



**RYE NECK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
300 HORNIDGE ROAD  
MAMARONECK, NEW YORK 10543  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 2024**

Present: President Jason Carmel

**DRAFT**

Trustee Nikki Barker

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

**I. Opening of Meeting**

President Carmel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. President's Report**

President Carmel addressed the community regarding the political parade that took place on the Middle/High School campus over the weekend. The school was notified of the event and they then notified the police. By the time the police arrived on campus, the parade had driven away. He stated that Dr. Lutinski and Trustee Gatenior, the safety liaison from the Board, met with the Village of Mamaroneck Chief of Police and discussed ways of preventing political rallies, which are prohibited by school policy. He thanked the administration and police for addressing the issue, which was identified as trespassing, and stated that the District has outlined steps with law enforcement should it happen again in the future.

Next, President Carmel acknowledged that keeping partisan politics out of the schools is a value shared by many in the community. While school property is the wrong place to display political messages and signs, we want the discussion about what is best for our country to be vigorously and politely discussed inside the classrooms so students can discuss, in a kind tone, the major policy debates happening in national politics in and outside of class. It is appreciated that the school community has respected the culture of polite debate and it is hoped, as the national election draws close, that this continues.

### **III. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Lutinski began by reporting that Digital Citizenship Week is the third week of October. The idea is to specifically reinforce concepts that are part of today's schools, namely digital responsibility, safety and security, and etiquette, and each of our schools has been engaged in age-appropriate activities.

Next, he advised that on Friday we will be celebrating the opening of our new MS/HS parking lot and walk/bike path with a formal ribbon cutting ceremony. It will take place early in the afternoon with our Senior Buddy Day groups, the 6th and 12th grade, members of our board, our administration and staff, representatives from community groups such as Rye Neck Safe Routes to School groups. The event will be covered by LMC media. Monday, October 21st, is the beginning of the PTSA's Walk to School Week and the official opening of the lot for senior parking.

Dr. Lutinski then noted that the week of October 14th through the 18th is recognized as this year's School Board Recognition Week by the New York State School Boards Association. School board members oversee the education of the community's youth, one of the most important things adults could do with their time. They are volunteers who don't receive compensation; help create a shared vision for education; help ensure positive outcomes and the success of all students; set the direction of the school district to achieve the highest student performance; support a healthy school district culture in which to work and to learn; and they develop a budget aligned with those aims. He stated that we are celebrating School Board Recognition Week to honor our board members for their commitment to our community and its children. Each board member has been given a certificate of recognition to congratulate and thank them.

Finally, Dr. Lutinski introduced Daniel Warren Principal, Tara Goldberg, and AP Biology teacher and Chair of the Professional Development Committee, Linette Milo, to present Goal 3 of the District's new Strategic Plan which focuses on transforming professional learning.

### **IV. Curriculum Presentation - Strategic Plan Goal 3**

Daniel Warren Principal, Tara Goldberg, and AP Biology teacher and Chair of the Professional Development Committee (PDC), Linette Milo, gave a presentation on the progress of the Strategic Plan Goal 3. They reviewed the timeline for the work and reported that they have completed mapping out the action steps, selected an SEL screener, participated in Frontline and QFT Part 1 training. They are continuing to compile professional learning opportunities to add to the catalog; launch sub-committee work with the District's PDC; and work on a parent consent policy for a screener. They explained that all staff will receive professional learning in and out of the district through workshops, observations, mentoring, graduate classes and conferences. It will take place during and after school, during the early release days, and over the summer.

Next, they reviewed the action steps involved with Goal 3 some of which are creating a professional learning catalog, having intervisitations (teachers visiting other teachers' classrooms), creating professional learning communities (PLC) (PDC subcommittees working to design structures), leveraging time and building capacity. They will be using Frontline to create the professional learning catalog which will be available for staff on the PDC website hopefully by 2025.

Finally, they reviewed the timeline for the winter and spring. In winter 2024/2025 they will continue the work on Goal 3 with the introduction of the professional learning communities and visitation forms; professional learning opportunities being listed on Frontline; determining PLC topics and running PLC groups. In the spring, they will have the intervisitation structures and protocols set; PLC groups will meet; and create systems for regular and ongoing maintenance of PL catalog and PDC website.

V. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

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

**Approval of the Minutes of the October 1, 2024 Board of Education Planning Session**

**Approval of Personnel Appointments, Leaves and Resignations**

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board appoint **Carmen Munoz** to a probationary position as School District Treasurer, effective 10/01/2024 and ending 09/30/2025, and in accordance with the statement of benefits as per attached. Civil Service requires a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks; and it was

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board appoint **Teresa Bianco** as a part-time Teacher Aide, effective 10/10/2024. Civil Service requires a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 52 Weeks; and it was

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board appoint **Madison Muir** as a part-time Teacher Aide, effective 10/15/2024. Civil Service requires a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks; and it was

**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:

ENL Homework Help Teachers

**Fiona Lyons**

**Isil Schwartz**

**Whitney DaSilva**

**Christina Santini**

**Kara Wooten (Substitute)**

NYSESLAT Prep Teachers

**Alexandra Roviezzo**

**Isil Schwartz**

**Ashley Eklund**

**Fiona Lyons (Substitute)**

Professional Learning Partners

**Tara Linehan**  
**Catherine Toolan**  
**Kristi Rachiele**  
**Katherine Offner**  
**Jesse Vega**  
**John Mattera**  
**Jennifer Dallow**  
**Darien Bica**  
**Nicole Pelosi**  
**Matthew Debellis**  
**Anne Palombo**  
**Leah Englander**

MS/HS Club Advisors

Art Club, HS - **Jennifer Dallow**  
Business Club, HS - **David Grazioli**  
Chess/Board Game Club, HS - **Mark Lauten**  
Connections Club, HS - **Ana Crivorot**  
Crafts and Clay (Old Ceramics) Club, HS - **Alexandra Campana**  
Environmental Council, HS - **Chelsea Gillespie**  
Fields for Kids Club, HS - **Kathleen Regan**  
French Club, HS - **Kathleen Regan**  
Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA), HS - **Nicole Crispinelli**  
Glee Club, HS - **Cynthia Feinman**  
International Club, HS - **Ana Crivorot**  
International Thespian Honor Society, HS - **Cynthia Feinman**  
Italian Club, HS - **Rosina Martinelli**  
JCK Ambassadors, HS - **Evan Miller**  
Jewish Student Union, HS - **Cynthia Feinman**  
Key Club, HS - **Meghan Hyland**  
Mind Your Mind Club, HS - **Jessica Cuevas**  
Mock Trial Club, HS - **Shawn Tedrow**  
Model UN Club, HS - **Shawn Tedrow**  
Mu Alpha Theta, Math Honor Society, HS - **Veronica Faraci**  
Muses-Literary Magazine Club, HS - **Regina Grace Mackin**  
National Honor Society, HS - **Jessica Calvini**  
Newspaper Club, HS - **Jessica Calvini**  
Programming Club (formerly AI Club), HS - **Shelley Swick**  
Project Hope Club, HS - **Chelsea Gillespie**  
Science and Society - **Matthew McMurray**  
Science Honor Society, HS - **Anne Palombo**  
Science Olympiad, HS - **Lori Penesis and Gwen Hoeler**  
Senior Internship Coordinator, HS - **Kara Slattery**  
Spanish Club, HS - **Monica Aparicio**  
STEM Board Club, HS - **Anne Palombo**  
Student Athletic Council, HS - **Joan Spedafino**  
Student Senate, HS - **Thomas Graziano**  
Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club, HS - **Susan Hannon**

Tri-M Music Honor Society, HS - **Caitlin Clarke**  
 UNICEF Youth in Action Club, HS - **Monica Aparicio**  
 Winter Cheer Club, HS - **Damiana DiMiceli**  
 Women in Business Club, HS - **Jennifer Carpiniello**  
 World Language National Honor Society, HS - **Davide Bianco**  
 Yearbook Club, HS - **Jennifer Dallow**  
 Art Club, MS - **Trisha Appel**  
 Beyond the Book Club, MS - **Angela DeRosso**  
 Board Games and Trivia Club, MS - **Grace Cassese**  
 Comic Book Club, MS - **Adam Johnson**  
 Drama Club, MS - **Caitlin Clarke and Kelly Ceci**  
 Kindness Ambassadors Club, MS - **Meegan Lawlor and Coleen Sullivan**  
 Literary Magazine Club, MS - **Catherine Toolan**  
 Living Environment Review Club, MS - **Jesse Vega**  
 No Bake Cooking Club, MS - **Hanan Eldahry**  
 Robotics Club (formerly STEM club), MS- **Linda Costelloe**  
 Science Fair Moderator, MS - **Kristi Rachiele**  
 Student Senate, MS - **Kelly Davey**  
 Writer of the Month Club, MS - **Catherine Toolan**  
 Yearbook Club, MS - **Trisha Appel and Catherine Toolan**

and it was

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board appoint the following coaches for winter and spring sports:

SEASON	SPORT	LEVEL	ROLE	FIRST	LAST
Winter	Boys Basketball	Varsity	Head Coach	Michael	Denman
Winter	Boys Basketball	Varsity	Assistant to Program	Kevin	Rafferty
Winter	Boys Basketball	JV	Head Coach	Matthew	Macias
Winter	Boys Basketball	Modified	Head Coach	Mark	Lauten
Winter	Girls Basketball	Varsity	Head Coach	Daniel	Linehan
Winter	Girls Basketball	Varsity	Assistant to Program	Victoria	Shopovick
Winter	Girls Basketball	JV	Head Coach	Ashley	Eklund
Winter	Girls Basketball	Modified	Head Coach	Terell	Iconic
Winter	Bowling	Varsity	Head Coach	David	Grazioli
Winter	Boys Hockey	Varsity	Head Coach	Rich	Myers
Winter	Boys Hockey	Varsity	Assistant to Program	Jamie	Funigiello

Winter	Boys Hockey	Modified	Head Coach	Rob	Iannuzzo
Winter	Boys Indoor Track	Varsity	Head Coach	Susan	Soohoo
Winter	Girls Indoor Track	Varsity	Head Coach	Marcella	Scalise
Winter	Coed Indoor Track	Varsity	Assistant to Program	David	Golden
Winter	Coed Indoor Track	Modified	Head Coach	Hayley	Graney
Winter	Boys Swimming	Varsity	Head Coach	Katherine	Konopka
Winter	Wrestling	Varsity	Head Coach	Brian	Scherr
Winter			Assistant Athletic Director	Joseph	Carlucci
Winter			Equipment Manager	Joseph	Dranoff
Spring			Equipment Manager	Joseph	Dranoff
Winter		Modified	Program Development	Bryan	Iacovelli
Winter			Athletic Trainer	Joseph	Dranoff
Spring			Athletic Trainer	Joseph	Dranoff
2024-2025			Athletic Support Staff	Julianna	Peduzzi

and it was

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board grant Theresa Michna an intermittent paid FMLA leave beginning on November 13, 2024 to on or about November 27, 2024; and it was

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board accept the resignation of **Clemence Chillemi** effective 10/04/24; and it was

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board accept the resignation of **Valerie Oddo** for the purpose of retirement effective 12/03/24.

**Approval of Change to List of Impartial Hearing Officers**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby approves the deletion of the following people from the Rotational Section List of Impartial Hearing Officers from the State Education Department which was adopted by the Board of Education at the July 2, 2024 Annual Reorganization Meeting.

**SHERRI HUGHES  
CRAIG TESSLER**

**THEODORE VASSILAKIS  
JENNIFER YOUNG**

**Acceptance of CSEA Side Letter**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District, hereby approve a Side Letter Agreement between the Rye Neck Union Free School District and the Civil Service Employees Association, Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Westchester Local 860, Rye Neck Schools Unit, dated September 25, 2024 (attached).

**Approval of Bus Patrol Contract**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck School District hereby approve the attached opt-in agreements to participate in the Westchester Country School Bus Stop Arm Safety Program and the Installation and Operation of Internal Safety Equipment

**Approval of Seasonal Assistant Athletic Director Stipened**

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck School District approve the Seasonal Assistant Athletic Director stipend amount for the 2024-2025 school year, as set forth in the memo attached

**Approval of Sale of Hi-Lo Activity Chair and EZ Lift Vests**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District approve the sale of Hi-Lo Activity Chair and EZ Lift Vests to Brewster Central School District. See attached schedule A.

**Acceptance of External Audit and District Management Action Plan**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District accept the annual external audit report from Nawrocki Smith dated June 30, 2024; and it was

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District approve the attached district management action plans prepared in response to the external audit.

**Approval of Updated District Consultant List**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby approve the updated District Consultant List, as per the **attached** schedule.

**Approval of Extraclassroom Activities**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby approve the following additional Extraclassroom Activities for the 2024-2025 school year:

Beyond the Book Club  
Comic Book Club  
Connections Club  
Fields for Kids  
Living Environment Review Club  
No Bake Cooking Club

**Approval of Disposal of Furniture and Equipment**

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

**Approval of Athletic Merger**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District approve the following athletic merger for the 2024-25 school year:

Varsity Boys Coed Bowling with the Rye school district

**Approval of Homebound Instruction**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District agree to arrange for homebound instruction as recommended by the Committee on Special Education, as per the **attached** memorandum.

**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.

**Approval of Budget Transfers**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District allow Carolyn Mahar to complete the following budget transfers for the period September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

**Approval of Financial Reports**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby approves the Treasurer's Report, Appropriation Status Report, Bank Reconciliation Report, Claims Auditor Report, Extra-Classroom Activity Fund and Revenue Status Report.

**AYES: All Present**

**NAYES: None**

**VI. Financial Reports for Information**

The Board was presented with the Warrant Schedule - All Funds for information Purposes.

**VII. Communications to the Board**

President Carmel reported that the Board has received 1 communications since the last meeting regarding Diwali.

**VIII. Citizens' Privilege of the Floor**

Community member and Technology Committee member Delia Osgood addressed the



Board regarding the Technology Committee.

**IX. Reports - Community School Groups**

**Student Senate - Spencer Elliot**

Student Senate President Spencer Elliot reported that the High School celebrated Spirit Week last week, and it was big success. They sponsored the annual Homecoming Pep Rally on Friday, and are having a student volleyball tournament on November 12th and 13th. Since High School students will be allowed to wear costumes again this year on Halloween, the Senate made a video to outline the guidelines for costumes. Finally, the Senate is discussing sponsoring a can drive in November to collect canned food ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday.

**PTSA - Ruth Homberg**

PTSA President Ruth Homberg reported that since the last meeting, the PTSA had its Fall Parents' Night out with approximately 170 attendees. Patsy's Pizzeria donated 10% of all sales back to the PTSA, they had a successful 50/50 raffle, and advertised their Sign Up Parties. They completed the Ribbons for Rye Neck fundraiser and reached just over the \$35,000 goal with donations from approximately 400 families and 33 businesses.

She advised that the PTSA has organized picture day and Daniel Warren, F.E. Bellows and the Middle School on October 1st. At Daniel Warren, they held the annual Halloween Costume Exchange, funded a visit from the Animal Embassy, and students are invited to attend family day at the Westchester Children's Museum free of charge. At F.E. Bellows, the Fall Family Kickball Night will take place tomorrow night. In the Middle School, students will have an author visit from Victoria Jamieson on October 22nd, and the Spooktacular will take place on October 25th.

Additionally, Mrs. Homberg reported that the Environmental/Recycling Committee is organizing a Walk to School Week next week. They are aiming to make it a district-wide event and raise awareness about bike safety. The first of the SEAC speaker series took place on October 7th; the first Heard in Rye Speaker Series is scheduled for October 21st; Advocacy Chair, Christi Young, will be hosting a parent discussion in partnership with Safe Routes to School; and the RNIC had a meeting last week.

Finally, she stated that the PTSA approved their annual budget at its September 27th General Membership meeting. Their fundraising goal for this year is just over \$108,000, and they will be donating over \$128,000 back to the District through enrichment programs and events. This amount includes \$20,000 from overage from last year's budget

**Booster Club - Jennifer Abbey**

Booster Club President Jennifer Abbey began by reporting that they have 113 members so far, which is about 75% of their goal, and hope to continue to build on that number.

She stated that despite the bad weather, Homecoming was a wonderful event. The Booster Club purchased 85 senior signs to recognize the athletes; gifted t-shirts to the entire High School population; they had a team of volunteers who decorated the campus with signs, flags and balloons; and they sold a tremendous amount of merchandise on Friday and Saturday which brought in approximately \$7,500 that weekend. They ran the

concession stand along with the Junior class and gifted them \$700 from the earnings to help them with their fundraising. Additionally, spirit week generated a lot of enthusiasm at the elementary schools encouraging the students to attend Homecoming.

Next, Mrs. Abbey advised that the annual fundraiser is taking place this Saturday at Rye Bar & Grill. Almost 100 tickets were sold, and the Rye Neck Chorus will sing and 3 student seniors will speak at the event, and there will be an online auction with over 100 donated items. The You've Been Boo-stered fundraiser is underway. They partnered with Chocolations to offer Halloween themed treats that you can gift your friends. She then stated that the Booster Club is working with the theater department to help them purchase dry ice for fall production of The Great Gatsby. They will be purchasing sponsorships for the playbills; ordering senior signs for the cast and crew; and selling concessions at both performances.

Lastly, she thanked Mrs. Lanza for coordinating efforts with regards to photos from games/events and linking up to social media.

### **Rye Neck School Foundation - Jennifer Soussa**

Mrs. Soussa reported that since the last Board meeting, the RNSF sent out a fall newsletter sharing the details of the three InstaGrants that were awarded in late August. The Bellows Schoolwide Store and the MS Panther Den will be rolled out within the next week or two, and the HS Cell Phone Zone indicators have been ordered and will be displayed in November.

Next, Mrs. Soussa advised that this month they reviewed and approved a new InstaGrant application for Mr. Scarantino to revive the Life Garden at Bellows. The grant will be used to purchase eight raised beds for planting in the garden.

Finally, Mrs. Soussa stated that the RNSF has been meeting with principals and department heads to discuss the grant process in anticipation of the November fundraising campaign. The Foundation would also like to hear from community members and students who have ideas for grants. Their goal is to raise funds specifically for the grant applications received prior to the November appeal.

## **X. Reports - Board of Education**

### **Office Hours**

President Carmel and Trustee Yong will represent the Board at the next Office Hours, October 30, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Please call the District Clerk by Friday, October 25th to make an appointment and state your topic of interest.

### **West/Put Report**

Trustee Barker reported that she attended an advocacy meeting on October 7th at which they discussed the 2024-25 advocacy list, and priorities for this year which are foundation aid, local control priorities, teacher retention, and cost reduction for districts. In addition, she stated that Trustee Yong attended NYSSBA's Annual Business Meeting at which they passed all the recommendations submitted by WestPut.

### **Audit Committee**

Trustee Wagner reported that the Committee met with the District's external auditors, Nawrocki on October 9th at which they reviewed a summary of the annual audit and financial statements. It was a clean audit of the governmental funds and extra classroom fund activity with no findings or recommendations. Even though there were no findings or recommendations, the Business Office still has to create a blank action plan to submit to the State. The Committee recommends that the Board accept the annual audit and financial statements, which it will do later on in the meeting. The next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for January 28th.

### **Facilities Committee**

Trustee Yong reported that the Committee had not yet met this year, but she summarized the activities of the Facilities Planning Advisory Team from last year. She stated that they reviewed the building condition survey and toured all District facilities to prioritize the work to be done. In May, the community approved the use of the capital reserve fund to finance the projects.

Next, she advised that this year the goals of the Committee are to receive status updates on voter approved projects; receive an assessment of the athletic field layout for the Middle/High School campus; receive districtwide energy audits; and evaluate if any additional projects need to be made with the balance of the capital reserve fund.

Finally, Trustee Yong advised that the first meeting of the Committee is scheduled for November 20th at 6 p.m. in the Middle/High School Community Room with presentations regarding the athletic field study, a districtwide energy audit and other approved capital reserve fund projects.

### **Technology Committee**

Trustee Nikki Barker reported that the Committee discussed its goals for the school year. The first two goals, new VMS software and penetration testing, are being discussed now since they have a monetary value associated with them and will play a role in the budget development. She stated that they also discussed the topics for a third goal which include cell phone use, social media, opportunities to educate parents/students/teachers, and how teachers deploy technology in the classroom. In addition, they discussed their role as a Committee: to make recommendations, research other schools to see what they are doing and if their approach would work for Rye Neck.

With regard to VMS software, they reviewed the VMS functional requirements template, which is a living document. Discussion was had regarding our current hardware and software and whether or not it needs updating; AI capabilities in this type of technology; and the need for parental consent. Mrs. Lanza will update the template as the Committee continues its discussions.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 6th at 6 p.m.

### **Policy Committee**

Trustee Yong reported that the Committee had a meeting on September 28th at which they reviewed for a second time sections 0000-1000 of the comprehensive policy review. In addition, they reviewed for the first time sections 2000-3000, and continue to review

policies from NYSSBA's 3rd and 4th installment of the policy updates from 2023-2024 and policies reviewed earlier this year. Certain policies will be presented later in the meeting for a first reading.

Of the policies reviewed from sections 0000-1000, the Committee will recommend adopting 18 new policies, and 14 amended policies; removing 5 policies no longer up-to-date; and not adopting 1 that is already covered by another policy. They will retain 1 policy which will be reviewed in a different section and 14 unchanged policies. They will be reviewing 3 policies at the next meeting after Dr. Lutinski has obtained feedback from the administrators. Therefore, 47 policies from sections 0000-1000 will be put forth for a first reading later in the meeting.

With regard to policies 8635 & 8635-R Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification and Regulation and 8635-E Parents' Bill of Rights for Student Data Privacy and Security, they have been reviewed by the relevant administrators and are recommended for adoption. This is a required policy with a recommended update and will be presented for a first reading later in the meeting.

Policy 6150 Budget Transfer was requested to be updated by administrators in May 2024. It is amended to reflect the district's actual operational practice and will be presented for a first reading later in the meeting.

Finally, Trustee Yong announced that the Committee is pleased to welcome Laurel Ryan as the community member representative to the Committee this year. The next meeting is scheduled for October 29th at 11:00am in the Administration Building.

**XI. New Business**

**Adoption of Policy 4772 - Graduation Ceremonies**

**WHEREAS**, revisions to Policy 4772 were presented to the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District at a public meeting for discussion and a first reading at the September 18, 2024 Board Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, Policy 4772 has been presented to the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District at this current public meeting for discussion and a second reading.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Yong, it was

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby approves the adoption of revised Policy 4772

**AYES: All Present**

**NAYES: None**

**Adoption of Policy 4773 - Diploma and Credential Options for Students with Disabilities**

**WHEREAS**, Policy 4773 was presented to the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District at a public meeting for discussion and a first reading at the September 18, 2024 Board Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, Policy 4773 has been presented to the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District at this current public meeting for discussion and a second reading.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby approves the adoption of Policy 4773.

**AYES: All Present**

**NAYES: None**

**First Reading - Policy 8635 and 8635-R - Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification & Regulation**

Trustee Yong stated that these are required policies with recommended updates.

**First Reading - Policy 8635-E- Parents' Bill of Rights for Student Data Privacy and Security**

Trustee Yong stated that this is a required policy with recommend updates.

**First Reading - Policy 6150 - Budget Transfers**

Trustee Yong stated that an updated was requested by the administration to reflect the District's actual operational practice.

**First Reading - Sections 0000 - 1000 from Comprehensive Policy Review**

Trustee Yong stated that the sections would be adopted as explained in her Policy Committee Report.

**Resolution in Support of Implementation of a School Zone on Route 1**

**WHEREAS**, the safety of our children is of paramount concern to the Rye Neck Union Free School District;

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a School Zone on Route 1 by the Rye Neck Middle School/High School campus (the "School Campus") creates a safer environment for students and other pedestrians walking to/from the School Campus;

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a School Zone on Route 1 by the School Campus plays an important role in safeguarding the lives of children and other pedestrians near the School Campus;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the District supports the creation of a School Zone on Route 1 by the Rye Neck Middle School/High School campus; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the School Zone, we support and envision crosswalk pavement markings, signage for crosswalks, reduced speed limits and other appropriate mitigation measures.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Wasgner and seconded by Trustee Barker, it was

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District supports the implementation of a School Zone on Route 1 by the Rye Neck Middle School/High School; and it was

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District directs the District Clerk to forward this resolution to the New York State Department of Transportation requesting that a School Zone be implemented on Route 1 by the Rye Neck Middle School/High School campus, and to take any further actions necessary to work with the State to create such a School Zone.

**AYES: All Present**  
**NAYES: None**

**Acceptance of Grant from the Rye Neck School Foundation**

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Golle and seconded by Trustee Barker, it was

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby accept the Rye Neck School Foundation Grant to the Rye Neck Schools, as per the attached letter and chart.

**AYES: All Present**  
**NAYES: None**

**Acceptance of Donation**

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Gatenio, it was

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby accepts a donation of gift cards from Don Chuy's for the Student Senate Volleyball Tournament.

**AYES: All Present**  
**NAYES: None**

**XII. Public Comments Concerning Above**

There were no comments made by the public

**XIII. Adjournment of Meeting**

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

**RESOLVED**, there being no further business before the Board that the Board of Education Meeting of October 16, 2024 be adjourned.

**AYES: All Present**  
**NAYES: None**

President Carmel adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Ellen Chiera  
District Clerk