

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

Thursday, December 3, 2015

8:00 p.m.

East Hills School – Cafeteria

MINUTES

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
Clifford Saffron, Vice President
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
Landon Allen	Student Delegate

ABSENT

David Dubner

7:00 p.m. - Executive Session

Pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 105, it was duly moved, seconded and carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Dubner absent) that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The Board reconvened in Public Session in the East Hills School Cafeteria at 8:17 p.m.

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

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition – Middle School 8th Grade Math Students' Coding Projects

Mr. Windwer, Math Chairperson thanked the Board for approving the coding class elective offered to the 8th grade this year. He acknowledged Mr. Scott and Ms. Castillo who are teaching the coding class.

The following students presented their 8th Grade Math Coding Projects:

Andrew Antenberg
Harris Miller

Josh Kim
Semin Rhim

Hayden Krush
Kidest Wolde

The student's projects consisted of creating songs and drawings by code. Mr. Windwer presented certificates to the students in recognition of their presentation to the Board of Education.

Ms. Ben-Levy thanked the students for sharing their presentations and for proving through code that there is a relationship "between music and math". She commented on the forward thinking and ground breaking approach of this class. She remarked to the students "the sky's the limit".

Recommendation to accept the Claims Audit Report for September 2015 and the Quarterly Claims Audit Report for July, August & September 2015

Ms. Shari Diamond, CIA, Supervisor, IT Consultant, Cerini & Associates, LLP presented a PowerPoint presentation for the quarter ending September 30, 2015. This presentation reflected an overview of the Audit reports for July - September.

Ms. Diamond commented they reviewed 1,047 claims from the General, Trust & Agency, School Lunch, Federal, and Capital Funds. The report showed 1.91% of the claims were flagged for informational purposes. These claims were for confirming purchase orders or claims that were encumbered after the date of service. Ms. Diamond indicated this is a very low percentage rate.

Mr. Haber questioned the reasoning behind a check issued to Christopher Morley Tennis. The Business Office will follow up with the Athletic Department on the reason for the check.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Seinfeld, and carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Dubner absent) to accept the Claims Auditors Report for September 2015 and July – September 2015.

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting(s):
November 5, 2015

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded Mr. Seinfeld, carried by a vote of 5-0, (Dr. Valauri abstained, Mr. Dubner absent) to accept the minutes for November 5, 2015.
November 19, 2015

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded Mr. Seinfeld, carried by a vote of 4-0, (Messrs. Saffron and Litvack abstained, Mr. Dubner absent) to accept the minutes for November 19, 2015.

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy recently had the opportunity to see a performance of the Uniondale High School's Rhythm of the Knight Show choir. The choir has been recognized nationally for their performances in both song and dance. She recommended viewing a sample of their performances on YouTube and suggested that the District may want to look into starting a similar program.

Ms. Ben-Levy thanked Ms. Krieger, Principal of East Hills for hosting tonight's board meeting.

In addition, she thanked Mr. Edelson for the wonderful article he wrote that was recently published in the Roslyn News regarding the cutting edge and forward thinking that Roslyn Schools has become.

Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Dempsey thanked the East Hill's PFA for their hospitality. He reminded everyone that the schools will be presenting their Winter Concerts during the next two weeks.

Student Delegate's Comments

Mr. Landon Allen, Vice President OCC attended tonight's board meeting due to the absence of Mr. Yang. He updated the Board on the OCC's successful Thanksgiving pie eating contest. They will be kicking off their annual candy cane sale next week and the planning for Clash of the Classes has begun.

Discussion Item(s):

1. Special Education Presentation

Ms. Barbara Schwartz, Director and Ms. Marnie Cohen, Assistant Director presented a power point presentation *Special Education and Pupil Personnel Highlights*.

The presentation outlined the responsibilities of the PPS and Special Education department which includes: Services for students ages 3-21, Staffing, Budget, Grants PreK611/619/Title, State Aid and Reports, Tuition: BOCES and approved, CPSE/CSE/ Section 504/ Central Registrar, Medical/Nurses/ECP/IHP's, Medicaid , Coordination of Consultants and District of Residence /District of Location.

Ms. Schwartz reflected on the book *Good to Great by Jim Collins* and the goals of the Department. She introduced Ms. Cindy Samide, CPSE Chairperson who outlined the District's Preschool Special Education for students ages 3 to 5. Ms. Samide explained the services offered to the parents, the visits to the local preschools for observations to find out who is coming into the District and will need services. They are also offering programs in professional development for the local preschools.

Mss. Schwartz and Cohen spoke of one of the goals of the department is to keep our students in district by building programs around the student's needs. In addition, the District educates students from neighboring districts which brings revenue to the

District. Ms. Schwartz spoke about the initiative to increase Medicaid revenue. Currently we have 27 Medicaid eligible students estimated to bring the program \$70,000 which is an increase of \$47,000 from last year. She outlined the professional development being offered in the area of Common Core and SEPTA Parent workshops.

Mr. Seinfeld questioned how the District is reaching out to the community to inform them of the services the District currently offers.

Ms. Schwartz explained we are a pioneer in having students present at their CSE's and the importance of having students more involved with their learning.

Ms. Schwartz introduced Dr. Darlene McLaughlin, a consultant from Positive Behavior Support Consulting & Psychological Resources, P.C. Dr. McLaughlin spoke about the services she is currently providing to the District including parent training and Secondary Transition Services. These services include Adaptive Skills and vocational experiences. The goal is to train the District to present these services without outside help.

Ms. Ben-Levy spoke of the need to educate before the students reach the age of 18 to 21 and the post-secondary support we offer our students. She commented on the training we can offer to make a person more independent.

Mr. Saffron and Mr. Haber spoke about creating jobs and opportunities for our students to be hired.

Mr. Dragone commended Ms. Schwartz who with the support of the unit president has been able to triple the amount of money we are receiving from Medicaid.

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.

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 Dr. Valauri and carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Dubner absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered P.1 and P.2

Mr. Dragone called from the floor to add addenda items B.4 and B.5 which had been postponed from the November 5, 2015 meeting.

BUSINESS/FINANCE:

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

B.1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby approves the Agreement and the Rider to the Agreement between Hornblower, New York, LLC in the form attached hereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement and Rider to the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

B.2 The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education adopt the following calendar for the May 2016 Budget Vote. **(Attachment B.2)**

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 #
\$5,960.00	DW-Capital Projects	2110-201-03-1502	H15-00015	9

Addendum

B.4. Recommendation to approve the following payments to Park East Construction Corporation for additional construction management services 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 for these additional services will be made through a change order to the Baruti GC contract.] (Postponed from the November 5, 2015 BOE

meeting, Item B.3.)

Payment	Location/Project	Budget	PO #	Req #
\$5,768.00	EH Capital Projects	2110-245-04-1405	H15-00015	Add'l Svces
\$5,768.00	HTS Capital Projects	2110-245-06-1407	H15-00015	Add'l Svces
\$5,768.00	HH Capital Projects	2110-245-07-1406	H15-00015	Add'l Svces
\$5,768.00	HS Capital Projects	2110-245-08-1408	H15-00015	Add'l Svces
\$5,768.00	MS Capital Projects	2110-245-09-1409	H15-00015	Add'l Svces

- B.5.** Recommendation to approve change orders as indicated below. These change orders represent backcharges to the contractor for additional services required from the Construction Manager and will result in a decrease in the contract with Baruti in the total amount of \$28,840. This will decrease purchase order H15-00007 in account codes as indicated below: (Postponed from the November 5, 2015 BOE meeting, Item B.4.)

Reduction	Location/Project	Budget	SED #	CO #	PO #
\$5,768.00	EH Capital Projects	1620-293-04-1405	1-024	2	H15-00007
\$5,768.00	HTS Capital Projects	1620-293-06-1407	7-023	2	H15-00007
\$5,768.00	HH Capital Projects	1620-293-07-1406	9-024	2	H15-00007
\$5,768.00	HS Capital Projects	1620-293-08-1408	2-040	3	H15-00007
\$5,768.00	MS Capital Projects	1620-293-09-1409	6-030	1	H15-00007

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Dubner absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered B.1- B.3, Addenda B.4 and B.5

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 November 9, 2015 and November 18, 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 November 6, 2015.

C&I.3 Recommendation to amend Project Lead the Way services for an additional \$1,500.00 to include East Hills and Harbor Hill Schools for a total cost of \$5,250 for the 2015-2016 school year.

C&I.4 Recommendation to approve Suzanne Falcone to attend the Project Lead the Way Core Training at the University of Delaware from January 18 through 22, 2016 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,880.04.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri, and carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Dubner absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered C&I.1- C&I.4

Public Comments #2

No comment.

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 6-0, (Mr. Dubner absent) to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carney Jones

**Nancy Carney Jones
District Clerk**