

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

Thursday, January 14, 2016

8:00 p.m.

Harbor Hill School – Cafeteria

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
Nathan Yang	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 Harbor Hill Cafeteria at 8:18 p.m.

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

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition: Nathan Yang, Intel Semifinalist

The Board of Education presented Nathan Yang with a certificate of recognition for his achievement as an Intel Semifinalist.

Mr. Dempsey read the follow statement in regard to Nathan Yang:

“In addition to being president of the OCC and the student representative to the Board of Education, Nathan is an Assistant Section Editor of the Hilltop Beacon, President of the Gay-Straight Alliance, a summer school counselor, and a member of the Young Adult Advisory Council at the Bryant Library. Nathan is a member of the National Honor Society, World Language Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program, and an AP Scholar with Distinction. His achievements in research and other academic competitions are wide-ranging, as he has won honors at the Long Island Science Congress, the Long Island Psychology Fair, the Research Association Fair and the Long Island Math Fair.

Nathan has somehow had the time to be a student athlete. He has been a four-year varsity member of the swimming team, and is the team captain this year. In 2013, he made All Division and is a team relay record holder. He is also a two-year varsity athlete in Cross Country and a three-year varsity athlete in Spring Track. He will be attending Northwestern University in the fall. “

In addition, Mr. Dempsey read a letter from John Venditto, Supervisor Town of Oyster Bay congratulating Mr. Yang on his achievement.

Mr. Haber commented on “what a great kid he is” and Ms. Ben-Levy commented that Nathan is one of the most distinguished members of the class of 2016.

Mr. Yang thanked Dr. Wesley on behalf of the students and he attributed his success to her.

Recommendation to accept the Claims Audit Report for October 2015

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

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting:
December 17, 2015

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded Dr. Valauri, carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Haber and Litvack abstained) to accept the minutes for December 17, 2015.

Board President’s Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy commented on how great it was to be back in Harbor Hill School. Ms. Faust, Harbor Hill Principal presented the Board with thank you cards from the children of Harbor Hill. Ms. Ben-Levy requested that the cards become part of the permanent record. Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Litvack to accept the cards as part of the permanent record. It was carried by a vote a 7-0.

Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Dempsey asked Ms. Brown to explain the recent graduation rates published in Newsday. Newsday published the graduation rate for 2015 as 97% with the percentage of students graduating with disabilities as 62.5%. Ms. Brown explained that the data was misinterpreted. The district had 18 students with disabilities in the Class of 2015. Of those students - 11 graduated with diplomas, 4 students are still attending school in the district and are permitted to do so until the age of 21 and 3 students are in other programs. With this information the new graduation rate for students with disabilities becomes 83%.

Mr. Dempsey updated the board on following:

- The Middle School held a presentation by the Nassau County Police Department on drugs and alcohol for the parents. He explained it was an excellent presentation and wished more parents had participated. He announced two additional presentations by Dr. Stephen Dewey, one for students and the one for the community will be held in May.
- The recycling program will be implemented at Heights, Harbor Hill and East Hills.
- Four (4) students from China will be attending the High School for 2 months. Four local families will be hosting the students.
- Based on the Governor's State of the State message –State Aid will be increasing for all schools in New York State. Mr. Dragone announced the District will receive an increase of \$726,000 in state aid and there will be a change in the gap elimination adjustment.

Mr. Saffron expressed his frustration at the lack of attendance at the recent drug and alcohol presentation. He suggested that future presentations be held on open school nights when there are more parents in attendance.

Student Delegate's Comments

Mr. Yang commented that the OCC's Annual Fashion Show was held this past Saturday and the planning has started for the upcoming Clash of the Classes.

Discussion Item(s):

1. Guidance Department Presentation –
Mr. Art Mandel, Director of Guidance K-12 presented a PowerPoint Presentation – *Roslyn Guidance & Counseling Center*.
Mr. Mandel outlined the programs and services offered by the counseling centers in both the Middle School and High School.
At the Middle School the counselors are considered case managers. They are the “go to” person for the student and parent or guardian. They help with the selection of classes and possible schedule changes. The center also offers support services for both individuals and groups.

At the High School the counselors are assigned to the same student for their entire high school career. This structure allows the counselors to better know their students. This is beneficial when the students are applying to college and

need suggestions on schools and letters of recommendations. The counselor's responsibilities include help with class selection; the use of the Naviance system and to prepare the student for the college application process during sophomore, junior and senior years. The counseling center offers many other support services.

Mr. Mandel commented on the College Admission Landscape. He outlined the factors that contribute to the admission of students to the colleges of their choice. Some of these factors include grades, ethnicity, legacy and letters of recommendation. Currently the district's students apply to over 265 colleges and universities and attend over 90 different colleges/universities each year. In regard to the stress the students are experiencing throughout the college application process he referred to the book recently written by Frank Bruni "Where You Go is Not Who You'll Be". He stressed that students need to be aware that the undergraduate school they attend matters much less than where they attend graduate school.

Mr. Dubner questioned the ratio of students to counselors in the Middle School and High School. Mr. Mandel replied the Middle School has a ratio of one counselor per grade and the High School is one counselor per 150 students.

Ms. Ben-Levy thanked Mr. Mandel for his leadership and stressed the importance of our guidance counselors visits to the colleges the district's students are applying to.

Mr. Dempsey announced on April 12, 2016, author Frank Bruni will hold a presentation to the community on his book "Where You Go is Not Who You'll Be".

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

Ms. Golub, Parent, commented on Mr. Mandel's presentation. She spoke of her experience as a first time parent of a senior and commended Guidance. She stated her son's guidance counselor knew her son and knew him very well and she wanted to reiterate everything that Mr. Mandel said and felt "that Guidance does do things well."

Ms. Ben-Levy thanked the PFA in advance for their donation in agenda item B.12, the six blue medal outdoor benches with the Roslyn High School name and Bulldog logo.

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.

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)**

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

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) Contractor: Long Island University – C.W. Post
Services: 2016 High School graduation at Tilles Center on June 24, 2016 (Rehearsal June 21, 2016)
Total estimated to be \$10,835
 - (ii) Contractor: HorseAbility (subject to review and approval by district counsel)
Services: Vocational Horsemanship, internship experience for 1 student
Fees: \$50 per session
 - (iii) Contractee: Westbury Union Free School District
Services: One (1) student from Westbury to attend The Hilltop Academy for February 2, 2016 – June 24, 2016 school year
Fees: \$37,031.25 tuition per student (prorated)
Total estimated to be \$37,031.25 (Roslyn to receive)

- (iv) Contractor: Shoes For All, Inc. (subject to review and approval by district counsel)
 Services: Vocational exploration for the period of December 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016
 Fees: Total estimated to be \$3,000

B.2. Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$30,847.95 to Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district for the period ending 11/30/2015.

B.3. 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 #
\$22.54	EH Expense Reimbursement	2110-201-04-1405	H15-00001	EH2015-008
\$53.36	HS Expense Reimbursement	2110-201-08-1408	H15-00001	HS2015-007

B.4. Recommendation that, pursuant to receipt of a gift in the amount of \$55.09 from Schoola (Target), the Board of Education hereby accepts the gift, and increases the appropriation in *2020-450-06-9000-601 (Supvsn Office Supp Hts)* by \$55.09 with the understanding that this increase in appropriations is the result of unanticipated revenue and therefore will result in no impact on the tax levy.

B.5. Recommendation that, pursuant to receipt of a gift in the amount of \$3,953.90 from the RHS PFA, to be used to purchase custom contour room number signs for the new interior doors, the Board of Education hereby accepts the gift, and increases the appropriation in *2020-450-08-9000-801 (Supvsn Supplies HS)* by \$3,953.90 with the understanding that this increase in appropriations is the result of unanticipated revenue and therefore will result in no impact on the tax levy.

B.6. Recommendation that, pursuant to receipt of a donation in the amount of \$104.90 from the Estate of Rose Capobianco, the Board of Education hereby accepts the money for deposit to the FINA Fund (TE 0301).

B.7. Recommendation that, pursuant to receipt of a donation in the amount of \$5.00 from Tom Howard, the Board of Education hereby accepts the money for deposit to the FINA Fund (TE 0301).

B.8. Recommendation by Jason Lopez, Chief Technology Officer, to declare the attached list of computers, monitors and printers to be surplus and obsolete, as they are no longer operational or upgradeable and have no value (**Attachment B.8**).

- B.9.** Recommendation to set the standard mileage rate for the business use of employee-owned vehicles at 54 cents per mile (IRS rate) effective January 1, 2016 in accordance with IRS announcement 2015-137 and Board of Education Policy. [This is a decrease from the 2015 rate of 57.5 cents per mile]
- B.10.** Recommendation that, pursuant to receipt of a gift in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the East Hills PFA, to be used for a new projector and upgrade of the East Hills auditorium, the Board of Education hereby accepts the gift, and increases the appropriation in 2630-430-03-1100-311 by \$5,000.00 with the understanding that this increase in appropriations is the result of unanticipated revenue and therefore will result in no impact on the tax levy.
- B.11.** 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	5510-163-03-9000-303	\$4,494.39
CO-Curr Field Trips	Trans N C Sal Suplm	
	Subtotal	\$4,494.39

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To cover the cost of trips from RHS.

- B.12.** Recommendation to accept, pursuant to receipt by Scott Andrews, a gift from the High School PFA, six blue medal outdoor benches with the Roslyn High School name and Bulldog logo, to be placed on the walkway from the parking lot leading to the turf field, the interior courtyard, and outside of the Hilltop Academy. The benches have an approximate value of \$4,043.00.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Litvack carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve Agenda Items numbered B.1–B.12.

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 December 9, 2015 and December 17, 2015.
- 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 7, 2015, December 8, 2015, December 11, 2015, December 15, 2015, December 16, 2015, December 21, 2015 and December 23, 2015.
- C&I.3** Recommendation to approve Thomas Lynch to attend the National Science Teachers Association National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee from March 30 through April 3, 2016 at an estimated cost to the district of \$2,324.05.

- C&I.4** Recommendation to approve Thomas Kundmueller to attend the National Science Teachers Association National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee from March 30 through April 3, 2016 at an estimated cost to the district of \$2,414.05.
- C&I.5** Recommendation to approve Ali Kaufman to attend the National Science Teachers Association National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee from March 30 through April 3, 2016 at an estimated cost to the district of \$2,414.05.
- C&I.6** Recommendation to approve Wendy Svitek to attend the New York State Teacher Center Program and Practices committee Meeting in Albany, New York from January 24 through January 25, 2016 at an estimated cost to the district of \$130.00.
- C&I.7** Recommendation to approve Art Mandel to attend a visit to the University of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina from April 3 through April 5, 2016 at no cost to the district.
- C&I.8** Recommendation to approve 35 students, 1 advisor and 2 chaperones to attend the New York State DECA State Career Conference in Rochester, New York from March 9 through March 11, 2016 at an estimated cost to the district of \$15,059.00. [Total cost of trip: \$33,934.00 – Fundraising: \$4,000.00(12%); Student Contribution: \$14,875.00(44%); School Contribution: \$15,059.00(44%).]
- C&I.9** Recommendation to approve 17 students and 5 chaperones to attend the Harvard University Forensics Tournament in Cambridge, Massachusetts from February 12 through February 15, 2016 at an estimated cost to the district of \$15,816.77. [Total cost of trip: \$20,216.77 – Fundraising: \$1,400.00(7%); Student Contribution: \$3,000.00(15%); School Contribution: \$15,816.77(78%).]

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Litvack, carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve Agenda Items numbered C&I.1-C&I.9

The Board entered into a lengthy discussion on agenda items C&I.8 and C&I.9. They expressed concerns over the allocation of funds for school trips. A decision was made to continue the discussion on how the District funds activities.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

- BOE.1 BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to enter into an Agreement resolving a request for an impartial hearing filed on behalf of student # 202247.
- BOE.2** Recommendation to conduct the *third reading* of Board of Education Policies 4010, 4112, 4200, 4325, 4326, 4327 and 4331. (**Attachment BOE.2**)
- BOE.3 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Public Schools hereby ***abolishes the following policies:***
- Policy 4010 (Equivalence in Instructional Staff and Materials)

- Policy 4110 (School Calendar)
- Policy 4112 (School Day)
- Policy 4240 (Curriculum Guides and Course Outlines)
- Policy 4310 (Basic Instructional Program)
- Policy 4315 (Health Education)
- Policy 4316 (Physical Education)
- Policy 4317 (Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco)
- Policy 4318 (Driver Education)
- Policy 4334 (Advanced College Placement)
- Policy 4724 (Testing in the Secondary Schools)
- Policy 4342 (High School Equivalency Program)
- Policy 4325 (Remedial Instruction)
- Policy 4326 (Limited English Proficiency Instruction)
- Policy 4326.1 (English as a Second Language)
- Policy 4327 (Homebound/Hourly Instruction)
- Policy 4331 (Summer School)

and hereby ***adopts the following policies in their place:***

- Policy 4010 (Equivalence in Instructional Staff and Materials)
- Policy 4112 (School Calendar)
- Policy 4200 (Curriculum Management)
- Policy 4325 (Academic Intervention Services) as typo
- Policy 4326 (Limited English Proficiency Instruction)
- Policy 4327 (Homebound Instruction)
- Policy 4331 (Summer School)

BOE.4 Recommendation to approve the attendance of Meryl Waxman Ben-Levy at the *2016 State of the Town Address* to be held on Friday, January 29, 2016 presented by the League of Women Voters of Port Washington – Manhasset at a cost not to exceed \$40.00.

Addendum

BOE.5 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Ingerman Smith, L.L.P., to commence legal action against the County of Nassau, the Nassau County Treasurer, the Nassau County Legislature, the Nassau County Executive and the Long Island Power Authority ("LIPA"), and other proper parties as deemed necessary by counsel in connection with Nassau County's implementation of the LIPA Reform Act and LIPA's payments-in-lieu-of-taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the payment of a maximum of \$250 per hour as compensation to its attorneys, subject to a separate letter of engagement with the Firm.

Mr. Haber requested that the policy on internet safety include a provision on on-line gambling.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner, carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve Agenda Items BOE.1 - BOE.4 and carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Haber abstained) to approve Addendum BOE.5

Public Comments #2

No comment

Ms. Ben-Levy thanked the PFA for their donations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner, and carried by a vote of 7-0, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 9:47 p.m.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Litvack and it was carried by a vote of 7-0 to reconvene to the Business Meeting of the Board of Education at 10:40 p.m.

Adjournment

**There being no further business to come before the Board of Education
Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Litvack carried by a vote of 7-0, to adjourn at 10:42 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carney Jones

**Nancy Carney Jones
District Clerk**