



**RYE NECK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
300 HORNIDGE ROAD
MAMARONECK, NEW YORK 10543
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JULY 1, 2026**

DRAFT

Present: President Halli Gatenio

Trustee Gabriella Danza

Trustee Ruth Homberg

Trustee Alex Rainert

Trustee Laurel Ryan

Trustee Erica Wagner

Mr. Michael Burke, Superintendent of Schools

Carolyn Mahar, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Mary Ellen Chiera, District Clerk

I. Opening of Meeting

President Gatenio called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. President's Report

President Gatenio began her report by thanking the trustees, Superintendent and administration, faculty and staff, students, families and community members for the passion, dedication and partnership that makes Rye Neck such a special place. She stated that she looks forward to the year ahead and working together in support of all the students.

Next, she welcomed the newest trustee, Laurel Ryan, to the Board. The Board is looking forward to the energy, perspective and commitment she will bring to their important work as serving on a school board is a tremendous responsibility. As the new year begins, the Board remains committed to listening, collaborating and making thoughtful decisions that continue to move Rye Neck forward while keeping the students at the heart of everything they do.

III. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Burke began his report by stating that he couldn't have imagined a more perfect ending to the school year than with the sunlight cascading over the stadium field as the band introduced Valedictorian Grayson Findlay, Salutatorian Julian Russo, and the rest of the graduates on the evening of June 24th.

Next, he welcomed Laurel Ryan to the Board of Education and thanked all of the board members for their volunteerism and dedication to the students and schools of the Rye Neck school district. He noted that he appreciated the leadership of President Erica Wagner during his first year in Rye Neck. and welcomed Halli Gatenio to the presidency. The District is in a position of strength, but must always strive for improvement and push forward, and he is excited to investigate and analyze topics such as appropriate technology integration, diversity celebrations here in Rye Neck, and focusing the efforts of the upcoming bond referendum on October 1. It is a fantastic opportunity to provide the students and community with comparable resources to all neighboring schools and those throughout Section I.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

Upon Motion duly made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Ryan, it was

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 16, 2026 Board of Education Meeting

2. Approval of Personnel Appointments and Resignations

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board appoint staff members to the following positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

Kindergarten Ready Teachers

Kendyl Nethercott

Dawn Drace

Leigh Ann Kowalchick

Monica Muir

3rd Grade Transition Teachers

Philece McCoy

Ashley Eklund

Summer ENL Teachers

Ivan Martinez

Christine Smith

Amanda Muccioli

Professional Learning Partners

Michelle Bowman

Elisa Barilli

District Head of Security

Sean Burke

ESSA Grant Writer and Coordinator

Kristina Schlote

STEAM Coordinator

Allison Reynolds

Extended Day Coordinators

Christopher Macli

Evan Miller

CPSE/CSE Subcommittee Chairperson Chair

Michelle Bowman (CPSE-K)

CPSE Coordinator

Michelle Bowman

CSE Subcommittee Chairperson

Laura Finkelson (Grade 1-2)

Sarah Doscher (Grade 3-5)

Elisa Barilli (Grade 6-8)

Sydney Klainberg (Grade 9-12)

and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board appoint the following personnel:

Name	Effective Date	Type	Assignment/Location
Monica Muir	07/01/2026	Summer 1:1	Student Camp Teacher Aide

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to appoint **Lisa E. Ramos** as a full-time probationary Social Worker effective August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, **Lisa E. Ramos** possesses a School Social Worker provisional certificate.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board hereby appoints **Lisa E. Ramos**, in accordance with §3012 of the Education Law, to a four-year probationary term, in the tenure area commensurate with her area of certification, commencing on August 31, 2026 and ending on August 30, 2030.

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to appoint **Sarah Doscher** as a full-time probationary School Psychologist effective August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, **Sarah Doscher** possesses a School Psychologist provisional certificate.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board appoints **Sarah Doscher**, in accordance with §3012 of the Education Law, to a four-year probationary term, in the tenure area commensurate with her area of certification, commencing on August 31, 2026 and ending on August 30, 2030.

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to appoint **Sydney A. Klainberg** as a full-time probationary School Psychologist effective August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, **Sydney A. Klainberg** possesses a School Psychologist permanent certificate.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board appoints **Sydney A. Klainberg**, in accordance with §3012 of the Education Law, to a four-year probationary term, in the tenure area commensurate with her area of certification, commencing on August 31, 2026 and ending on August 30, 2030; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints **Gabriella D'Ippolito**, in accordance with §3012 of the Education Law, to a four-year probationary term as an English Teacher, in the tenure area of English, commencing on August 31, 2026 and ending on August 30, 2030; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints **Jennifer Fratello**, in accordance with §3012 of the Education Law, to a three-year probationary term as a Library Media Specialist, in the tenure area of Library Media Specialist, commencing on August 31, 2026 and ending on August 30, 2029; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, that because **Jennifer Fratello** has previously been appointed tenure in a New York State school district and satisfies the requirements of Education Law §3012, the probationary period for this appointment shall be three (3) years, commencing August 31, 2026 and ending August 30, 2029, subject to the applicable provisions of law; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints **Diana Sinnott**, in accordance with §3012 of the Education Law, as a Math Teacher, in the tenure area of Mathematics commencing on August 31, 2026 and ending on August 30, 2029; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, that because **Diana Sinnott** has previously been appointed tenure in the same tenure area in a New York State school district and satisfies the requirements of Education Law §3012, the probationary period for this appointment shall be three (3) years, commencing August 31, 2026 and ending August 30, 2029, subject to the applicable provisions of law; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints **Julia Serret**, in accordance with §3012 of the Education Law, to a four-year probationary term as an Elementary Education Teacher, in the tenure area of Elementary Education, commencing on August 31, 2026 and ending on August 30, 2030; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board appoints **Terrell Iconic**, in accordance with §3012 of the Education

Law, to a four-year probationary term, as a Teacher on Special Assignment as a Dean of Students, in the tenure area of Physical Education, commencing on August 31, 2026 and ending on August 30, 2030; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board appoint **Alexa Hudd** to a four year probationary position as a Teaching Assistant, effective 8/31/2026 and ending 8/30/2030; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board appoint the following staff and coaches for fall sports:

SEASON	SPORT	LEVEL	ROLE	FIRST	LAST
Fall			Asst. Athletic Director	Joseph	Carlucci
2026-2027			Athletic Trainer	Joseph	Dranoff
2026-2027			Equipment Manager	Joseph	Dranoff
Summer			Co-Head Strength Coach	Darien	Bica
Summer			Co-Head Strength Coach	Brian	Pinto
Fall	Cheerleading	Varsity	Co-Head Coach	Ava	Ferro
Fall	Cheerleading	Varsity	Co-Head Coach	Samantha	DiTomasso
Fall	Cross Country	Varsity	Head Coach	Marcella	Sykucki
Fall	Cross Country	Varsity	Asst. to Program	Susan	Soohoo
Fall	Cross Country	Modified	Head Coach	Matthew	DeBellis
Fall	Field Hockey	Varsity	Head Coach	Kathleen	Regan
Fall	Field Hockey	Varsity	Asst. to Program	Danielle	Fucci
Fall	Field Hockey	JV	Head Coach	Amanda	D'Addona
Fall	Field Hockey	Modified	Head Coach	Angela	DeRosso
Fall	Football	Varsity	Head Coach	Darien	Bica
Fall	Football	Varsity	Co-2nd Assistant	John	Tessitore

Fall	Football	Varsity	Volunteer	Karim	McFarlane
Fall	Football	Modified	Coach	Brian	Pinto
Fall	Modified Sports	Modified	Prog. Development	Albert	Ciuffetelli
Fall	Boys Soccer	Varsity	Head Coach	Brian	Iacovelli
Fall	Boys Soccer	Varsity	Asst. to Program	Ivan	Martinez
Fall	Boys Soccer	Varsity	Volunteer	Luis	Galeano
Fall	Boys Soccer	Modified	Head Coach	Daniel	Linehan
Fall	Girls Soccer	Varsity	Head Coach	Alexa	Ramonetti
Fall	Girls Soccer	JV	Head Coach	Susan	Hannon
Fall	Girls Soccer	Modified	Head Coach	Jessica	Calvini
Fall	Girls Swimming	Varsity	Head Coach	Katherine	Konopka
Fall	Girls Swimming	Varsity	Head Coach - Diving	Lucy	Johanson
Fall	Girls Swimming	Varsity	Asst. to Program	Alexander	Lessem
Fall	Girls Tennis	Varsity	Head Coach	Mark	Canno
Fall	Girls Tennis	JV	Head Coach	Brad	Levine
Fall	Girls Tennis	Modified	Head Coach	Eric	Rudolph
Fall	Volleyball	Varsity	Head Coach	Allison	Reynolds
Fall	Volleyball	Varsity	Asst. to Program	Robert	Kiernan
Fall	Volleyball	JV	Head Coach	Alexandra	Roviezzo
Fall	Volleyball	Modified	Head Coach	Terell	Iconic
2026-2027			Support Staff/Athletics	Angelo	Labrusciano
2026-2027			Support Staff/Athletics	Pasquale	Carolini

2026-2027			Support Staff/Athletics	Catherine	Toolan
2026-2027			Support Staff/Athletics	Kevin	McQuade
2026-2027			Support Staff/Athletics	David	Meiliken

and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board accept the resignation of **Susan Marks** effective June 30, 2026.

3. Approval of Contracts for Summer 2026 Transportation Routes

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District approves the following transportation contract extensions as per the attached Schedule A for summer 2026 extended school year programs.

4. Approval of Tax Rate Apportionment and Issuance of Tax Warrants

WHEREAS, the voters of the Rye Neck Union Free School District approved the District's budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and authorized the levy of taxes necessary to fund such budget; and

WHEREAS, the final assessment rolls have been received from the municipalities comprising the District, and the tax rates have been calculated based upon the applicable assessed valuations and equalization rates in accordance with the New York State Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) §1903-a.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby approve and adopt Exhibit A: 2026-2027 Tax Rate Apportionment Schedule, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, which allocates the District tax levy among the municipalities within the District based upon the final assessed valuations and state equalization rates applicable to each municipality; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total amount to be raised by taxation for the 2026-2027 school year, as authorized by the voters and adjusted as permitted by law, shall be levied upon the taxable property within the District in accordance with the approved Tax Rate Apportionment Schedule set forth in Exhibit A; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer and the District Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Tax Warrants annexed to the assessment rolls and substantially in the form attached as part of Exhibit A for the collection of the 2026-2027 school taxes; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to collect the taxes levied pursuant to said Tax Warrants during the collection period prescribed by law and to otherwise perform all duties required under the New York State

Education Law and Real Property Tax Law with respect to the collection and enforcement of such taxes; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is directed to maintain Exhibit A, including the approved tax rate apportionment schedule, tax levy allocation, and executed tax warrants, as part of the official records of the District.

5. Adoption and Approval of Settlement Agreement

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District adopt and approve the attached Settlement Agreement between the District and the parent of a student with a disability.

6. Approval of Rejection of Bids for Electrical Upgrades

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District has endeavored to enter into a certain contract for Electrical Upgrades at Rye Neck MS/HS (the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has solicited bids through an invitation to bid for the Contract in accordance with all applicable laws, including, the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education received three (3) bids for the Contract (the "Bids"), which were duly opened and read aloud on June 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed the Bids; and

WHEREAS, based upon the review of the Bids, the Board of Education has determined that the total cost of the project exceeds the current budget allocation, therefore it is in the best interest of the District and serves the public's interest in the economical use of public moneys to reject all bids received in response to the invitation to bid for the Electrical Upgrades at Rye Neck MS/HS.

RESOLVED: Pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Education Law and the General Municipal Law, the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District is authorized to, and by this Resolution does hereby reject all of the Bids, received, opened, and read aloud on June 12, 2026 by the District for the Electrical Upgrades at Rye Neck MS/HS Project and authorizes the District administration to re-advertise said Project for rebid at a later date.

7. Award of Contract for Electrical Upgrade Work

RESOLVED, that as a result of the bids received on June 24, 2026 for Electrical Upgrades at Rye Neck MS/HS, the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District make the following award of the contract, pending final clearance of insurance documentation, to:

ER Electric Corp.
111 Devonshire Road
Larchmont, NY 10538

Electrical work:

Base Bid (inclusive of \$20,000 allowance): \$ 410,777.00

Alternate #2 \$ 69,777.00

TOTAL AWARD: \$ 480,554.00

8. Award of Bid for Labor and Materials for Electrical Work

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District, as a result of a request for bids opened on June 24, 2026, award the bid for Labor and Materials for Electrical Work to Dola Electrical Co. Inc. located at 3044 E. Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461 as per the attached bid matrix.

9. Authorization of Donation

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby authorize the donation of one (1) Rye Neck t-shirt and one (1) RN Varsity Letter to Fat Stu's restaurant, Mamaroneck, New York, for purposes of decor for the new establishment to recognize local school athletic programs.

10. 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 and equipment no longer in good working condition as per Schedule A.

11. 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.

AYES: All Present

NAYES: None

V. Communications to the Board

President Gatenio reported that the Board has received 12 communications since the last Meeting, 9 regarding technology, 1 regarding the AIS program, and 2 regarding the June 16th Board meeting.

VI. Review of SEQRA Findings

Bob Kernan from The LA Group addressed the Board for the initial review of the SEQR findings. He reviewed the steps of the SEQR process for the capital bond referendum; the three parts of the Environmental Assessment Form, and the SEQR process and referendum timeline. He stated that research and data collection began in December of 2025, they declared the lead agency intent on March 18th, there was a minimum 30 day review period, then they declared the lead agency at the May 19th Board meeting. There will be a Special Board meeting on July 16th to approve a resolution for a negative declaration, approve the resolutions for the design and budget, and set approve the referendum date of October 1st.

VII. Citizens' Privilege of the Floor

There were no comments made by the public.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Wagner seconded by Trustee Ryan, it was

RESOLVED, that there being no further business before the Board, that the Board of Education Meeting of July 1, 2026 be adjourned.

AYES: All Present

NAYES: None

President Gatenio adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Chiera
District Clerk