Rye Neck Schools

RYE NECK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
300 HORNIDGE ROAD
MAMARONECK, NEW YORK 10543
BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANNING SESSION
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

Present: President Halli Gatenio
Trustee Gabriella Danza
Trustee Ruth Homberg
Trustee Alex Rainert
Trustee Laurel Ryan
Trustee Erica Wagner
Student Representative Valentina Ferrante
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 Gatenio called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the August 24, 2026 Meeting

Upon Motion duly made by Trustee Ryan 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 August 24, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.

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

III. Discussion

Axon Fusus Update

Mr. Burke followed up with the Board regarding his discussions with City of Rye Public Safety Commissioner Michael Kopy regarding the Axon Fusus System and the presentation Commissioner Kopy made at the June 2026 Planning Session. He reviewed the purpose and functionality of the system, as well as the cost to the District. Mr. Burke advised that if the District was to go forward with the system, the Board would need to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Rye PD. Following discussion, the Board asked Mr. Burke to draft a MOU for their review prior to making a final decision.

Strategic Plan Update

Mrs. Ryan updated the Board on the staff's work with regard to the implementation of the Strategic Plan. She advised that they spent the Superintendent Conference Days training staff and reviewing the evaluation process. Professional Development will continue throughout the school year, and they begin working on a diversity celebration. In addition, staff will be sharing with one another the information learned from courses they've participated in.

Bond Referendum Update

Mrs. Mahar advised the Board that the Bond issue of Value Ed should hit mailboxes this week. In addition, they will be out at all evening events at the schools. A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16th at which Mr. Burke, Mrs. Mahar and the architect will address community concerns. A tour of the athletic facilities will take place at 6 p.m. The final budget hearing will take place at the September 23rd Board meeting.

IV. Adjournment

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

RESOLVED, that there being no further business before the Board, the Board of Education Planning Session of September 9, 2026 be adjourned.

AYES: All Present
NAYES: None

President Gatenio adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Ellen Chiera