

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
East Rockaway, New York  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
7:00 P.M., March 22, 2016 – East Rockaway Jr. /Sr. High School  
Including NYSSBA Awards Presented by Robert “B.A.” Schoen,  
a Presentation on the Middle School Advisory Program and a Public Forum

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Kristin Ochtera, Patricia Nicoletti, Neil R. Schloth, John Giannotti, Jr., Keith Gamache; Superintendent, Lisa J. Ruiz; Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, James P. Robinson; Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, John Piccarella, District Clerk, Vitina Fazi

1. The meeting was called to order by Kristin Ochtera at 7:05 p.m. and Patricia Nicoletti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board President Kristin Ochtera turned the meeting over to the Superintendent. Ms. Ruiz welcomed everyone and was pleased to welcome a special guest who was here to recognize three Board of Education Trustees. Ms. Ruiz introduced Mr. B.A. Schoen, newly elected Area 11 Director who was here to award achievements in continuing education credits. Mr. Schoen spoke about school board members and their commitment to their community, school district and how they must merge their time and juggle their responsibilities. He then presented the awards. Mr. Gamache was awarded the Board Excellence Award for having reached his second milestone. Mr. Giannotti, Jr., was presented with the Board Mastery Award for having obtained 250 points. Lastly, the Board Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Ms. Ochtera for having reached 500 points. Mr. Schoen thanked and congratulated all the recipients. Ms. Ruiz also thanked all of the Board Members for their service to the District and Community. Ms. Ruiz also thanked Mr. Schoen for attending tonight’s meeting.

Before moving on to the next part of the agenda, Ms. Ruiz introduced Mr. Spero who had a late addition to the agenda. Mr. Spero recognized and honored Natalia Cuttitta, an “exceptional and talented aspiring writer.” She received a Regional Honorable Mention from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for her poem “*Take the Memories With You.*” Natalia was asked to read her poem. Mr. Spero thanked Natalia and her father, Frank Cuttitta for coming out tonight. Ms. Ruiz congratulated and thanked Natalia for representing the East Rockaway School District.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced Ms. Dina Reilly who spoke about the Middle School Advisory Program. Joining Ms. Reilly and participating in the presentation were: Ms. Corapi, Ms. Kenny, Ms. Murano, and Ms. Orzano. The presentation described the new Advisory Program for Gr. 7 & 8 students. Students Elissa Velasquez-Gomez and Luke Araoz also spoke about their experiences with the program and the things they like best about the program. Ms. Reilly reported that there has been a 35% decrease in negative behavior

referrals in Gr. 7 & 8. She concluded with a question and answer session. A question about conflict resolution was asked. Ms. Reilly stated that most times it is up to the discretion of the Advisors and the students to discuss conflicts or students having more open dialogues. Ms. Reilly thanked Mr. Spero and the advisory staff for all of their hard work. Ms. Ruiz gave a “shout out” to the teachers who stepped up and volunteered for this wonderful program which was at no extra cost to the District. She believes we will continue to see the benefits to our students.

At 7:40 p.m. the meeting was turned over to Ms. Ochtera who continued with the agenda. Ms. Ochtera asked if there were any questions regarding the items on tonight’s agenda and reminded the audience that there will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting.

2. Upon motion made by John Giannotti, Jr., and seconded by Patricia Nicoletti, the minutes of the February 23, 2016, regular meeting was unanimously approved.
3. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports – January 2016
4. Correspondence - none
5. Action Agenda

Upon motion made by Neil Schloth, and seconded by Keith Gamache, the following Item Nos. 1 through 8 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

A. Personnel

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept, with regret the following resignations for the purpose of retirement:
  - a. Geraldine A. Fedoronko, speech/language teacher, effective July 1, 2016
  - b. Leslie Klein, mathematics teacher, effective July 1, 2016
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignations:
  - a. Joann Ricciardi from the position of Monitor effective March 31, 2016
  - b. Joseph Gragnano from the position of Security Guard effective immediately
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following proctor assignments, effective May 1, 2016, through June 30, 2016, at the supervision salary rate established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract, Appendix C, for the 2015-2016 school year:
  - a. Clare Marco
  - b. Amy Weissman

c. Helene Yzaguirre

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the change in title of Lorraine Pieck, Food Service Worker, to Food Service Worker/Driver, effective March 23, 2016, at the Step 1 hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education Food Service and Monitors Union agreement for the 2015-2016 school year.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the revised club advisor assignments for the 2015-2016 school year as more fully set forth on the schedule of club/advisor assignments and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the charters.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Jessica Beufve for a Family Medical Leave of Absence, effective May 24, 2016 through June 30, 2016.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following temporary assignments at the salary approved by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for substitute workers for the 2015-2016 school year:
  - a. Elisa Cheung, substitute nurse, effective upon Civil Service approval
  - b. Aniello Scotto D’Aniello, substitute cleaner, effective March 23, 2016
  - c. Vincenzo Careccia, substitute cleaner, effective March 23, 2016
  - d. Thomas DeCrescenzo, substitute cleaner, effective March 23, 2016
  - e. Jennifer Lemus Maldonado, substitute cleaner, effective March 23, 2016
  - f. Rob Littieri, substitute cleaner, effective upon Civil Service approval
  - g. Timothy Thompson, substitute cleaner, effective upon Civil Service approval
  - h. James Lores, substitute groundskeeper, effective upon Civil Service approval
  - i. Sylvia Asselta, substitute teacher aide, effective upon Civil Service approval
8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the continuation of the “emergency, conditional” personnel appointment for the following individual pending receipt of notification of fingerprint clearance from the State of New York, Department of Education:
  - a. Sylvia Asselta
  - b. Rob Littieri
  - c. Timothy Thompson

B. Other Items

Ms. Ochtera stopped at Item 9 and asked if there were any questions regarding Items 1-9. Mr. Gamache asked whether there were any changes in the SCOPE agreement. Mr.

Robinson stated that the agreement is currently under review. Ms. Ruiz will send out updates in registration and program fees with this week's Board update and any further information will be supplied to the Board.

Upon motion made by Patricia Nicoletti, and seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the following Other Items 1 through 9 were unanimously approved.

1. Approve the consultant services contract with RCP Consultants for grant writing professional development for the 2015-2016 school year.
2. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement dated February 9, 2016, between the Board of Education and the East Rockaway Food Service & Monitor Union and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to execute the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

3. Approve the Special Education Services Contract with Carle Place UFSD for special education services for one (1) student, Student ID No.180005295, for the 2015-2016 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the resulting tuition agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
4. Accept the Federal Single Audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, as submitted by RS Abrams & Co.
5. Accept the following donations:
  - a. \$325.00 from an anonymous donor for the purpose of aiding one (1) student's tuition in St. John's College Advantage Program
  - b. \$55.08 from the Target Take Charge of Education Program for Rhame Avenue School
  - c. Library books for the Centre and Rhame Avenue School libraries from the Rhame Avenue PTA in honor of the 2016 PTA Founder's Day recipients valued at \$175.17
  - d. \$1,200.00 from Club Rock for the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School band trip
  - e. From the Rhame Avenue School PTA:
    1. \$300 for Grade 3 Enrichment
    2. \$300 for Grade 5 Enrichment
    3. \$300 for Grade 6 Enrichment
    4. \$134 for gardening supplies for the Grade 2 school garden

6. Approve the Emergency Transportation Contract and Revised Transportation Contract with Independent Coach Corp. and authorize the President of the East Rockaway Board of Education and the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to execute the contracts on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
7. Approve the Contract for Health Services between the East Rockaway UFSD and the Rockville Centre UFSD for health and welfare services for the 2015-2016 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
8. Approve the license agreement with SCOPE Educational Services for the After School Child Care Program for the 2016-2017 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
9. Approve the Notice of Budget Hearing and Annual District Election of the East Rockaway UFSD and the publication of such notice as required by law in the “Oceanside, Rockville Centre, East Rockaway Tribune,” and “The Lynbrook/East Rockaway Herald.”

Ms. Ochtera stopped at Item 10 and explained that this resolution is regarding expenditures from the capital reserve funds which will be presented for a vote in May. These expenditures have been outlined in detail at the Budget Advisory Committee work sessions.

Upon motion made by John Giannotti, Jr., and seconded by Neil Schloth, following Other Item 10 was unanimously approved.

10. Approve the following resolution to authorize Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure Propositions:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District has determined that there is a need to undertake certain capital improvements and technology upgrades to commence during the 2016-2017 school year (“Projects”), as described in the outline contained in the 2016-17 Budget Proposal on file and available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk (“Report”); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires that propositions be presented to the voters of the School District authorizing the expenditure of available funds from the District’s existing Capital Reserve Fund for Building Improvements and Repairs II and Capital Reserve Fund for Technology Replacement II for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway UFSD is the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the purpose of required

determinations respecting the proposed Capital Improvement Projects as follows:

1. Window Replacement at Rhame Avenue School – Phase 2
2. District Wide Security Enhancements
3. District Wide Asphalt Pavement Replacement

WHEREAS, in 1995, amendments were made to the SEQRA Regulation (Part 617) to classify projects, which will be excluded from the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (Type II Actions). The projects mentioned above are now classified as Type II Actions as determined by 6NYCRR§617.5; and

WHEREAS, these projects fall under the following categories:

- A. Routine Maintenance and Repair 6NYCRR§617.5 (c) (1): Maintenance or repair involving no substantial change in an existing facility.
- B. Replace or Rehabilitation 6NYCRR§617.5 (c) (2): replacement or rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure of facility, in kind, on the same site, unless the work excess a threshold for a Type I action in 6NYCRR§617.4.

THEREFORE, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, all the above referenced projects fall under Categories “A” or “B” above. The procedure for Type II Actions, with regard to the SEQRA Process for Capital Projects noted above is “No Additional Required Action under 6NYCRR§617.5(a)”; and therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes and directs that the following propositions be placed before the voters of the East Rockaway Union Free School District at the Annual District Meeting to be held between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. on May 17, 2016, at the East Rockaway Junior/Senior High School; and that the District Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to give notice of such proposition to be voted at said Annual District Meeting by publishing a notice thereof, four times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding the district election, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days before the election, and to have the necessary ballot labels printed for said vote in the form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law and the provisions of the voting machine rules of this school district:

**PROPOSITION NO. 2 (Capital Reserve Fund for Building Improvements II Expenditure):**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, is hereby authorized to expend from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund for Building Improvements and Repairs II, heretofore established by the voters of the District on May 20, 2014, an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to undertake certain improvements to District facilities (“Project”), as

described in the outline contained in the 2016-17 Budget Proposal on file and available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk (“Report”), all at no additional cost to District taxpayers; said Project to commence during the 2016-2017 school year and to consist of the following: (1) District-wide window repairs and/or replacements; (2) District-wide security enhancements; and (3) any other projects, improvements, and/or repairs identified as Capital Reserve Projects in the 2016-2017 Budget Proposal and the 2015 Building Condition Survey; all of the foregoing to include equipment, construction and other work required in connection therewith, as well as preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof; provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Report may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District and no material change shall be made in the scope of the Project.

**PROPOSITION NO. 3 (Capital Reserve Fund for Technology II Expenditure):**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, is hereby authorized to expend from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund for Technology Replacement II, heretofore established by the voters of the District on May 20, 2014, an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to undertake certain district-wide purchases and/or upgrades of certain technology and telecommunications equipment and hardware (“Project”), as described in the outline contained in the 2016-17 Budget Proposal on file and available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk (“Report”), all at no additional cost to District taxpayers; said Project to commence during the 2016-2017 school year and to consist of the following: (1) computer hardware upgrades; and (2) network upgrades; all of the foregoing to include equipment, construction and other work required in connection therewith, as well as preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof; provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Report may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District and no material change shall be made in the scope of the Project.

Ms. Ochtera spoke about the last resolution to be approved. Mr. Gamache is being nominated by the East Rockaway UFSD Board of Education for the NYSSBA Champion for Change Award. This award targets first term board trustees and Mr. Gamache has done a wonderful job in representing our District not only within the community but outside of it as well.

Upon motion made by John Giannotti, Jr., and seconded by Patricia Nicoletti, the following Other Item 11 was unanimously approved.

11. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway School District hereby nominates Keith Gamache of the East Rockaway UFSD Board of Education for the NYSSBA Champion for Change Award

C. Budget Transfers – None

D. Upon motion made by Keith Gamache, and seconded by Neil Schloth, the CSE Recommendations were unanimously approved.

E. Upon motion made by John Giannotti, Jr., and seconded by Patricia Nicoletti, the CPSE Recommendations were unanimously approved.

6. Policy Matters - None

7. Good and Welfare

1. Condolences to Francesca Lagnese and family on the passing of her father, Thomas Lagnese
2. Condolences to Kevin McTigue and family on the passing of his brother, Christopher McTigue
3. Condolences to Roxanne Lalama and family on the passing of father-in-law, Nofrey J. Lalama, who passed on March 10, 2016
4. Condolences to Jessica Giliberti and family on the passing of her sister, Leslie Prola
5. Congratulations to Kelly and Michael Cabasso, on the birth of their first child, Jason Robert, born February 29, 2016
6. Condolences to the Lobascio and Gross families on the passing of Denise Lobascio, a district employee who passed on March 9, 2016

8. Superintendent's Report

Elementary

On April 7, 2016, the East Rockaway School District will be hosting "7 Million Minutes - Part 2." This is another round of workshops for all district parents to insure student success. Administrators will be presenting parent workshops on various topics. This year we invited students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 to join their parents. Students will also be participating in workshops and pizza will be served for students. Sign up can be done on our website or RSVP by returning the flyer that will be sent home. There will also be a Connect-Ed reminder.

Last Friday and Monday, I met with Assemblymen Brian Curran and Todd Kaminsky. Also joining me were Mr. Robinson, PTA representatives Ms. Devlin and Ms. Acuti, as well as Board members Ms. Ochtera, Mr. Schloth and Mr. Gamache. Many useful conversations took place. We expressed our concerns for long term assurances of money, APPR guidelines, restoration of

GEA; upcoming state testing, the opt-out movement, and the new chancellor. The meetings were fruitful and we thanked them for coming to East Rockaway.

Rhame and Centre Avenue sixth grade students are presently upstate at the YMCA in Port Jervis for their annual Sixth Grade Environmental Field trip at Greenkill. The principals have reported to me that the weather is beautiful and the kids have enjoyed their first full day experiencing "project adventure," a series of team building activities. I have received some pictures back. The students are scheduled to arrive back in East Rockaway on Wednesday afternoon.

Kindergarten registration was held last week at Rhame and Centre Avenue Schools. We want to thank our office staff, schools nurses, speech and language therapists, school psychologists and the registrar for scheduling appointments and screening the children in preparation for their arrival into Kindergarten this September. If you know of a child that will be 5 years old, on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>, please have their parents call Carol Hernandez at the Registrar's Office.

Focus on Careers week took place across both Elementary Schools at the beginning of March and we want to thank our Elementary Social Worker Dawn Ragone for coordinating all of the exciting events and experiences that took place for our students. Some of our visitors included doctors, lawyers, police officers, firefighters, nurses and TV/Radio Personalities just to name a few. The kids were energized and motivated to learn about a wide variety of career possibilities.

Fifth and sixth grade students across both Elementary Schools received Puberty lessons this past week from our Athletic Director, Mr. Dom Vulpis and High School Physical Education Teacher, Ms. Karin Leary. The students were also given a presentation by Ms. Dawn Ragone about the Social/Emotional component of growing up and feeling good.

Grades 3-8 NYS Assessments are scheduled to be administered in the beginning of April for ELA and Math. A recent letter went home regarding procedures for the assessments and requesting parents who plan to opt out their children from the tests notify us as soon as possible so we may prepare for the logistics of the assessments.

March is "Music in our Schools Month" here in East Rockaway. The students at Rhame and Centre Avenue Schools have been treated to a variety of performances from our orchestra, band and chorus. The 6th grade students took a field trip to the High School for their annual "music orientation program" led by Mr. Tom Schloen and the high school music department. Select students at both elementary schools also performed their NYSSMA solos for all to enjoy at this month's PTA meetings. Thanks to Ms. Lalama, Ms. Weil and Mr. Ceglio for all of their hard work and appreciation for music that has been translated into the hearts of their students. \*

#### East Rockaway Jr. / Sr. High School

Guidance Department: The following activities are happening in the Guidance Department:

- Learning Styles inventories with all Grade 7 students in the College and Careers classes.

- Junior college planning sessions with all Grade 11 students this month.
- All students in Grades 8 – 11 have completed the course selection process.
- The counseling department is excited to announce the next college visit will be to Marist College on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Spiteri and Mr. O’Driscoll have been conducting counseling groups with students, addressing academic issues, goal setting and school success skills. These groups will continue throughout the spring.

College application decisions are arriving and the bulletin board of acceptances is displaying the good news in our hallway for all students, staff and visitors to view.

Music Department: March is District-Wide “Music in our Schools Month.” On March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> several of our music students participated in the NYSSMA Piano Festival at Nassau Community College. Elementary and Junior High instrumental music students are participating in the Harry Chapin Practice-A-Thon. Money raised will go toward Long Island Food Banks. Our Grade 6 music orientation program took place on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Silver’s Grade 7 general music students have written a mini opera on *Lord of the Flies*. They will be rehearsing and presenting this in class over the course of the next two weeks. It is a direct tie into the Gr. 7 English Curriculum.

NYSSMA students performed solo performances for “Music in our Schools Month” at the Rhame Avenue School PTA meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> and at the Centre Avenue School PTA meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>. On March 30<sup>th</sup> students will be travelling to River East Elementary school for Part 1 of the “River East Rockaway ELA Music Project.” There are 32 students in Grades 8-12 participating in this program.

Daniel Quadrino, a graduate of Rhame Avenue School and East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School spoke to fifth and sixth graders for Career Week just in time for “Music in Our Schools Month.” He shared his passion for acting, singing, dancing and song writing with a PowerPoint presentation of the Broadway Shows he has played in. He is currently in the cast of *Wicked* on Broadway.

Art Department: March 20<sup>th</sup> was the Art Supervisors Association Art Show at Farmingdale State College. Several of our students were represented in the Nassau Community College 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts and Science Fair, “What Matters?” Jake Wooding, one of our eighth grader's art work, won in his division. His work will be on display at the College in their G Building for two weeks from March 21st to April 4th.

**LIATA/Nassau Art in Heart-** Massapequa Mall - March 18-April 17  
**Colors of Long Island- Long Island Museum-** Through May 1

The 80<sup>th</sup> Edition of Rock Rivalry was a huge success. Congratulations to the senior class on their victory!

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Basketball team on their Class C Long Island Championship victory over Pierson/Bridgehampton. Congratulations to the Boys Varsity team for reaching the championship game and competing against the Stony Brook School.

#### 9. Privilege of the Floor

Christine DelValle: Ms. DelValle asked about the circumstances surrounding the Whitsons' lawsuit and settlement. Ms. Ochtera stated that she could not divulge the particulars of the lawsuit other than there were contractual differences and a simple disagreement on responsibilities which were resolved.

#### 10. Board Member Comments

Keith Gamache: Mr. Gamache thanked Ms. Ochtera, Mr. Schloth, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Ruiz and the PTA representatives who recently met with our legislators. He said that continued ongoing advocacy keeps the needs of our school district in mind. Dr. Betty Rosa has been appointed as the new Chancellor of Schools and when pressed to answer if she hoped the number of opt outs would decline, Dr. Rosa responded, "I want us to get to a place where we comfortably examine the current tests and move forward in a way that parents have a sense of full trust. My recommendation is that parents should be informed and that parents should make their own personal decisions." This gives hope for more positive direction at the state level. He thanked Ms. Reilly and staff for the Middle School Advisory Program. He also thanked his fellow board trustees for nominating him for the *Champion of Change Award*. He acknowledges that being a board member is hard work but well worth it. He is excited to be serving at a time when the new strategic plan is in place.

Neil R. Schloth: Mr. Schloth thanked everyone for staying so late. He thanked the Middle School Advisory team on doing such a great job tonight. He commented that the 35% reduction in negative behavior referrals is substantial. Many thanks also to Ms. Reilly for allowing the East Rockaway Fire Department to get involved with the students as part of the Junior Fire Department and with the seniors joining the fire department for community service. He attended the recent meetings with our local legislators, Brian Curran and Todd Kaminsky. He said the meeting was very interactive; Ms. Ruiz and Mr. Robinson did a fine job of presenting the District's needs to make sure we get our fair share. His feeling was things are very tight in Albany and community support is needed. Letters from the community are very important. He thanked the PTA's for their part in getting the word out. Mr. Schloth also congratulated his fellow trustees for the awards they received this evening. He believes each board member has a true agenda with a personal zeal and dedication for helping our students get the most they can. He thanked all those that participated in the Rock Rivalry 5K. Money was raised for a good cause and he hopes that next year he will be able to run the full course.

John Giannotti, Jr.: Mr. Giannotti, Jr., thanked Ms. Reilly and teachers participating in the Middle School Advisory Program. He congratulated his fellow board members for their awards and thanked the audience for coming out this evening. He looks forward to seeing

everyone in April.

Patricia Nicoletti: Ms. Nicoletti thanked Elissa and Luke for sharing their experiences with the Middle School Advisory Program. They were very brave for coming to the Board meeting and speaking. She also thanked Natalia Cuttitta who is very talented. Writers have to be courageous to share things that they wrote. Natalia wrote a very moving piece and we appreciate her sharing it with the audience this evening. She congratulated the senior class for winning the cup at Rock Rivalry. As a mother of a senior she acknowledged that all four classes did a fabulous job and it was a close race. Lastly, congratulations to Keith Gamache, John Giannotti, Jr. and Kristin Ochtera. They are so dedicated in what they do, and don't have to pursue any further training but continue to do so. She commended each of them and stated that it's an honor to serve on the board with them. She thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a great vacation break.

Kristin Ochtera: Ms. Ochtera echoed the comments of her fellow trustees. With the resolutions that were approved tonight - it means that it is budget season and budget vote time. This year two seats are up; her own and Ms. Nicoletti's. Both she and Ms. Nicoletti are running again. She stated that if anyone is interested in running for a seat on the Board of Education please see her, any board member or Ms. Fazi. Packets are available for pick up in the Business Office. She thanked the audience for coming to tonight's meeting.

11. Upon motion made by Neil Schloth, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr. and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. to discuss matters of personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Vitina Fazi  
District Clerk