator - Davide Bianco

Early College Experience Coordinator - Davide Bianco

PAC Manager - Cynthia Feinman

AV Coordinator - David Golden

District Wide Student Activity Treasurer - David Grazioli

Extended Day Coordinator - Christopher Macli

Chemical Hygiene Officer - Anne Palombo

Assistant Chemical Hygiene Officer - Kelly Cappa

and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board appoint the following coaches for fall sports:

SEASON	SPORT	LEVEL	ROLE	FIRST	LAST
Fall	Volleyball	JV	Head Coach	Robert	Kiernan
Fall	Volleyball	Varsity	Assistant to Program	Daniel	Linehan

and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board accept the resignation of **Blake Novi** effective 06/30/24; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board approve the termination of **Employee # 2023** effective 08/09/24.

3. Approval of Disposal of Furniture and Textbooks

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District approve the disposal of furniture and textbooks which are outdated or no longer in good working condition, as per **Schedule A**.

4. Approval of Sale of Textbooks

RESOLVED, the Rye Neck Union Free School District Board of Education approve the sale of textbooks to Northeast Book Company, Inc. See attached schedule A.

5. Approval and Award of Contracts for Summer 2024 Transportation Route

WHEREAS, at the June 20, 2024 Board of Education Meeting the Rye Neck Union Free School District approved a parent transportation contract for transportation to Children's

Academy for the 2024 summer session (Route RN 13S) at a daily rate of \$106.91; and

WHEREAS, the rate has been updated due to changes in toll costs; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District approve the following parent transportation contract for transportation to Children's Academy for the 2024 summer session (Route RN 13S) at a revised daily rate of \$95.43.

6. Adoption and Approval of Settlement Agreement

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby adopts and approves the attached Settlement Agreements between the District and the parents of students with disabilities; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said Agreements on its behalf.

7. Approval of CSE Recommendations

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District agree to arrange for special education placement as recommended by the Committee on Special Education, Committee on Pre-School Education and Committee Recognition of Disabilities under American Disabilities Act (504), as per the **attached** memorandum.

AYES: **All Present**

NAYES: **None**

V. Communications to the Board

President Carmel reported that the Board has received 1 communications since the last Meeting, regarding the new board.

VI. Citizens' Privilege of the Floor

There were no comments made by the public.

VII. Adjournment of Meeting

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Golle seconded by Trustee Gatenio, it was

RESOLVED, that there being no further business before the Board, that the Board of Education Meeting of July 2, 2024 be adjourned.

AYES: **All Present**

NAYES: **None**

President Carmel adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Chiera
District Clerk