

**ROSLYN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Meeting of the Board of Education**

Thursday, January 28, 2016

8:00 p.m.

Roslyn High School – Board Room

MINUTES

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
Clifford Saffron, Vice President
David Dubner
Adam Haber
Steven Litvack
David Seinfeld
Bruce G. Valauri

ALSO PRESENT

Gerard W. Dempsey, Jr.	Superintendent
Allison Brown	Deputy Superintendent
Joseph C. Dragone	Assistant Superintendent for Business
Michael Goldspiel	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Nancy Carney Jones	District Clerk
Mitchell Klein	Student Delegate

7:00 p.m. - Executive Session

Pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 105, it was duly moved, seconded and carried by a vote of 7-0; that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The Board reconvened in Public Session in the High School Board Room at 8:07 p.m.

8:00 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition – Psychology Fair Students

On January 7, 2016, Roslyn High School hosted the 9th Annual Long Island High School Psychology Fair. Mr. Dempsey introduced Dr. Wesley, District Research Coordinator and one of the founders of the Psychology Fair. Dr. Wesley announced this year's fair hosted 30 students from approximately 12 school districts.

The Board of Education presented certificates of recognition to the following Roslyn High School winners: Daniel Chai - Best in Category in Social Psychology, Kamyar Ghiam and Anuj Gupta - Best in Category in Educational Psychology and Nicolas Furci - Honorable Mention (2nd Place) in the Interdisciplinary room. Mr. Furci also won the first *Psychology Bowl* a new addition to this year's fair.

Mr. Dempsey thanked Dr. Wesley and expressed the district's appreciation of her work with all the research programs and the Psychology Fair.

Mr. Seinfeld commented the students from his district enjoyed participating in Fair.

Recommendation to accept the Claims Audit Report for November 2015

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Litvack, carried by a vote of 7-0, to accept the Claims Auditors Report for November 2015.

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy commented on the beautiful artwork currently on display in the board room compliments of the students from the East Hills School. She welcomed Mitchel Klein as tonight's OCC representative.

In addition, she commented on the amazing job the entire staff did working throughout the weekend and Monday to get the buildings and roads cleared after this weekend's blizzard. She thanked Mr. Saffron, Mr. Dempsey and Ms. Brown for helping to make the decision to close school on Monday due to the local road conditions.

Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Dempsey also commented on the weather this past weekend. He stated "unlike probably many students, a Saturday morning snow fall is much appreciated by a superintendent." He thanked the staff for the tremendous job they did on the snow removal. They worked 30 hours straight from Saturday to Sunday morning. They returned Sunday afternoon and continued the clean up thru Monday. The decision to close the schools on Monday was due to the conditions of the local roads and the concern of the safety of our students and staff. He noted that we did get cooperation from the all the municipality's in regard to the road cleaning.

Mr. Dempsey presented a certificate to Ms. Ben-Levy from the New York State School Board Association for her participation in Leadership Development Program. She has obtained the next level of 150 points in courses and workshops.

Student Delegate's Comments

Mr. Mitchell Klein represented the OCC due to the absence of Nathan Yang. He

congratulated the participants of the Psychology Fair. He updated the Board on the upcoming OCC events which include selling roses for Valentine's Day and the Clash of the Classes to be held in March.

Discussion Item:

1. Middle School Presentation

Mr. Craig Johanson, Principal Middle School presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Roslyn Middle School which focused on the school now and the vision of where the school is going. Also in attendance this evening were Ms. Scordo and Mr. Lazarus, Assistant Principals at the Middle School.

Mr. Johanson stressed the importance of celebrating the start of the new school year for the students and teachers. One of the goals of the Middle School is to create a positive culture in the school where the students are excited about being in school every day. He outlined Social Awareness Programs currently being offered which include: Ryan's Story, Cyber-bullying/Sexting, Drug and Alcohol Awareness, No one Eats Alone and The Effects of Drugs on the Brain.

Mr. Johanson spoke of the recent field trips, winter concerts, the continuation of a program that retired Principal, Jack Palmadesso started in regard to the book *A Long Walk to Water*. Pictures of the well the children donated are on the organization's website. He spoke of the continuation of Project Lead the Way, coding classes and the Teacher's College reading and writing program.

Mr. Johanson outlined the following changes the Middle School team is proposing:

- *Changing the cafeteria environment in order to increase social inclusion* – they are asking to purchase tables which will allow seating for 20 and relieve the pressure of saving seats. This will be part of the No One Eats Alone initiative.
- *Improve transition from Elementary school to the Middle school*
This will be accomplished by creating a 5th grade into 6th grade transition video. They are proposing this be created by the Film Club.
- *Develop substantial and diverse leveled libraries for our English classrooms*
- New Course Opportunities.
ABA program, Coding 6 and 7, Astronomy 7/8, Film Studies 7/8 and Advanced Mandarin
- School Climate Survey (SEL committee)
Giving the children a voice - proposing to find out what our students need
- Clubs and intramurals
All clubs with High interest will remain, Robotics club
GSA Club (Tolerance and Acceptance)

The board thanked Mr. Johanson for his presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1 Limited to Agenda Items ONLY

(Will be limited to ½ hour, no more than 2 minutes per speaker).

Though not required by law, the Roslyn Board of Education invites public comment during its meetings. Citizens will be recognized by the presiding officer. Please state your name and address before speaking and direct all comments to the Board. This is not a time for citizen to citizen exchanges. We ask that comments not include the names of students or staff members, and comments are not permitted with respect to confidential matters. Please also be reminded that Board meetings are designed by law to facilitate the school district's business and provide for public Board deliberations. Thank you

No comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Action may be taken for each individual resolution or by the titled subgroups. Bracketed information following resolutions is not part of the Board's official action and does not become part of the official record.

Ms. Ben-Levy requested to take Curriculum and Instruction out of order. All voted in favor of taking Curriculum and Instruction out of order.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

C&I.1 Recommendation to accept the confidential stipulations of the CPSE for the dates listed below as well as the implementation plans for the corresponding special education programs, services and parent notification as previously approved by the Committee on January 6, 2016 and January 11, 2016.

C&I.2 Recommendation to accept the confidential stipulations of the CSE for the dates listed below as well as the implementation plans for the corresponding special education programs, services and parent notification as previously approved by the Committee on December 15, 2015, January 4, 2016 and January 14, 2016.

C&I.3 Recommendation to approve the creation of a new Middle School club for the 2015-2016 school year – Gay Straight Alliance (GSA).

C&I.4 Recommendation to approve Joseph Dragone to attend the New York State Association of School Business Officials Spring Leadership Conference in Albany, New York from March 13 through 14, 2016 at no cost to the district.

C&I.5 Recommendation to approve Wendy Svitek to attend the New York State Teacher Center Committee of 100 and Spring Symposium in Albany, New York from March 7 through 9, 2016 at no cost to the district.

C&I.6 Recommendation to approve Mary Wood to attend Harvard Graduate School of Education Annual Learning Differences Conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts from March 10 through 12, 2016 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,479.00.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Litvack carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve Agenda Items numbered C&I.1 – C&I.6.

Mr. Haber questioned the policy that was followed to add the club in agenda item C&I.3. He was informed that the Audio-Visual club was dropped which allowed the

creation of the GSA club at the Middle School.

Mr. Dragone called from the floor to add agenda items Addendum P.1, P.4 and P.5

PERSONNEL:

ALL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS LISTED ARE FUNDED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

P.1. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Roslyn Board of Education approves the appointments, resignations, terminations, elimination of positions, transfers, and leaves of absence as detailed in the Personnel Action Reports attached as **(Attachment P.1 Professional)**

P.2. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Roslyn Board of Education approves the appointments, resignations, terminations, elimination of positions, transfers, and leaves of absence as detailed in the Personnel Action Reports attached as **(Attachment P.2 Classified)**

P.3 Recommendation to approve the Adult Education Instructor Salaries attached as **(Attachment P.3).**

Addendum

P.1 Professional

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Location	From	To	Certification / Class / Step / Salary
18	Kevin Kearney	Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement	Psychologist	HS		2/29/16 (last day of employment)	
19	Michael Coffey	Club Appointment	Assistant to RCP Advisor	HS	1/29/16	6/30/16	Per RTA Contract, \$1,196.50
20	Jean Goloski	Club Appointment	Musical Director (combined Musical & Vocal Director)	HS	1/29/16	6/30/16	Per RTA Contract, \$3,545
21	Patrick Patterson	Club Appointment	Pit Director	HS	1/29/16	6/30/16	Per RTA Contract, \$800

P.4 BE IT RESOLVED that, Dr. Randall A. Solomon, is hereby designated as School Medical Inspector of Roslyn Union Free School District, in order to determine the physical and/or mental capacity of employees to perform their duties pursuant to Section 913 of the Education Law.

P.5 WHEREAS, a non-instructional employee whose identity is known to the Board has been excessively absent from and unable to perform satisfactorily her duties and responsibilities as an employee of the Roslyn Union Free School District during the 2015/2016 school year, and

WHEREAS, the said inability of this non-instructional employee whose identity is known to the Board, to report regularly to work, and to perform satisfactorily her services, has raised an issue as to the individual's physical and mental condition and health,

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Education Law Section 913,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that this non-instructional employee whose identity is known to the Board, is directed to report for a medical examination in order to determine the physical or mental capacity of such person to perform her duties, the said medical examination to be before, Dr. Randall A. Solomon at his office located at, Woodhull Professional Building, 55 Nesconset Highway, Suite 1, Port Jefferson Station, New York 11776 on March 8, 2016 at 1:30pm, or on any adjourned date and/or any subsequent days that Dr. Solomon may require.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that this non-instructional employee whose identity is known to the Board, is directed to produce at said medical examination, any and all medical records related to her health.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Litvack and carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve Agenda Items numbered P.1, P.2, P.3, Addenda P.1, P.4 and P.5

BUSINESS/FINANCE:

ALL ITEMS ON THE BUSINESS/FINANCE PORTION OF THE AGENDA ARE WITHIN THE BUDGET UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

B.1. Recommendation to approve Capital Fund Budget appropriation transfer requests as per **Attachment B.1.**

B.2. Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$30,212.91 to Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district for the period ending 12/31/2015.

B.3. Recommendation to approve general fund appropriation transfer requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
9060-800-03-9000-303	1430-430-03-9000-312	\$1,655.12

Medical Insurance

Contracted Services

Subtotal

\$1,655.12

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: The Winthrop Pediatrics contract amount for the 2015-16 school year remained unchanged from 2014-15. However, the amount budgeted for 2015-16 was \$1,655.12 less than the contract amount.

- B.4.** Recommendation to approve the following payments to KG&D Architects for professional services rendered to the district and reimbursable expenses pertaining to capital improvements at the locations indicated in the table below. [Funds will be deducted from the Capital Budget Codes indicated in the table below.

Payment	Location/ Project	Budget	PO #S	Inv #
\$20.88	HS Reimbursables	2110-245-08-1408	H14-00014	21
\$3,375.00	HS Steam Leak	2110-245-08-1508	H15-00014	3
\$17,400.16	EH Capital Projects	2110-245-04-1504	H15-00014	10
\$9,294.01	MS Capital Projects	2110-245-09-1509	H15-00014	7
\$10,608.78	EH Capital Projects	2110-245-04-1504	H15-00014	6
\$5,322.52	Bus Garage	2110-245-03-1502	H15-00014	16

- B.5.** Recommendation to approve a revision to the Cooperative Transportation Contract Extensions for 2015-2016, which were approved on June 25, 2015 (item B.17) to include the addition of 1 student. **(Attachment B.5.)**
- B.6.** Recommendation by Scott Andrews, High School Principal to declare the attached list of books to be discarded due to obsolescence. **(Attachment B.6.)**
- B.7.** Recommendation to approve general fund appropriation transfer requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2850-448-08-6700-801	5550-430-03-9000-510	\$85.50
Co-Curr Field Trips	Trans Public Service	
	Subtotal	\$85.50

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To cover the tolls for different HS trips.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve Agenda Items numbered B.1–B.7.

Mr. Haber commented on agenda item B.5. He requested the Business Office to continue to monitor the cost of busing our students.

Mr. Litvack commented on agenda item B.6. He inquired if the books that were being discarded could be donated. Mr. Dragone stated that if the books have values the District will try to sell to companies that buy back old books

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

These agenda items were approved before the Personnel items.

Public Comments #2

No comments

Adjournment

**There being no further business to come before the Board of Education
Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner carried by a vote of 7-0, to adjourn at
9:09 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carney Jones

**Nancy Carney Jones
District Clerk**