

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
7:00 P.M., June 14, 2016 – East Rockaway Jr. /Sr. High School
Including Recognition of Music Award Recipients, High School Poetry Contest Winners,
Enterprise Students, Scholar Athletic Varsity Teams,
Girls Varsity Softball Team NYS Championship Appearance,
Recognition of Valedictorian, Sarina A. Gonzalez and Salutatorian, Bianca P. Fulgencio,
Recognition of Retirees, PTA Installation Ceremony,
Tenure Recipient, Sabrina Mallor,
NYSSBA Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient, Neil R. Schloth,
and a Public Forum

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Kristin Ochtera, Patti Nicoletti, Neil R. Schloth, 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

Absent: John Giannotti, Jr.

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

Board President Kristin Ochtera turned the meeting over to the Superintendent. Ms. Ruiz welcomed everyone to an exciting evening. Ms. Ruiz introduced Mr. Tom Schloen, Chairperson of Music and Fine Arts, who spoke about the first student recognition. Joining him were Ms. Lalama and Ms. Weill. They recognized the students who were selected to the Nassau Music Educators Association's All-County Groups, the Long Island String Festival, and the New York American Choral Director's Association Middle School Honor Choir sponsored by the New York American Choral Directors Association. The students were all presented with certificates.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced Ms. Curcio who spoke about "March Poetry Madness" at the East Rockaway Jr. /Sr. High School. She presented certificates to the winners and congratulated all students who participated.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced Ms. Healy, Enterprise teacher. Ms. Healy spoke about the Explore-A-Vision contest and introduced the winners from the elementary schools. The students were presented with certificates.

Ms. Healy introduced Mr. Dom Vulpis, Athletic Director. Mr. Vulpis thanked the Board of Education and Superintendent for believing in and supporting the athletic program. Mr. Vulpis stated that we will be recognizing two scholar athlete teams and introduced Mr. Baco. Mr. Baco spoke about the Varsity Girls' Badminton Team and Varsity Girls' Lacrosse Team, the two scholar athlete teams. Student, Meagan Ochtera spoke about the Varsity Lacrosse team and their accomplishments this year. The students were introduced and certificates presented.

Mr. Vulpis spoke about the Boys Varsity Baseball team who was named "Class C" Long Island Champions. Mr. Vulpis then introduced Mr. Joe Lores who spoke about the Girls Varsity Softball Team who was also named "Class C" Long Island Champions. The Girls Varsity Softball Team was also named Southeast Regional Champions and participated in the New York State Tournament. Certificates were presented to the students.

Mr. Vulpis then introduced Ms. Laura Guggino-Hastings. Ms. Hastings spoke about Ms. Sabrina Mallor, Speech/Language Pathologist who was receiving tenure tonight. Ms. Guggino-Hastings recommended to the Superintendent and the Board of Education that she receive tenure.

Ms. Guggino-Hastings then introduced Ms. Mona Hecht, Guidance Director. Ms. Hecht spoke about and introduced Valedictorian Sarina A. Gonzalez, and Salutatorian Bianca P. Fulgencio. Ms. Hecht then introduced Ms. Ruiz.

Ms. Ruiz spoke about the PTA Board and tonight's installation "flower ceremony." All new PTA officers were introduced and presented with flowers. Ms. Ruiz also recognized all out-going PTA officers who were also presented with flowers. Ms. Ruiz thanked them for their service to the District and community.

Ms. Ruiz introduced Ms. Ochtera. Ms. Ochtera presented the NYSSBA Lifetime Achievement Award to Neil Schloth. Ms. Ochtera stated that Mr. Schloth was being recognized for his work and achievements by the NYSSBA. Mr. Schloth has served as a Board Member for 8 years and is a valued member of the Board of Education.

Ms. Ochtera then introduced Ms. Ruiz. Ms. Ruiz spoke about her colleagues who were retiring and thanked them for the many years of service they have given to the District. Ms. Ruiz then introduced Mr. Erik Walter. Mr. Walter then asked Ms. Guggino-Hastings to join him. They both spoke about Ms. Gerry Fedoronko, Speech/Language Pathologist at Rhame Avenue School. They wished her well on her retirement, thanked her for her service and presented her with a plaque. Ms. Fedoronko spoke briefly and thanked the audience and Administration. Mr. Walter and Ms. Guggino-Hastings also spoke about retiree Judy Posimato and thanked her for her 18 years of service. Ms. Posimato was introduced and presented with a plaque. Ms. Posimato also thanked the audience and administration.

Ms. Ruiz stated that Senator Todd Kaminsky sends his congratulations to all the retirees and his regrets for not being able to attend. Senator Kaminsky provided proclamations for each of the retirees on behalf of the New York State Senate.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced Mr. Silk who spoke about Diane Rafferty, teacher at Centre Avenue School. He wished her well on her retirement, thanked her for her 38 years of service and presented her with a plaque.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced Mr. Joe Spero who spoke about math teachers Leslie Klein and Mary Orzano. He wished them well on their retirement, thanked them for their many years of service and presented them with a plaque.

Ms. Ruiz then spoke about Mr. Tim Silk, principal of Centre Avenue School. She thanked him for 27 years of dedicated service to the District. A moving power point presentation was shown with many photos and memories of Mr. Silk at Centre Avenue School. Ms. Ruiz wished him and his wife well on their joint retirements.

Ms. Ochtera asked for a short recess for picture taking and refreshments. Upon motion made by Neil Schloth, and seconded by Keith Gamache, and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

At 9:04 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 Patti Nicoletti, and seconded by Keith Gamache, the minutes of May 24, 2016, were unanimously approved.
3. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports – April 2016
4. Correspondence – None
5. Action Agenda
Upon motion made by Keith Gamache, and seconded by Patti Nicoletti, the following Items 1 and 2 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

A. Personnel

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, grant tenure to Sabrina Mallor, speech/language teacher, effective August 28, 2016, subject to satisfactory evaluation.

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignations:
 - a. Kathleen Kelly, monitor, effective May 27, 2016
 - b. Stephen Spinato, custodian, effective June 16, 2016
 - c. Januarie Scorsese Vazquez, food service worker, effective June 13, 2016
 - d. Kieran P. Lynch, physics teacher, effective June 30, 2016
 - e. Samantha Clarke, music teacher, effective June 30, 2016

Ms. Ruiz took a moment to speak about Item 3 below. She expressed regret for Ms. Reilly's resignation. She was pleased to appoint a new assistant principal.

Upon motion made by Neil Schloth, and seconded by Patti Nicoletti, the following Item 3 was unanimously approved.

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of TJ DiPietro from the position of English teacher/Chairperson for English and Social Studies, effective June 30, 2016; and further, approve the four-year probationary appointment of TJ DiPietro to the position of assistant principal, (tenure area: assistant principal; certification status: Professional), effective July 1, 2016, at the Step 1 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Administrators Association contract for the 2016-2017 school year.

Ms. Ruiz took a moment to speak about Item 4 below. She wished Mr. Silk well on his retirement and was pleased to appoint a new principal at Centre Avenue School.

Upon motion made by Keith Gamache, and seconded by Patti Nicoletti, the following Item 4 was unanimously approved.

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four-year probationary appointment of Sherry Ma to the position of elementary principal (tenure area: elementary principal; certification status: Initial), effective July 1, 2016, at the Step 1 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Administrators Association contract for the 2016-2017 school year.

Upon motion made by Patti Nicoletti, and seconded by Neil Schloth, the following Items 5-10 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Nicole Mihalek to the position of part-time (.5 FTE) music teacher, effective September 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, at the prorated BA, Step Entry annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers' Association contract for the 2016-2017 school year.

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Edward W. Correll to the position of part-time (.5 FTE) school psychologist, effective September 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, at the prorated MA, Step 1 (plus stipend) annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers' Association contract for the 2016-2017 school year.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Frederick B. Cange to the position of part-time security guard, effective upon Civil Service approval, at the salary approved by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for the 2015-2016 school year.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Deborah Iannico as a special education teacher for summer CSE/CPSE meetings, effective July 1, 2016, through August 31, 2016, at the hourly salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2016-2017 school year.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Jennifer Lemus Maldonado to the position of summer monitor, effective July 6, 2016, through August 16, 2016, at the Step 2 hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Food Service and Monitors Union agreement for the 2016-2017 school year.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following temporary assignment at the salary approved by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for substitute workers for the 2016-2017 school year:
 - a. Elizabeth Kelly, substitute teacher aide, substitute monitor and substitute clerical, effective upon Civil Service approval

B. Other Items

Ms. Ochtera asked if there were any questions regarding Items 1-13 below. Mr. Gamache inquired about the window process. Mr. Robinson replied.

Upon motion made by Neil Schloth, and seconded by Patti Nicoletti, the following Items 1 through 13 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

1. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District agrees to amend the employment agreement dated

November 20, 2015 between the Board and Mr. James P. Robinson on the terms specified in an agreement dated June 14, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President be authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

2. Approve the Nassau BOCES Department of Regional Schools and Instructional Programs Twilight Alternative High School Program Agreement for student services for the 2016-2017 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the Agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
3. Approve the Contract for the Services of General and Labor Counsel with Frazer & Feldman, LLP, for the period commencing July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the Contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
4. Approve the contract for consultation services with Nancy Nunziata, Pupil Transportation Consultant, for the period July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the Contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
5. Approve the award of the bid for 2015/16 Capital Improvement Program bid, SED No. 28-02-19-03-0-002-012, Rhame Elementary School, Window replacement, Contract #1 to Arrow Steel Windows, as the lowest responsible bidder and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the resulting contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
6. Approve the Services Agreement Reinstatement for continuation of 403(b)/457(b) administration services by The Omni Group for the 2016-2017 year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
7. Approve the terms and conditions of the letter of engagement between C-BIZ Valuation Group, LLC and the East Rockaway Union Free School District for valuation of land and buildings for the 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 school years and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the Agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
8. Approve the Health and Welfare Services Agreement between the East Rockaway UFSD and the following school districts for health and welfare services for the

2015-2016 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education:

- a. Baldwin UFSD
- b. Elmont UFSD
- c. Freeport UFSD
- d. Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD
- e. Island Park UFSD
- f. Lawrence UFSD
- g. Long Beach City School District
- h. Lynbrook UFSD
- i. Malverne UFSD
- j. North Bellmore UFSD
- k. New York City Public School District #29
- l. Oceanside UFSD
- m. Rockville Centre UFSD
- n. Roosevelt UFSD
- o. Uniondale UFSD
- p. Valley Stream UFSD 13
- q. Valley Stream UFSD 24
- r. Valley Stream UFSD 30

9. Accept the following donations:

- a. From the ERTA, a check in the amount of \$7,492.38 in the memory of John Ohman for the East Rockaway High School Music Department
- b. From the Rhame Avenue PTA:
 - 1 Miscellaneous recess equipment valued at \$408.33
 - 2 FITstep Pro PowerPlus Packs-Deluxe Pack for physical education classes valued at \$2,163.33
 - 3 In-school program by the Science Museum of Long Island called *Slime, Goo, Ooze* for the Special Education classes valued at \$200
 - 4 Supplies for Rhame Avenue K-Kids valued at \$300
 - 5 Novels for “Book Blast” morning book club Gr. 1-4 students valued at \$100 for Rhame Avenue School
 - 6 Literacy Centers for Centre Avenue kindergarten classrooms valued at \$100
- c. From Target Take Charge of Education Program for the Rhame Avenue School checks in the sums of \$50.00 and \$11.03
- d. From Ahold USA (Stop & Shop A+ Rewards) for the Rhame Avenue School a check in the sum of \$622.61

10. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the proposed 2016-2017 budget for school purposes in the total amount of Thirty Eight Million, Four Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$38,436,281.00) be adopted, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District authorizes the expenditure of said sum during the ensuing school year, and the necessary taxes upon the taxable property of the school district to meet said expenditures after first deducting the monies available from state aid and other sources.

11. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District has heretofore duly established the following reserves:

- a. Capital Reserve for Building Improvements and Repairs II
- b. Capital Reserve for Technology II
- c. Unemployment Insurance Reserve
- d. Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve (EBALR)
- e. Reserve for Employee Retirement System (ERS)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to fund the reserves and assign amounts from the unappropriated fund balance as follows:

Transfer To	Amount Not to Exceed
Capital Fund for Building Improvements and Repairs II	\$200,000
Capital Fund for Technology II	\$200,000
Unemployment Insurance Reserve	\$250,000
Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve (EBALR)	\$500,000
Reserve for Employee Retirement System	\$850,000

12. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law section 2034(6)(b), the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District orders the opening and the unsealing of the ballot box for the May 19, 2015, Budget Vote and Election and for all previous District meetings and elections and orders the destruction of all ballots contained therein.

13. Approve the amendment to the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on or about May 23, 2016, a main line in a water supply system to the East Rockaway High School (“Water Main”) ruptured, due to unforeseen and previously unknown deterioration of the Water Main; and

WHEREAS, by resolution duly adopted on May 24, 2016, the Board of Education declared certain corrective measures to address and remedy the damage to the Water Main and affected school facilities to be an emergency project (“Emergency Repair Work”) and authorized such Emergency Repair Work at a cost not to exceed \$100,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District hereby amends the aforementioned May 24, 2016, resolution by authorizing an increase in the expenditure for the Emergency Repair Work as an ordinary contingent expense at an estimated cost not to exceed \$150,000.00, to be financed initially by appropriations from the District’s General Fund’s unassigned fund balance up to such amount, and offset by insurance proceeds to the maximum extent available.

C. Budget Transfers – None

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

E. Upon motion made by Patti Nicoletti, and seconded by Neil Schloth, the CPSE Recommendations were unanimously approved.

6. Policy Matters - None

7. Good and Welfare

- a. Condolences to Eileen Hiller and family on the passing of her mother-in-law, Therese Hiller
- b. Congratulations to Jessica and Christian Beufve on the birth of their first child, Christian Thomas, born May 27, 2016

- c. Congratulations to Jennifer McKeon on the birth of her granddaughter, Keira Allyn McKeon, on June 5, 2016

8. Superintendent's Report

Ms. Ruiz stated that the issue of water quality has been a concern in our region and across the country garnering significant press coverage. The East Rockaway Union Free School District proactively began water testing at each water fountain and sink in every building throughout the District several weeks ago for traces of lead. Initial test results District-wide indicated all drinking and potable water sources accessible to students, faculty and visitors meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) water quality safety standards.

However, after initial testing, there was one sink located in the Rhame Elementary kitchen found to have levels slightly higher than the EPA standards. In addition, while not required, the District also tested "non-potable" water outlets District-wide. As a result of this testing, some faucets located in one of our high school science labs also demonstrated levels outside the EPA suggested limits. Following the specific remedy protocols outlined by the EPA, in areas where faucets demonstrated levels outside the EPA suggested limits, the District took immediate steps to replace the affected faucets. She thanked Mr. Robinson and Mr. Quercia for all their time and hard work spent on the water main break.

Ms. Ruiz thanked Daniel O'Moore for giving up his time and filming all the Board of Education meetings. She said he is a remarkable young man and thanked him for all he does.

Opportunity

Over 50 Centre Avenue students participated in its Talent Show at last Wednesday night's presentation. Musicians, Singers, Dancers, Comedians, and others entertained and showed off their talents to an audience of over 200 people.

The fourth grade students were invited by the Historical Society to visit the Lynbrook library to study the Grist Mill and its technological advances and life in East Rockaway and Lynbrook over 100 years ago.

Next Friday, students at Rhame Avenue will be participating in "Field Day" and the building is already buzzing with excitement. Mr. Hickey and a number of Rhame Avenue staff members have devoted a great deal of time and energy into planning this opportunity for our students. We look forward to a fun-filled day of games, activities and friendly competition for all.

Ms. Schutta will be taking our skills and achievement students to a variety of field trips including Rhame Avenue's Field Day, Freeport Nautical Mile, and the Long Beach Farmers Market. These trips are designed to give students real world travel experience and to gain an appreciation for the local culture.

Achievement

Centre Avenue school had over 50 students participate in the parents as reading partners program. Students from Grades K – 6 read hundreds of books. A celebration was held on May 27th by the reading teachers to commend the students on their reading achievement this year.

Over 20 Centre Avenue teachers formed a collegial circle and read and discussed together during lunch hour, a professional reading, called *Igniting a Passion for Reading* by Steven L. Layne. Teachers came away with a deeper sense for teaching children to read.

Our sixth grade students will be graduating exactly one week from tonight! We have a special “Awards Ceremony” scheduled for our Rhame Avenue graduates this Thursday morning where they will be recognized for their accomplishments. Graduation will be the following week and we look forward to giving them a very special send-off into the world of Junior High School. The students have achieved a level of academic success that makes us very proud and I look forward to hearing about their continued success in the future.

The Jr./Sr. High School held its annual National Honor Society Induction ceremony, led by Ms. Kenny and Mr. Kennedy at the high school and Ms. Mendyk at the junior high level. Recognized at the ceremony were:

High School

24 Outgoing Seniors

15 Returning Members

19 New Members

Middle School

38 Returning Members

39 New Members

66 seniors received awards at the Senior Awards ceremony, including over \$38,000 in scholarships.

The Boys baseball and Girls softball teams were both named Long Island Champs. The girls went on to compete at the State championship level in Glens Falls.

The Music department celebrated the achievement of our students through the Music Awards and Broadway by the Bay.

Innovation

Congratulations to our 5th and 6th Grade Enterprise students for their participation in the 2016 Junior Solar Sprint Competition last week. Twenty four teams competed, and two of our three teams took home trophies.

1st place - Mark DiLapi, Colin Sharkey, Louis DeSano, Luke Tasca

2nd place - Madeleine Prucha, Safiya Lawrence, Clare Acuti

Our third team came in fourth place.

The students at Rhame Avenue have completed their final writing pieces of the year which are currently on display throughout the hallways. Teachers were asked to think “outside the box” and created an Informational Writing Task using an innovative approach. The end results were outstanding and students across all grade levels completed projects incorporating technology that ranged from Informational Brochures to Newsletters.

Students in the advisory program wrapped up the year by performing team-building activities and reflecting on the program.

Connections

The Centre Avenue PTA held its end of year dinner last Friday night at LaParma Restaurant with over 75 parents and teachers celebrating this school year’s successes and were treated to a special presentation by State Senator Todd Kaminsky along with parent and teacher presentations as well.

Centre Avenue graduation will be held next Tuesday night 7:30 PM in the East Rockaway High School auditorium. Students will be recognized for their hard work over the past seven years and thank their families for all the support given during this time as well.

The Rhame Avenue PTA hosted a “Staff Appreciation” luncheon last week which was a very special treat at the end of the year for the entire school. Staff members were treated to a gourmet lunch that was catered and served by some of our PTA representatives. The teachers and staff at Rhame Avenue express their sincere thanks to the PTA for always taking great care of them.

Third grade students from Centre Avenue came to the high school on Wednesday, May 25th to dissect owl pellets with Lexi Mendyk’s AP Biology students. The high school students each took a small group of third graders and guided them through picking apart the pellets, exploring, and identifying the bones inside.

Teachers provided “extra extra” help to make up for lost instructional time due to the water main break.

9. Privilege of the Floor

Mrs. O-Moore questioned the .5 security guard position on tonight’s agenda. She stated that she knew there was one monitor who is a retired police officer who may qualify for this position. She suggested an outside agency such as Summit Security be hired.

Mr. Tyler Lonergan read a letter he prepared about an East Rockaway Jr. /Sr. High School teacher.

Ms. Ozzie Lonergan inquired about the status of the District's mascot.

10. Board Member Comments

Keith Gamache: Mr. Gamache congratulated Mr. Schloth on his Lifetime Achievement Award from the NYSSBA and thanked him for the guidance he has given him these past years. He considers him a role model. He congratulated all the retirees and thanked them for their dedicated years of service to the District. He congratulated and welcomed Ms. DiPietro and Ms. Ma on their new positions in the District and thanked them for joining us.

Neil Schloth: Mr. Schloth spoke about Mr. Tim Silk and the many years of service he has given to the District. He stated that Mr. Silk has shown concern for the school and the welfare of the children he supervised. Mr. Schloth told a story about an incident where both he and Mr. Silk escorted a person out of the audience who appeared to be unruly. He also thanked Mr. Silk for his participation in awarding Centre Avenue School "Blue Ribbon" status. He thanked all the retirees, the students for their awards and hard work, and also many thanks to Mr. Robinson and Mr. Quercia for their hard work in resolving the water main repair. He stated he was sad to see Mr. Lynch leave as he was an inspirational teacher. He thanked the audience for staying so late and wished everyone a good summer.

Patti Nicoletti: Ms. Nicoletti stated that we had a very busy board meeting with lots of good things going on. She congratulated the new PTA Officers. She agreed with Ms. Ruiz's statement that the PTA does so much for the District. Tonight's approval of donations on the agenda is an example of what they do for our school. The students who received recognition tonight are a nice representation of the well-roundedness of our students and she congratulated them. She also congratulated the Varsity Girls Softball team. She acknowledged the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for their accomplishments. They are a good example of what can happen when you work hard and put in effort. She congratulated Ms. Mallor on her tenure appointment. She thanked the administration for giving us a "big picture" of what the retirees have done for our district. She thanked Mr. Silk and wished him the best of luck. She congratulated Mr. Schloth on his Lifetime Achievement Award from NYSSBA which shows the dedication he has to our district.

Kristin Ochtera: Ms. Ochtera echoed the comments of her fellow board members. She said as a board, some actions that are taken are sad and others are positive. The positive tonight is all the commendations and recognitions that took place. Many good things have happened this year. She thanked everyone for coming and for what they have done for our children and for supporting the mission of the District.

11. Upon motion made by Neil Schloth, and seconded by Patti, Nicoletti, and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m. to executive session to discuss matters of personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Vitina Fazi
District Clerk