

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

Thursday, September 24, 2015

7:15 p.m.

Roslyn High School – Board Room

MINUTES

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
David Dubner arrived at 7:35 p.m.
Adam Haber
David Seinfeld
Bruce G. Valauri

ALSO PRESENT

Allison Brown	Deputy Superintendent
Joseph C. Dragone	Assistant Superintendent for Business
Michael Goldspiel	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Nancy Carney Jones	District Clerk
Nathan Yang	Student Delegate

ABSENT

Gerard W. Dempsey, Jr. Superintendent
Clifford Saffron, Vice President
Steven Litvack

7:15 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting

The Board convened in Public Session in the Board Room at 7:18 p.m.

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition – 4 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Dr. Scott Andrews, High School Principal, presented the following students as this year's National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists: Ryan Bichoupan, Timothy Chen, Samuel Markowitz and Alexa Silver. Out of 1.5 million students who took the PSAT,

these students were among the 16,000 who achieved the status of National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. The Board of Education recognized these students by presenting them with a certificate of recognition.

Recommendation to accept the Treasurer's Report(s) for June 2015 and July 2015
(Attachment T)

Ms. Gillespie presented and discussed with the Board of Education the Treasurer's Report for June 2015 and July 2015.

Dr. Valauri moved, seconded by Mr. Haber carried by a vote of 4-0, (Mr. Dubner had not arrived, Messrs. Saffron and Litvack absent) to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2015 and July 2015.

Recommendation to accept the 4th Quarter Claims Audit Report for the months of April May and June 2015

Mr. Haber moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri, carried by a vote of 4-0, (Mr. Dubner had not arrived, Messrs. Saffron and Litvack absent) to accept the Claims Auditors Report 4th Quarter Claims Audit Report for the months of April - June 2015.

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy announced the Roslyn Marching Band placed first in their class at the Brentwood show this past weekend and chose to forgo her remaining comments due to the presentation this evening.

Superintendent's Comments

In Mr. Dempsey's absence, Ms. Brown was acting Superintendent. She passed on her comments this evening due to her presentation.

Student Delegate's Comments

Mr. Yang announced the OCC had completed their freshman elections. At their last meeting they discussed Homecoming. The OCC will be going to the other schools to speak to the students about homecoming.

Discussion Item:

1. 2014-2015 State Assessment Data

Allison Brown, Deputy Superintendent and Michael Goldspiel, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction presented a PowerPoint presentation 3-8 NYS ELA/MATH RESULTS, REGENTS RESULTS AND AP RESULTS.

Ms. Brown presented the scores for both the ELA and Math results. She explained to the Board what needs to be done to make the scores better,

teaching the children how to approach the questions and the use of Professional Development to accomplish these goals.

Mr. Goldspiel presented the results of the Advanced Placement and Regents exams. He explained the 2014-2015 school year had 442 students taking 1182 AP exams compared to the 2011-2012 school year which had 380 students take 853 AP exams. He spoke of the rigor of the classes and how the teachers are being prepared to teach these classes. Based on the results of the AP exams, the District is looking into why some of the 12th graders are scoring 1's and 2's and how we can improve these scores. In addition, the District will be offering AP Music Theory.

Ms. Ben-Levy commented on the beautiful, incredible artwork hanging in the board room from the High School students. She asked to please communicate our thanks.

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

Eleanor Russell, RTA President, commented on:

- The positive results of the ELA and Math tests. She attributed this to the training the teachers received from EVI.
- AP Classes we should not concentrate on the score, but on the experience. The students are being exposed to a different way of learning, a college methodology of learning. We should concentrate on increasing the number of children taking the classes, not the scores.
- Dr. Brenner spearheaded the change of philosophy at the High School in regard to AP English. The philosophy was that all children should try the class and for those who do there will be support.
- AP scores of seniors - Do not worry about these scores. It does not reflect what they have accomplished but more the level of stress they are under.

Ms. Ben-Levy commented that it is the District's belief that in regard to the AP exam "we create an atmosphere where any student feels they can take the exam and not be intimidated by it."

Ms. Gilbert, a Parent, questioned the data presented and wanted to know more about the background of the students - if any of the students taking the regents and/or AP classes started in special education.

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. Brown requested from the floor to amend agenda item P.1 items 9-12 and P.2 Item 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) (Advisory P.1)**

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)**

Addendum

P.3 **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, pursuant to the provisions of Education Law Section 913, that an employee whose identity is known to the Board of Education, is hereby directed to report for a medical examination in order to determine his/her physical and mental capacity to perform his/her employment duties, the said examination will be conducted by a medical professional selected by the School District on a mutually agreeable date(s) and time.

P.1 As amended

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Location	From	To	Certification / Class / Step / Salary
9	Linda Golosi	Appointment	Intramurals -Arts & Crafts	EH	9/28/15	6/30/16	Per RTA Contract, \$70/hour
10	Lisa Lobell	Appointment	Intramurals -Math	EH	9/28/15	6/30/16	Per RTA Contract, \$70/hour
11	Geraldine Parmiter	Appointment	Intramural Worker- Athletics	EH	9/28/15	6/30/16	Per RTA Contract, \$56/hour
12	Linda Rosenblatt	Appointment	Intramural Worker- Athletics	EH	9/28/15	6/30/16	Per RTA Contract, \$56/hour

P.2 As amended

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Class	Type of Appt	Location	From	To	Certification Class / Step Salary
5	Joan Dirr	Appointment	Teacher Aide (A. Quigley)			HS	10/9/15 9/28/15		Level III/Step 1

Dr. Valauri moved, seconded by Mr. Seinfeld and carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Saffron and Litvack absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered P.1, P.2 (as amended) and Addendum P.3.

BUSINESS/FINANCE:

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

B.1. Recommendation to approve the following contracts and to authorize the Board of Education President to execute (those contracts marked with an asterisk have been prepared pursuant to a previous award of an RFP or bid).

- (i) Contractee: Port Washington School District
- Services: One (1) student from Port Washington to attend The Hilltop Academy for the 9/10/2015- 6/24/16 school year
- Fees: \$72,500.00 tuition per student (prorated)
Total estimated to be \$72,500.00 (Roslyn to receive)

B.2. Recommendation to approve Capital Fund Budget appropriation transfer requests as per **Attachment B.2.**

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

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
9060-800-03-9000-303	Hospital, Medical & Dental Ins.	\$16,502.13
	Subtotal	\$16,502.13

<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
9080-800-03-9000-303	Benefits Non Cash Annuity	\$ 6,164.00
9089-160-03-9000-303	Clerical Term Pay	\$10,338.13
	Subtotal	\$16,502.13

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: The non-elective deferrals of compensation specified in employment agreements has increased from last year. In addition, terminal payments made to clerical staff who retired last year are charged to the current fiscal year.

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 #
\$751.45	EH Capital Projects	2110-245-04-1405	H14-00014	18
\$350.35	Hts Capital Projects	2110-245-06-1407	H14-00014	18
\$656.79	HH Capital Projects	2110-245-07-1406	H14-00014	18
\$1,312.50	HS Capital Projects	2110-245-08-1408	H14-00014	18
\$357.00	MS Capital Projects	2110-245-09-1409	H14-00014	18
\$130.55	DW Reimbursables	2110-245-03-1502	H15-00014	13
\$10,920.78	EH Reimbursables	2110-245-04-1504	H15-00014	4

B.5. Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$13,450.95 to Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district for the period ending 08/31/2015.

B.6. Recommendation to approve a revision to the Transportation Contract Extensions for 2015-2016 which was originally approved by the BOE at its meeting on June 25, 2015 (item B.17) to include the addition of 2 students **(Attachment B.6.)**

B.7. BIDS: Awards & Plaques #15/16 - 3

Bid Advertised – August 28, 2015
 Bid Mailed – August 28, 2015
 Bid opened – September 16, 2015
 Number of Invitation to bid mailed – 7
 Number of bids received - 1

Recommendation: That, award based on low cost satisfactorily meeting specifications be made to Plaques & Such, 1631-1 Sycamore Avenue, Bohemia, NY, 11716 for an approximate total of \$9,333.50.

Estimated total cost is within the 2015-2016 budget. **(Attachment B.7.)**

B.8. Recommendation to approve the following payments to Park East Construction Corporation for construction management services and reimbursements rendered to the district pertaining to various projects 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 #	Inv #
\$1,600.00	Hts Reimbursables	2110-201-06-1506	H15-00015	2015-201

Addendum

B.9. WHEREAS, on or about September 2, 2015, the School District issued a Request for Proposals to finance the purchase of two (2) new school buses and three (3) new vans at a cost of \$472,179.82 over a five (5) year term; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2015, the School District received and opened sealed proposals for the financing of the School District's installment purchase of the school buses and vans; and

WHEREAS, the School District Administration and its Financial Advisor reviewed the proposals received in response to the Request for Proposal; and

WHEREAS, based upon said review, the School District Administration and the District's Financial Advisor recommend that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District award the financing of the new school buses to JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. at a rate of 1.674% for a five (5) year term.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education in the best interest of the School District, awards the financing of the two (2) new school buses and three (3) new vans to JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business (each an "Authorized Representative") acting on behalf of the School District and with the advice of counsel are each hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, approve, execute and deliver one or more equipment leases, subject to review and modification by counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Master Lease Purchase Agreement and Schedule, if any with JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the financing of the two (2) new school buses and three (3) vans and all contracts, agreements, and other documents necessary or incidental to effectuate such financing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District's obligations under any new equipment lease agreement or agreements entered into by the District to finance the two (2) new school buses and three (3) new vans shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the Board of Education of the District and the District's obligations under such agreements shall not constitute a general obligation of the District or indebtedness under the Constitution or laws of the State of New York.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate the Lease Purchase Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education and to take any and all

other action necessary or desirable in connection with said Lease Purchase Agreement.

This resolution shall take effect immediately

Mr. Seinfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Saffron and Litvack absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered B.1–B.8 and Addendum B.9

Mr. Haber questioned why there was only one bid for B.7. Ms. Brown explained our bid requirements were very specific and no other company wanted to bid on the proposal. The bid is \$1,500.00 lower than last year.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

C&I.1 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 September 4, 2015.

C&I.2 Recommendation to approve Vera Trenchfield to attend the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Annual Conference in Verona, New York from November 18 through 21, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,416.26.

C&I.3 Recommendation to approve 6 students and 1 chaperone from the DECA Club to attend the DECA Ultimate Power Trip in Austin, Texas from November 19 through 22, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$5,116.05 [Total cost of trip is \$8,516.05: fundraising: \$1,000.00(12%); student contribution: \$2,400.00(28%); school contribution: \$5,116.05(60%).]

C&I.4 Recommendation to approve Michael Goldspiel to attend the New York State Association of School Personnel Administrators (NYSASPA) 2015 conference in Cooperstown, New York from November 1 through 4, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,476.80.

C&I.5 Recommendation to approve Susan Warren to attend the New York State Association of School Personnel Administrators (NYSASPA) 2015 conference in Cooperstown, New York from November 1 through 4, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,183.00.

C&I.6 Recommendation to approve Angela Dunne to attend the New York State Association of School Personnel Administrators (NYSASPA) 2015 conference in Cooperstown, New York from November 1 through 4, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,183.00.

Dr. Valauri moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner, and carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Saffron and Litvack absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered C&I.1-C&I.6

Mr. Dubner requested that some of the High School clubs make a presentation at a future board meeting to explain what the clubs do.

Public Comments #2

Eleanor Russel, RTA President, announced that AP Psychology is currently being taught at Hilltop. The teacher felt there was no reason why the class should not be offered and there are 7 students taking the class. This class is the best example of the district's philosophy of opening AP classes to all and encouraging all students to take the classes.

In addition, she commented on the length of the meeting, 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Ms. Ben-Levy commented on the AP class at Hilltop. She stated "A master teacher makes children believe that they can be successful and presents the material in a way that gives it staying power. There are children who have taken this class and use it every day."

Ms. Leslie Howler, Parent, questioned why there is no longer a book club at the High School. Ms. Ben-Levy recommended she call Ms. Murphy, High School Assistant Principal.

Ms. Murphy, High School Assistant Principal, commented that teachers from Roslyn have been chosen to score the AP exams and attend AP conferences where they have meet teachers who score the exams. She stated "through these interactions they have learned many valuable lessons on delivering instructions for these exams. We are very proud of our teachers."

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education Mr. Haber moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Saffron and Litvack absent) to adjourn at 8:22p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carney Jones

**Nancy Carney Jones
District Clerk**