RYE NECK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
300 HORNIDGE ROAD
MAMARONECK, NEW YORK 10543
BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANNING SESSION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Present: President Erica Wagner
Trustee Nikki Barker
Trustee Jason Carmel
Trustee Halli Gatenio
Trustee Ruth Homberg
Trustee Alex Rainert
Student Representative Spencer Elliot
Mr. Michael Burke, Superintendent of Schools
Carolyn Mahar, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Corrine Ryan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Mary Ellen Chiera, District Clerk

I. Opening of Meeting

President Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the September 17, 2025 Board of Education Meeting

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District approves the Minutes of the September 17, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: **President Wagner, Trustees Barker, Gatenio, Homberg and Rainert**
NAYES: **None**
ABSTAIN: **Trustee Carmel**

III. New Business

Upon Motion duly made by Trustee Carmel and seconded by Trustee Barker, it was

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board appoint **Karen Walsh** to a probationary position as Personnel Assistant effective 10/30/25 and ending 10/29/26. Civil Service requires a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks.

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

IV. Discussion

Policy Update 6000 & 7000

Trustee Barker explained that half of the policies in Section 6000 were reviewed by the Policy Committee at the end of last year and that the remainder of Section 6000 and all of Section 7000 were reviewed by the Committee at its September 22nd meeting. There will be a first reading of both sections at the October 15th meeting and they will be adopted at the November 19th meeting.

NYSSBA Resolutions

Trustee Rainert explained NYSSBA's process for consideration and voting on proposed resolutions at their October 16th annual meeting at which Trustee Homberg will be participating and voting on behalf of Rye Neck. The Board reviewed and discussed NYSSBA's proposed amendments to certain resolutions and their position on each one.

Strategic Plan Update

Mrs. Ryan advised the Board that she and Mr. Burke have met a few times with Consultant Judy Wilson. Ms. Wilson will be partnering again with the District to help create an action plan for goal 2 of the Strategic Plan. Mrs. Ryan shared feedback from the staff with regard to goal 1. She stated that the feedback was also shared with Ms. Wilson who will survey the staff again and will meet with staff and some students for more feedback.

Coffee & Conversation Update

Mr. Burke informed the Board that a small group turned out for his Coffee & Conversation at Daniel Warren on Monday night. It was very positive, and some good suggestions came out of the group. They were complimentary of the District's communications, and discussed programming and facility needs.

Ex Officio Outreach

Mr. Burke informed the Board that he met with Spencer Elliot who attended the WPSBA Student Ex Officio training this month. Spencer reported that some schools have two Ex Officio student representatives, one for middle/high school and one for the elementary schools. The Board discussed the possibility of appointing a second Ex Officio, and the appointment process. Spencer will discuss this with the Student Senate at their first meeting.

IV. Proposed Executive Session

Upon Motion duly made by Trustee Carmel and seconded by Trustee Rainert, it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby agrees to move into executive session to discuss a student matter made confidential under FERPA.

AYES: All Present
NAYES: None

VI. Adjournment of Executive Session, Reopening of Public Meeting and Adjournment of Public Meeting

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

RESOLVED, that the executive session be adjourned and the Public Meeting be reopened; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, that there being no further business before the Board and upon motion duly made by Trustee Homberg and seconded by Trustee Rainert, it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education Planning Session of September 30, 2025 be adjourned.

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

President Wagner adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Ellen Chiera
District Clerk