Board of Education Meeting
February 10, 2021
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. President's Opening Remarks
4. Middle School Report, Patrick Swift, Principal
5. High School Report, Luke Sotherden, Principal
6. Construction Update – Will Recce
7. Report from the Superintendent
   a. Superintendent Request for Action on personnel matters
8. Public Comment
9. Treasurer's Report
   December 2020
10. Action Items:
    a. Adopt: Policies, Regulations and Exhibits
       6700-FR Federal Fund Purchasing Regulation
    b. Approval of the Side Letter of Agreement for the PCTA
    c. Accept Financial Reports for December 2020
    d. Stipulation of Settlement
    e. Accept Corrective Action Plan for 2019-2020
    f. Accept the 2019 Risk Assessment Report
    g. Public Comment – District-wide School Safety Plan
    h. Approval of Commencement of High-Risk Sports
    i. Notice of Request for Naming a School District Facility
11. Board of Education Roundtable / Discussion
12. Adjournment

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Welcome to our Meeting

This is a meeting of the Board being held in public. As a courtesy we provide individuals with the opportunity to participate by providing commentary.

Should you have questions or additional comments, please submit them to the Board clerk, Mrs. Maggi, seated to my left. Rest assured that we will read and consider all submissions.

We endeavor to respond to all comments and may use a number of mechanisms including contacting someone individually, commenting later at this meeting, or commenting at a future board meeting. If you have a concern regarding your child, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher and school principal directly and as soon as possible.

Note that responses concerning personnel matters are not made in public. Note also that the Board of Education will conduct business in a manner that models respect and civility. We require members of the public to conduct business before the Board in like manner.

Before you speak, please state your name and state the school district in which you are a resident. All comments are to be addressed only to the Board of Education President. Comments should be kept as brief as possible and relate to school matters. Each speaker is allotted up to three minutes.

Meeting Schedule

Our regular meetings at held in the auditorium of Port Chester Middle School and are open to the public beginning at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Meeting locations are announced in advance in the local news media and on the educational access channels. Additional and Special Meetings may be added as needed.

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)	Thursday, October 15, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)	Thursday, April 15, 2021 – Line-by-Line (5:00 p.m.)
Thursday, July 30, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)	Thursday, November 19, 2020	Thursday, April 29, 2021
Tuesday, August 18, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)	Thursday, December 17, 2020	Thursday, May 6, 2021
Tuesday, August 25, 2020 (Retreat)	Thursday, January 21, 2021	Tuesday, May 18, 2021 – Annual Election
Wednesday, August 26, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)	Wednesday, February 10, 2021	Thursday, May 27, 2021
Thursday, September 17, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)	Thursday, March 18, 2021	Thursday, June 17, 2021

Responsibilities of the Board of Education

The School Board is responsible for the following:

- establish, monitor, and evaluate goals and objectives of the schools
- establish policies for operation of the schools
- select the Superintendent of Schools
- appoint personnel upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools
- develop and present an annual budget for consideration by district residents
- communicate the needs and progress of the schools to the community

Your Questions

Start with the person(s) closest to the matter: teacher, principal, transportation office, or district-wide administrator. If unresolved, contact the superintendent of schools. If still not resolved, contact the School Board President for possible review by the School Board.

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District Personnel

Dr. Edward A. Kliszus, 934-7901
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Mitchell A. Combs, 934-2442
Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum Office

Philip Silano, 934-7906
Asst. Superintendent, Business Office

James Ryan, 934-7913
Director of Health & Safety,
Physical Education and Athletics

Dr. Colleen Carroll, 934-2043
Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Felipe Orozco, 934-8152
Director of ELL and Bilingual Programs

Tatiana Memoli, 934-7925
Director of Special Education

Ray Renda, 934-7983
Director of Facilities

School District Office

Cathy A. Maggi
School District Clerk

Keane & Beane
School District Attorney

Beata Grabowski
School District Treasurer

Building Principals

Thomas A. Edison School
Ivan Tolentino, 934-7980

John F. Kennedy School
Judy Diaz, 934-7990

King Street School
Samuel Ortiz, 934-7995

Park Avenue School
Rosa Taylor, 934-7895

Port Chester Middle School
Patrick Swift, 934-7930

Port Chester High School
Luke Sotherden, 934-7950

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Port Chester Public Schools
Port Chester, New York
Board of Education

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The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. Chrystal Chambers, Larchmont, New York be approved for a partial year leave replacement appointment as an Art Teacher, at Step 1-Level 1 (pro-rated) of the 2019-2023 Teachers Collectively Negotiated Agreement, effective September 17, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Ms. Chambers received a B.F.A. Degree from Abilene Christian University. Ms. Chambers received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment September 15, 2020. Her assignment will be at the High School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. Her certification is Visual Arts - Initial Certification.

2. The partial year leave replacement appointment granted at the September 17, 2020 board meeting to Ancy Philip, West Nyack, New York as Science Teacher, at Step 3-Level 6 (pro-rated) of the 2019-2023 Teachers Collectively Negotiated Agreement, effective September 2, 2020 through February 28, 2021 be extended to June 30, 2021. Ms. Philip received a B.A. Degree and a M.A. Degree from City College of New York. Ms. Philip received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment September 4, 2020. Her assignment will be at the Middle School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. Her certification is Biology 7-12 - Initial Certification.

3. The Maternity Leave of Absence granted at the October 15th board meeting to Amanda Blasi-Solis, Port Chester, New York, as Physical Education Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, beginning approximately November 13, 2020 through January 31, 2021 be extended through February 19, 2921. Mrs. Blasi-Solis will use accumulated sick leave during the time her doctor attests to her inability to perform her duties due to pregnancy, delivery and self-care. If needed, she will then be granted a Family Medical Leave without pay; but benefits will continue to a maximum of 12 weeks.

4. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2020-2021 school year:

Mirjana Lezaja	Title III ELL After School Program – Edison School	$47.50 per hour
Erica Fuller	Title III ELL After School Program – Edison School	47.50 per hour
Jasmine Martinez	Title III ELL After School Program – Edison School	47.50 per hour
Carrie Poulos	Title III ELL After School Program – Edison School	47.50 per hour
Marcia Manzueta	Title III ELL After School Program – Edison School	47.50 per hour
Vanessa Aspiazu	Title III ELL After School Program – John F. Kennedy School	47.50 per hour
Richard Gregory	Title III ELL After School Program – John F. Kennedy School	47.50 per hour
Sean Kennedy	Title III ELL After School Program – John F. Kennedy School	47.50 per hour
Veronica Hernandez	Title III ELL After School Program – John F. Kennedy School	47.50 per hour
Melissa Cruz	Title III ELL After School Program – District	47.50 per hour
Heather Rinello	Parent Teacher Workshops – District	47.50 per hour
Darwin Gramajo	Parent Technology Support Team – High School	47.50 per hour
Katie Smook	Parent Technology Support Team – Middle School	47.50 per hour
Sean Kennedy	50:50 Dual Language Spanish Program – John F. Kennedy School	47.50 per hour
Cynthia Ponce	ELL Data & NYSESLAT Coordinator – King Street School	47.50 per hour
Tanya Pizzano	Substitute Breakfast Program Monitor – Middle School	23 per hour
Amanda Heyde	Substitute Breakfast Program Monitor – Middle School	23 per hour
Melissa Piccola	Substitute Breakfast Program Monitor – Middle School	23 per hour
Candace Munoz	Substitute Breakfast Program Monitor – Middle School	23 per hour
Eric DiNome	6th Period – Mathematics – High School – effective February 8, 2021 – pro-rated – every other day	
David Chepiga	Mentor – January – June (pro-rated) – High School	600
Santos Avila	Guidance Counselor Stipend – High School – pro-rated to February 1, 2021	2,535
Danielle Salera	Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach - Fall	
Melissa Salmon	Assistant Cheerleading Coach – Fall	
Caitlin Maggi	Head Junior Varsity Cheerleading Coach - Fall	
Candace Munoz	Head Modified Cheerleading Coach - Fall	
Amanda Blasi-Solis	Cheerleading Volunteer - Fall	

5. The following individuals be transferred on the Salary Schedule effective February 1, 2021:

Yomahira Carreras	Step 6-Level BA $66,914	Step 6-Level MA $76,884
Virginia Jadav	Step 11-Level MA $84,472	Step 11-Level MA30 $91,343
Jeffrey Kravitz	Step 8-Level MA $79,834	Step 8-Level MA30 $86,329

6. The following individuals be approved to serve as Substitute Teachers and/or Teacher Assistants on an as-needed basis for the 2020-2021 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared or "Grandfathered" in:
   Irene Sinyavin Christine Zidik Flora Turcios Victoria Ciambriello

7. The following individual be appointed to provide consultant services for the High School Band for the 2020-2021 school year:

   Brett Gagliardo Drumline Technician for Marching Band and Winter Percussion – 6 months $600

8. The following individual(s) be appointed Athletic Event Supervisor(s) for the 2020-2021 school year at a stipend of $50 per school event and/or $25 per hour for Tournaments, providing the individual is not a member of the coaching staff for the particular event:

   Raynard Parris

9. The Extended Maternity Leave of Absence granted to Claudia Magallon, Teacher Aide, 6 hours/10 months, at the January 17th Board of Education meeting be retracted and extended only until January 31st. Ms. Magallon will be returning to work on February 1st. Her assignment is Edison School.

10. The Leave of Absence granted to Lillian Henriquez, Senior Office Assistant (Auto Sys) Spanish Speaking until May 1, 2021 be retracted and extended only until February 26, 2021. Mrs. Henriquez will be returning to work on March 1, 2021. Her Assignment is the High School Guidance Department.

11. Paul Rively, Port Chester, New York be approved for a Probationary appointment as a Teacher Aide, Grade I, Step 1, 10 months/6 hours a day effective January 25, 2021. Mr. Rively is NYS Fingerprint Cleared. His assignment is John F. Kennedy School, Special Education.

12. Xiara Bello, Bridgeport, Connecticut be approved for a Probationary appointment as a Teacher Aide, Grade II, Step 1, 10 months/6 hours a day effective January 28, 2021. Ms. Bello is NYS Fingerprint Cleared. Her assignment is Edison School, Special Education.

13. Daphne Hammonds, Stamford, Connecticut, be approved for a Permanent appointment as School Monitor (Lunch), 10 months/3 hours a day effective January 25, 2021. Ms. Hammonds received Permanent Status as a School Monitor (Hall) before her retirement in December of 2020. Ms. Hammonds is NYS Fingerprint cleared and her assignment is the Middle School.

14. A promotional change of status be approved for Shante Pride, Port Chester, New York from a Permanent part time school monitor (Lunch) to a Permanent full time School Monitor (Hall), Step 1, 10 months/6 hours a day. Ms. Pride is NYS Fingerprint cleared and her assignment remains at the High School.

15. A promotional change of status be approved for Janelle Carroll, Port Chester, New York from a Probationary Teacher Aide to a Permanent Full Time School Monitor (Hall), Step 1, 10 months/6 hours a day. Mrs. Carroll is NYS Fingerprint cleared and her assignment remains at the High School.

16. The resignation of Donato Jackson, Teacher Aide at Edison school be effective at the end of business on January 14, 2021.

17. The following individuals be approved as Substitute Teacher Aides, Monitors or Clerical at a rate of $14/hour effective through June 30, 2021. Said appointees may also serve as long-term substitutes, if and when required at Step 1 of the associated pay scales. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance or are grandfathered in.

    Jody Helmle Kaitlyn Shaw Cecilia Rodriguez Carol Tarascio

Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District
Regular Meeting - Resolutions
February 10, 2021

Action Items:

A. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District adopts the following Board of Education policy:

6700-FR Federal Fund Purchasing Regulation

B. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District hereby approves and ratifies the Side Letter of Agreement between the District and the Port Chester Teachers Association dated February 10, 2021, and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to take all actions consistent with the terms thereof.

C. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Warrants Report, Statement of Revenues, and Budget Status Report for December 2020.

D. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to execute a certain Amendment to Stipulation of Settlement in connection with Impartial Hearing Reporting System Case No. 537965, a copy of which Stipulation has been previously reviewed by the members of the Board of Education.

E. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the audit committee's recommendation to accept the Corrective Action Plan for the Financial Statements and Supplementary Information Year Ending June 30, 2020. The Corrective Action Plan will be implemented on January 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business to submit said plan.

F. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of The Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, accepts the recommendation of the Audit Committee to accept the December 2019 Risk Assessment Report performed by Nawrocki Smith and the related Corrective Action Plan be implemented on July 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of The Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District accepts the recommendation for the Audit Committee to accept the June 4, 2020 Agreed Upon Procedures Engagement Letter from Nawrocki Smith.

G. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Port Chester Public Schools shall hold a public hearing on the 10 day of February 10, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., at the Administration Building, Rye Brook, NY, for the purpose of discussion of the new District-wide Safety Plan to be considered for adoption by the Board of Education.

H. WHEREAS, Section I of the New York State Public High School Athletics Association (NYSPHSAA) has determined to commence the sport seasons of certain sports that are considered high risk for exposure to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Section I and the NYSPHSAA has made this determination based upon orders of Governor Cuomo and guidance from the New York State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the New York State and local County Departments of Health has provided information regarding health and safety for student-athletes and coaches participating in these sports; and

WHEREAS, there is an expressed interest from student-athletes in fielding teams in certain of these sports;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District hereby approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Athletic Director to offer the following high risk sports at Port Chester High School:

Winter Season

- Boys Basketball (Varsity & Junior Varsity) Grades 8-12
- Girls Basketball (Varsity & Junior Varsity) Grades 8-12

- Cheerleading (Varsity & Junior Varsity) Grades 8-12
- Varsity Ice Hockey Grades 9-12

Fall Season 2
- Football (Varsity & Junior Varsity) Grades 9-12
- Volleyball (Varsity & Junior Varsity) Grades 9-12
- Cheerleading (Varsity & Junior Varsity) Grades 9-12
- Football (Modified) Grades 7-8
- Volleyball (Modified) Grades 7-8
- Cheerleading (Modified) Grades 7-8

Spring Season
- Boys Lacrosse (Modified) Grades 7-8
- Girls Lacrosse (Modified) Grades 7-8

for any student in grades 9 through 12 subject to adherence to any and all guidance issued by the New York State and County Departments of Health and Section I and/or NYSPHSAA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that eighth grade students who otherwise would meet the eligibility requirements to participate in interscholastic sports will be permitted to participate in these high risk sport offerings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and the Athletic Director are directed to ensure that each student-athlete has express permission to participate in these sports from their parent and/or guardian and that such notification contain the inherent risk factors associated with participating in these sports and transmission of COVID-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any sports offered by the District shall be suspended should the Port Chester High School move from its hybrid learning model to an all remote model due to COVID-19 concerns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and the Athletic Director are directed to arrange for COVID-19 testing of student-athlete and coach as a condition of participation in these sports.

I. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester Public Schools has been given notice for a request to name a School District Facility; and this request will be forwarded to the site-based team.