

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

Thursday, October 20, 2016

7:45 P.M.

Roslyn High School – Cafeteria/Board Room

MINUTES

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
David Dubner
Adam Haber
Steven Litvack
David Seinfeld
Bruce G. Valauri

ALSO PRESENT

Allison Brown	Superintendent
Joseph C. Dragone	Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration
Michael Goldspiel	Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Nancy Carney Jones	District Clerk
Landon Allen	Student Delegate

ABSENT

Clifford Saffron, Vice President
Karina Báez Assistant Superintendent for Primary Education

7:00 p.m. - Executive Session, Board Room, HS Commons

Pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 105, it was duly moved, seconded and carried by a vote of 6-0; (Mr. Saffron absent) that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m., to discuss a personnel matter.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The Board reconvened in Public Session in the High School Cafeteria at 7:49 p.m.

7:15 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition: AP Scholars

The Board of Education presented certificates of achievement to the following students in recognition of their outstanding achievements as AP Scholars.

National AP Scholar Awards

1. Kamyar Ghiam
2. Anuj Gupta

AP Scholar with Distinction Awards

1. Landon Allen
2. Shawn Anand
3. Harrison Berger
4. Sarah Buzy
5. Evelyn Chavez
6. Anna Chen
7. Benjamin Faber
8. Kamyar Ghiam
9. Ryan Gomez
10. Anuj Gupta
11. Brittany Heller
12. Jonah Hendler
13. Hannah Hong
14. Felicia Hou
15. Maura Intemann
16. Yoosol Jung
17. Heather Kim
18. Holly Kim
19. Mitchell Klein
20. Mark Kong
21. Amanda Leitman
22. Justin Lempert
23. Chloe Levin
24. Matthew Lindenbaum
25. Matthew Litvack
26. Joshua Londin
27. Andrew Markman
28. Parker Miller
29. Zachary Mines
30. Kion Noori
31. Christine Om
32. Michelle Roitgarts

33. Ritwik Rudra
34. Alyssa Rust
35. Isabella Smith
36. Rachel Sterneck
37. Todd Warshawsky
38. Henry Weinstock
39. Vicky Zhou

AP Scholar with Honor Award

1. Arwa Adib
2. Matthew Batnick
3. Dylan Berger
4. Joy Chung
5. Preston Cucuzza
6. Abigail Flyer
7. Rachel Ginsberg
8. Chase Greenberg
9. Ethan Haber
10. Yena Kim
11. Evan Kirsh
12. Alexis Knee
13. Catherine Korren
14. Joshua Kuperman
15. Raina Novelli-Miller
16. Andrew Ock
17. Eleonora Recio
18. Bryan Rentzer
19. Jackson Rich
20. Adam Robbins
21. Rebecca Samet
22. Michael Sands
23. Ryan Simon
24. Adam Sirota
25. Joshua Weiner
26. Jessica Zodicoff
27. Rachel Zubli

AP Scholar Award

1. Behnam Ardebili
2. Nicole Arnoldo
3. Alison Ben-Levi
4. Steven Bochner
5. Samantha Busch
6. Ryan Chen

7. Habiba Diwan
8. Briana Dusling
9. Azad Ebrahimian
10. Julia Furnari
11. Evan Greif
12. Kellie Hon
13. Eunice Kim
14. Jackson Klein
15. Yuhao Lin
16. Corey Littman
17. Arthi Lokaiyan
18. Spencer Markbreiter
19. Nicole Nissan
20. Hyein Oh
21. Robert Pomerantz
22. Austin Reimer
23. Marisa Ruttgeizer
24. Victoria Schiffer
25. Jonathan Shadan
26. Katherine Shields
27. Neha Somineni
28. Jimin Son
29. Emma Stoller
30. Natalie Vallone

The meeting of the Board of Education reconvene in Board Room, HS Commons at 8:15 p.m.

Recognition: Board of Education – School Board Recognition Week

In recognition of the NYSSBA School Board Recognition week, Ms. Brown thanked the Board of Education for all their time and effort and presented them with the book *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance* by Angela Duckworth. She described the members of the Board as being the example of “grit by their determination, tenacity and desire to constantly improve the district. On behalf of the staff, Ms. Brown thanked the Board for creating a culture where the staff wants to work.

On behalf of the CCPA and PFA’s, Ms. Jackie Golub, CCPA President, expressed their appreciation to the Board of Education for all that they do for the district. The CCPA supplied refreshments for this evening’s recognition.

The members of the Board of Education thanked the community for their support and stated it is a privilege to serve this community.

Ms. Ben-Levy requested a short recess to celebrate the board recognition.

The meeting reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

Recommendation to accept the Claims Audit Report for September 2016

Mr. Dubner moved, seconded by Mr. Seinfeld, carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Saffron absent) to accept the Claims Auditors Report for September 2016.

Board President's Comments

No comments.

Superintendent's Comments

No comments.

Student Delegate's Comments

Mr. Allen announced the OCC is supporting the Youth against Cancer club who are encouraging everyone to wear pink tomorrow in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They are preparing for the annual Halloween costume contest. In addition, he spoke about the positive feedback he has received in regard to Dr. Dewey's presentation.

Ms. Ben-Levy thanked student leaders Landon Allen and Mitchell Klein for requesting the return of Dr. Dewey to the district. She also acknowledged Mr. Goldspiel for organizing Dr. Dewey's return. She thanked Mr. Allen for being a peer leader.

Discussion Item(s):

1. District Overview and Performance Analysis Ms. Allison Brown, Superintendent and Michael Goldspiel, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education

Ms. Brown and Mr. Goldspiel presented a PowerPoint presentation – The topics included an overview of the District's Demographics, the New York State ELA and Math Results for grades 3-8, the Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered, the Advanced Placement (AP) and Regents results.

The board entered into a lengthy discussion on the topics presented.

The presentation will be made available on the district website.

Ms. Ben-Levy requested a breakdown of the Regents scores.

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

Dr. Allison Gilbert, Parent, questioned the data Mr. Goldspiel presented in regard to students who self-select to participate in taking an Advanced Placement (AP) or Regents class and the support for the students who require extra help.

Ms. Eleanor Russell, RTA President, commented on the lower percentage of students passing the Physics Regents that was presented in this evening's presentation. She explained that based on feedback from her physics teachers - students take the Physics regents because this class looks great on their transcripts. Once the students have been accepted to college and have passing grades, it becomes harder for the teachers to continue to motivate their students. In addition, Ms. Russell commented on the number of regents and AP classes the students are taking and the stress and sleep deprivation they are experiencing, especially during their junior year. She also stated the need to continue to offer more AP classes at Hilltop Academy.

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

P.1. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Roslyn Board of Education approves the appointments, resignations, terminations, elimination of positions, transfers, and leaves of absence as detailed in the Personnel Action Reports attached as **(Attachment P.1 Professional)**

P.2. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Roslyn Board of Education approves the appointments, resignations, terminations, elimination of positions, transfers, and leaves of absence as detailed in the Personnel Action Reports attached as **(Attachment P.2 Classified)**

P.3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education herewith approves the Salary and Benefits Agreement of Joseph Dragone, the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021 and herewith authorizes the Board President to execute the same on behalf of the Board of Education.

Addendum

P.2 Classified

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Class	Type of Appt.	Location	From	To	Certification Class / Step Salary
4	Warren Hagen	Revise last date of employment Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement	Custodian			Maint		10/30/16 (last day of employment)	

Mr. Dubner moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri, and carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Saffron absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered P.1 – P.3, Addendum 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 **extend** the following contract [(ii) which was first approved by the Board of Education on November 6, 2014 (item B.8, Bid# 14/15-43], and extended on October 8, 2015 for 2015-16 (item B.1(ii), in order to renew:

- (ii) Contractor: Balfour Yearbooks
- Services: Production & supply of the Middle School Yearbook for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Fees: Total estimated to be \$7545

Recommendation to **extend** the following contract [(iii) which was first approved by the Board of Education on October 23, 2014 (item B.11), and extended on October 22, 2015 for 2015-16 (item B.9), in order to renew:

- (iii) Contractor: Walsworth Publishing Company
- Services: Production & supply of the High School Yearbook for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Fees: Total estimated to be \$19,980

B.2. Recommendation to approve Capital Fund Budget appropriation transfer requests as per **Attachment B.2. (As amended)**

B.3. Recommendation to approve a revision to the Cooperative Transportation Contract Extensions for 2016-2017, which were approved on June 28, 2016 (item B.11), and on October 6, 2016 (item B.3) to include the addition of 30 days each for 2 students.

- B.4.** Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district for the period ending 8/31/2016.
- B.5.** Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$531.94 to Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district in regards to the LIPA Reform Act for the period ending 8/31/2016.
- B.6.** Recommendation to approve a pending change order as indicated below. It is understood that: 1) the work of the change orders is required in order to continue the projects and meet the projected completion date; 2) a formal change order prepared by the architect and executed by the architect and the contractor will be subsequently presented for formal approval by the board of education and executed by the board president at a future meeting; and 3) the amount estimated for these change orders will be the maximum allowed unless specifically approved by the BOE when the formal change order is presented.
- a. HS Plumbing PCO#1: Maccarone, Inc. PC Proposed Change Order #1 (High School) for additional work at an estimated cost of **\$25,000**.
- [Plumbing PCO#1 (High School) represents the cost to provide additional labor and materials as required to connect a second roof drain not specified in the construction documents due to unforeseen conditions and discovered only when the excavation for the new gymnasium was done. The drainage pool that accepted water from the drain was removed. The cost of this change order is the cost of piping to connect this second roof drain to the new drainage pool.]
- B.7.** Recommendation to approve a change order as indicated below. This change order will result in an increase in the contract with WJ Northridge in the amount of \$47,863.79 which will increase purchase order H16-00019 in account code H1620.293.04.1604
- a. W J Northridge (EH GC-004) for all work necessary to prepare and paint 14 classrooms and 1st/2nd floor corridors at East Hills including repairs to a height of 9 feet. (This was first presented to the Board of Education as a Pending Change Order on July 19, 2016 item B.2.b)

Dr. Valauri moved, seconded by Mr. Haber, and carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Saffron absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered B.1, B.2 (amended), B.3 - B.7

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

C&I.1 Recommendation to accept the confidential stipulations of the CPSE for the dates listed below as well as the implementation plans for the corresponding special

education programs, services and parent notification as previously approved by the Committee on September 26, 2016 and September 28, 2016.

C&I.2 Recommendation to accept the confidential stipulations of the CSE for the dates listed below as well as the implementation plans for the corresponding special education programs, services and parent notification as previously approved by the Committee on September 29, 2016 and October 5, 2016.

C&I.3 Recommendation to approve 102 students from the High School Marching Band and 12 chaperones to attend the New York State Field Band Conference in Syracuse, New York from October 28 through 30, 2016 at an estimated cost to the district of \$52,405.00. [Student Contribution: \$30,600.00 (58%); District Contribution: \$21,805.00 (42%)]

C&I.4 Recommendation to approve Tara Berkowitz to attend the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance Annual Conference in Verona, New York from November 17 through 19, 2016 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,363.44.

Mr. Litvack moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri, carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Saffron absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered C&I.1 – C&I.4.

Mr. Dragone called from the floor to add agenda item BOE.4

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

BOE.1 Recommendation to conduct the *third* reading of Board of Education Policies 6220 Federal Funds, (**Attachment BOE.1**)

BOE.2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Public Schools hereby ***abolishes the following policies:***

- Policy 6231 Chapter 1/PSEN Programs and Services

and hereby ***adopts the following policies in their place:***

- Policy 6220 Federal Funds

BOE.3 Recommendation to conduct the *second* reading of Board of Education Policies 6410 Authorized Signatures, 6415 Wire Transfers, 6420 Online Banking, 6550 Extracurricular Activity Funds and 6600 Fiscal Accounting and Reporting. (**Attachment BOE.3**)

BOE.4 WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law Section 3811 and/or Public Officer's Law Section 18, staff members Kevin Carpenter and Francesco Delledera have submitted timely written requests for legal defense and indemnification in connection with a Verified Complaint filed with the New York State Division of Human Rights dated October 12, 2016, entitled *Marie Eugene v. Roslyn Union*

Free School District, Delldera Franceso, “John” Cassey (True first name unknown) Case No. 10184275 (“Verified Complaint”), in which each are named in their individual capacities; and

WHEREAS, there are allegations in the complaint arising from the performance of the above-referenced employees’ duties and responsibilities within the scope of their employment; and

WHEREAS, the Verified Complaint was submitted to the School District’s insurance carrier, New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal; and

WHEREAS, said insurance carrier authorized the assignment of Ingerman Smith, L.L.P as counsel for this matter at the expense of the insurance carrier;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby agrees to defend and indemnify the individuals identified above and appoints the law firm of Ingerman Smith, LLP to represent the individuals identified above, in addition to the District, in the above-referenced legal action to the extent authorized by law and policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized and directed to take such further action as shall be necessary or appropriate to give effect to the foregoing.

Mr. Litvack moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri, carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Saffron absent) to approve Agenda Item BOE.1- BOE.3 and Addendum BOE.4

Public Comments #2

Max Zahn, Roslyn Times questioned agenda item BOE.4.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education
Mr. Litvack moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri, and carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Saffron absent) to adjourn at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carney Jones

**Nancy Carney Jones
District Clerk**