**RYE NECK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**
**300 HORNIDGE ROAD**
**MAMARONECK, NEW YORK 10543**
**BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANNING SESSION**
**JUNE 2, 2026**

Present: President Erica Wagner
Trustee Jason Carmel (Joined the meeting at 7:45 PM)
Trustee Halli Gatenio
Trustee Ruth Homberg
Trustee Alex Rainert
Trustee Gabriella Danza
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 Three May 19 and the May 31, 2026 Meetings**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District approves the Minutes of the May 19, 2026 Board of Education Meeting, the May 19, 2026 Board of Education Special Meeting, the May 19, 2026 Annual Meeting and Election of District, and the May 31, 2026 Board of Education Special Meeting.

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

**III. Discussion**

**Axon Security Cameras**

City of Rye Public Safety Commissioner Michael Kopy, along with Police Officers Gary Strebel and Lance Hinrichs, presented to the Board information on how the Fusus by Axon public safety system works. It can immediately tie into the District's camera in the event of an emergency which gives the police the ability to see what is going on from their cars, from the police station, on their body cameras and on their drones. They advised that it is a secure system which can only be accessed by law enforcement. It is

an audible system so they can listen to everything that is going on and it records what it sees. Commissioner Kopy answered various questions from the Board.

**Office Hours**

Trustees Gatenio and Rainert reported that they met with two community members regarding educational technology with a focus on chromebook use and finding a balance of the use of technology by students, especially in the younger grades. Discussion was had regarding the District's use of technology.

**Ex-Officio Summary/Update**

Ex-Officio Spencer Elliot gave his thoughts, and that of the Student Senate, regarding the ex-officio role for next year. He thought it would be beneficial to have 2 students next year, one being the Student Senate president and the other being a non-senate student who could attend the meetings on a rotating basis. Discussion was had regarding the different ways it could be handled next year.

**Review of 2025 Board Goals/District Goals**

Mr. Burke reviewed with the Board this year's Board and District goals and how they were, and are, being completed. Mrs. Ryan reviewed the progress of phase 2 of the Strategic Plan, what they have completed and what they are and will be working on.

**Policy Committee Update**

Trustee Homberg informed the Board that the Committee had its last meeting of the year on May 28th at which they reviewed the non-special education section of the 4000s for which no changes or updates were necessary. Policies 4311.1 and 4511 will be reviewed at the first meeting next year, along with Section 5000 and NYSSBA's quarterly update.

In addition, Trustee Homberg reported that next year the Committee will meet quarterly unless an urgent matter arises.

**IV. New Business**

**Acceptance of Rye Neck School Foundation Grants**

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

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

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

**V. Proposed Executive Session**

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 hereby agrees to move into executive session to discuss a particular person.

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

**VI.** **<u>Adjournment of Executive Session, Reopening of Public Meeting and Adjournment of Public Meeting</u>**

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Carmel and seconded by Trustee Rainert, 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 Danza and seconded by Trustee Gatenio, it was

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education Meeting of June 2, 2026 be adjourned.

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

President Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Ellen Chiera