RYE NECK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
300 HORNIDGE ROAD
MAMARONECK, NEW YORK 10543
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2026

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 6:00 p.m.

II. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Burke stated that the District is 58 days away from the October 1st Bond Referendum vote, and this evening, President Gatenio will explain the SEQR determination, which is the formal decision required under New York's State Environmental Quality Review Act to assess our project's environmental impact. The bond reflects years of comprehensive studies and community feedback, serving as a future centerpiece for students, staff, and residents. Timelines, videos, and financial details for the referendum can be found on the District's website under the *2026 Bond Referendum* tab. The last livestream is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26th at 7:00 p.m., followed by a Town Hall, facility tours, and a referendum hearing all during the month of September. Early mail-in ballot details are available on our website under the Board of Education's voter information section.

III. President's Report

President Gatenio read the SEQR determination.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

Upon Motion duly made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Homberg, 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 July 1, 2026 Board of Education Organizational Meeting

2. Approval of the Minutes of the July 1, 2026 Board of Education Meeting

3. Approval of Personnel Appointments and Resignations

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board appoint **Brian Crawford** to a probationary position as a Head Custodial Worker effective 08/01/2026 and ending 07/31/2027. Civil Service requires a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby appoints **Lori Kasper** to the position of Senior Office Assistant, effective 08/14/2026. This appointment shall have a delayed start with the start date and corresponding probationary period commencing 08/18/2026 and concluding 08/17/2027 in accordance with Civil Service, which requires a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board appoint **Donna Bruno** as a part-time School Monitor, effective 09/01/2026. Civil Service requires a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints **Kendyl Nethercott**, in accordance with §3012 of the Education Law, to a four-year probationary term as an Reading Teacher, in the tenure area of Reading, 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 **Frannie Willsey** as a School Nurse, effective August 31, 2026. Civil Service requires a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks; and it was

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

Name	Effective Date	Type	Assignment/Location
Ernest Ricketts	**2026-27**	**Safety & Security Consultant**	**Districtwide**
Samantha Maresca	**07/23/26**	**Per Diem Clerical Substitute**	**Districtwide**
Frank Bruno	**2026-27**	**School Monitor Substitute**	**F.E.B.**

and it was

FURTHER 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:

MS/HS Enrichment Coordinator
Jennifer Carpiniello

and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board appoints the following substitutes:

Sarah Carpenito
Susan Albanese
Dianna Anderson
Raffaele Ausanio
Kimberly Barth
Kimberly Chiarella
Gail Fiorille
Joyce Pezzola
Jakob Calvini
Philip Reda
Deborah Hutchinson
Karen Fontecchio
Concetta Levin
Suzanne Melillo
Wendy Reynolds
Alexandre Stern-Obstfeld
Lauren Wolman-Mioli
Briana Tola
Theresa Michna
Chloe Ryan
Daniel Zaccagnino
Philip Tancora

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	Football	Varsity	Co-2nd Assistant	Christopher	Fucci
Fall	Football	Varsity	1st Assistant	Devonte	Brailsford
Fall	Football	Modified	Coach	Sean	Burke
Fall	Football	Varsity	3rd Assistant	Justin	Myers
Fall	Soccer	Varsity	Asst. to Program	Dominick	Dimiceli
Fall	Soccer	JV	Coach	Marlon	Calderon

and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board rescind the appointment of **Danielle Fucci** as Assistant to Program Varsity Field Hockey Coach; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board rescind the appointment of **Karim McFarlane** as the Varsity Football Volunteer; and it was

FURTHER IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board grant **Kristin Desio Conklin** an unpaid Parental Leave beginning on September 9, 2026 through September 30, 2026; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board grant **Corinne Ryan** an intermittent paid FMLA leave beginning on August 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. As per her contract, Ms. Ryan may utilize her sick days toward the first forty (40) days of intermittent leave. Thereafter, the remainder of FMLA leave will be unpaid; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board accept the resignation of **Jessica Tanis** effective July 13, 2026; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby that the Board accept the resignation of **Leanne Spadaccino** effective July 31, 2026.

4. Appointment of Election Personnel

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTOR OF SPECIAL MEETING

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District appoints **Joanna Lord, 211 Melbourne Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY** as Chief Election Inspector for the Special Meeting to be held on October 1, 2026 at the daily rate of $350.00.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION INSPECTORS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District appoint the following Election Inspectors for the Special Meeting to be held on October 1, 2026:

1. Yeni Morales-Diaz 550 N. Wagner Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY
2. Michael DiMurro, 525 English Place, Mamaroneck, NY
3. Barbara McCaffery, 1514 Park Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY
4. Adrienne Troupe, 270 Waverly Avenue, Apt. 310, Mamaroneck, NY

at the daily rate of $300.00.

APPOINTMENT OF POLL CLERKS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District appoint **Sophia Sinaheris, Maureen Williams and Dawn Yannuzzi** as poll clerks to canvass those paper ballots used by persons whose names are not on the Registration Poll ledgers; to meet on Friday, October 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Administration Building to canvass those votes.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON OF SPECIAL MEETING

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District appoint **Mary Beebe-Harrison** as Chairperson of the Special Meeting to be held on October 1, 2026.

5. Approval of Legal Notice for October 1, 2026 Special Meeting
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District approve the **attached** legal notice of the October 1, 2026 Special Meeting for publication in the Journal News.

6. Approval of Wording for Ballot for October 1, 2026 Special Meeting
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District approve the attached legal notice of the October 1, 2026 Special Meeting for publication in the Journal News.

7. Approval of SEQR Determination
WHEREAS, the Rye Neck Union Free School District (the "District") proposed to undertake capital improvement activities (collectively, the "Project") at the Rye Neck Daniel Warren Elementary School, located at 1310 Harrison Ave, Mamaroneck, NY 10543, and the Rye Neck Middle and High School, located at 300 Hornidge Road, Mamaroneck, NY 10543 with both interior and exterior work as more fully described in the Project Scope document attached hereto;

WHEREAS, the District desires to comply with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, as set forth in Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, and the requirements of the implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations") (collectively, "SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SEQRA's coordinated review requirements, on April 13, 2026, the District sent letters and a copy of a completed Full Environmental Assessment Form ("FEAF") Part 1 to identified involved agencies declaring the District's intent to serve as lead agency for the SEQRA review of the Project, preliminarily classifying the Project as a "Type 1 action," as that term is defined in SEQRA, and transmitting Part 1 of the FEAF; and

WHEREAS, the District received responses from the New York State Education Department, consenting to the District acting as lead agency, attached hereto; and;

WHEREAS, all other involved agencies did not respond to the District's SEQRA coordination letter and thereby consent to the District's role as lead agency; and

WHEREAS, the District has prepared Part 2 of the FEAF, a copy of which is attached hereto, and considered all information and documentation regarding the Project, including Parts 1 and 2 of the FEAF and the District's knowledge of the properties involved in the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, the District has considered the Project in light of the actions included on the Type I list specified in Section 617.4 of the Regulations and considering the actions included on the Type II list specified in Section 617.5 of the Regulations; it was

RESOLVED, that the District declares that:

1. The District assumed the role of lead agency for the coordinated review under SEQRA for the Project; and
2. Based upon the record before it, and under the applicable standards of SEQRA, the Project is classified as an "Type I action," as that term is defined in SEQRA; and
3. No significant adverse environmental impacts are noted in Parts 1 or 2 of the FEAF for the Project and none are known to the District, therefore, the District hereby determines that the Project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact, and will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement with respect to the Project; and
4. Accordingly, the District directs the preparation of a Negative Declaration for the Project and will maintain a copy of such Negative Declaration in the District's office in a file that will be accessible to the public and
5. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to all involved agencies; and
6. The District will comply with all guidance and project specific requirements of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and
7. The District will comply with guidance issued by the New York State Education Department; and
8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

8. <u>Adoption and Approval of Settlement Agreement</u>

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.

9. <u>Award of Contract for Neuropsychological Evaluation Services</u>

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District, as a result of a Request for Proposals opened on June 30, 2026, award contracts for Neuropsychological Evaluation Services based on the attached ratings matrix.

Nicole Crispinelli, Psy. D. Psychological Assessments, PLLC
100 South Bedford Road, Suite 340
Mount Kisco, NY 10549

NY SPEAKS
Dr. Selene Yoel, SLPD-CCC-SLP, BE/MA TESOL
31-04 30th Avenue, 2nd Floor
Astoria, NY 11102

10. Acceptance of Bid Bond Settlement

WHEREAS, Hudson Insurance Company ("Hudson") is the bid bond surety that issued a bid bond in connection with the bid of Total Construction Corp. ("Total") for the Masonry Restoration at Daniel Warren Elementary School Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the District accepted Total's bid and awarded Total the contract for the Project, but Total failed to enter into a contract and furnish the for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the District commenced an action against Hudson and Total to recover damages arising from Total's failure to enter into the contract, including the difference between Total's bid and the contract awarded by the District to the second lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the District and Hudson, subject to approval by the Board of Education, have agreed to resolve the dispute in exchange for Hudson's payment to the District the sum of $30,000 and the District's release of its bid bond claim against Hudson and discontinuance of the action against Hudson; and

WHEREAS, the District administration and legal counsel have recommended that the Board of Education approve the settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that approval of the settlement is in the best interests of the District and will avoid the burden, uncertainty, expense and distraction associated with continued litigation; it was

RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District, as follows:

1. The proposed settlement as described above is hereby approved; and
2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee, in the name and on behalf of the District to prepare and execute any necessary instruments to effectuate the settlement described above.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

11. Approval of COpier, Scanner and Printer Lease Contract

WHEREAS, pursuant to the agreement approved in resolution dated July 1, 2026, Rye Neck UFSD is authorized to partner with OMNIA Partners to utilize multi-state volume purchasing contracts and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authorization, the District wishes to utilize OMNIA Partners for Print Goods and Services for Contract Number: 2020002755 with Canon U.S.A.; and

WHEREAS, the Rye Neck Union Free School District evaluated the terms of the RFP and Canon U.S.A. has been found to meet all the qualifications and requirements per Contract Number 2020002755.

RESOLVED, that an award be issued to Canon U.S.A. for the lease of copiers, printers and scanners including printing volume, at the solicited rates contained

herein for procurements entered into during the renewal period of August 1, 2026 – July 31, 2031 pursuant to Contract Number 2020002755.

12. Approval of Disposal of Furniture

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.

AYES: All Present
NAYES: None

V. Adjournment of Meeting

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

RESOLVED, that there being no further business before the Board, that the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of August 4, 2026 be adjourned.

AYES: All Present
NAYES: None

President Gatenio adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Ellen Chiera
District Clerk