

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
7:00 P.M., June 13, 2017, East Rockaway Jr. / Sr. High School
Recognition of Patti Nicoletti, recipient of NYSSBA Lifetime Achievement Award,
Recognition of Valedictorian, Natalia Cuttitta, and Salutatorian, Katharine Calabrese,
Recognition of Scholar Athletes, Recognition of Retirees, PTA Installation Ceremony,
and a Public Forum

MINUTES

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Patti Nicoletti at 7:15 p.m. Keith Gamache led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board President Patti Nicoletti welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Nicoletti informed the audience of all the presentations taking place this evening and reminded everyone that a public forum will follow after the presentations. Ms. Nicoletti then introduced Ms. Ruiz.

Ms. Ruiz welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. She said that the months of May and June include recognition of both students and staff. Ms. Ruiz then introduced Natalia Cuttitta, Valedictorian, and Katharine Calabrese, Salutatorian. Both students joined her at the stage. Ms. Ruiz then introduced Mr. Spero. Mr. Spero spoke about the accomplishments of both students and congratulated them on this well-deserved honor. Gifts were presented to the students and a photo was taken.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced Mr. Dom Vulpis who spoke about the Spring Scholar Athletes. The girls' lacrosse, badminton, track and the boys' track teams were awarded the distinction of scholar athletes. Mr. Vulpis asked Laura Millar to join him on stage to speak on behalf of the girls' lacrosse team. Student names were called and certificates distributed.

Coach Baco spoke on behalf of the girls' badminton team. He was joined by Grace Riordan. Student names were called and certificates were distributed.

Coach Brito, the boys and girls track coach, then spoke about the track teams, called student names and distributed certificates. Ms. Ruiz thanked the coaches and teachers for all their hard work in supporting our students to be successful both in the classrooms and on the field.

Ms. Ruiz then presented Board of Education President, Patti Nicoletti, with the NYSSBA Lifetime Achievement Award. Ms. Nicoletti earned this honor by reaching Level IV and earned 500 points. Ms. Ruiz thanked Ms. Nicoletti for all of her time and hard work in her role as a board of education member.

Ms. Nicoletti was happy to announce that Ms. Ruiz had also recently received a special distinction. Ms. Ruiz was the recipient of The Friends of Education Award, Phi Delta Kappa, Stonybrook University. Ms. Nicoletti read the nomination letter and presented Ms. Ruiz with flowers. Ms. Ruiz stated that it was an honor to be recognized for this award. She thanked her administrators for their support and asked them to join her in a round of applause. Ms. Ruiz also thanked the Board of Education for celebrating this award with her and her family.

Ms. Ruiz then proceeded with the retiree portion of the evening. She asked Mr. Dom Vulpis to join her on stage. She spoke about his background and accomplishments in the District. She wished him well in retirement, thanked him for his many years of service, and presented him with a recognition award. She also wished him much success in his new position as Assistant Executive Director, Section VIII at Nassau BOCES.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced Ms. Mona Hecht. Ms. Hecht spoke on behalf of Paula DiPietro, senior typist clerk in the Guidance office. She wished her well on her retirement, thanked her for many years of service and presented her with a recognition award.

Mr. Erik Walter, the next presenter, spoke on behalf of Rhame Avenue School teachers, Karen Callaghan and Mary McLeod. He thanked them for their many years of service in the District, wished them well on their retirement, and presented them with a recognition award. Mr. Walter, on behalf of Ms. Guggino-Hastings, spoke about the next retiree, Eileen Rogers, teacher aide at Rhame Avenue School. He read a letter prepared by Ms. Guggino-Hastings, thanking Mrs. Rogers for her many years of service in the District, wished her well on her retirement, and presented her with a recognition award. Mr. Walter also mentioned that Mrs. McLeod will be retiring in mid-October.

Mr. Walter then introduced Mr. Spero, who spoke on behalf of teacher Randi Kilcommons. He thanked her for her many years of service in the District, wished her well on her retirement, and presented her with a recognition award. Mr. Spero, on behalf of Ms. Guggino-Hastings, spoke about the next retiree, Jesse Giliberti, teacher aide at East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School. He read a letter prepared by Ms. Guggino-Hastings. He thanked her for her many years of service in the District, wished her well on her retirement, and presented her with a recognition award.

Mr. Spero then introduced principal, Sherry Ma who spoke on behalf of teacher Gloria Spratt. She thanked her for her many years of service in the District, wished her well on her retirement, and presented her with a recognition award. Ms. Ma also mentioned retiring teachers Anne Smyth and Marie Lyons were not present this evening.

Ms. Ma then invited Ms. Ruiz back to the podium. Ms. Ruiz spoke on behalf of the next retiree,

John Piccarella, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology. She spoke about his background, accomplishments, and plans for the future. She thanked him for his many years of service in the District, wished him well on his retirement, and presented him with a recognition award.

The next presentation was the PTA Installation Flower Ceremony. Ms. Ruiz thanked the PTA's for everything they do to support our students and helping the District to provide the best education for our children. The newly elected 2017/18 officers were called to the stage and given individual flowers. Congratulations and flowers were also given to retiring PTA presidents.

Ms. Nicoletti announced that there will be a short intermission for congratulatory refreshments in the Band Room. Ms. Nicoletti continued with the agenda at 8:55 p.m.

2. Upon motion made by Kristin Ochtera and seconded by Neil Schloth, the minutes of May 23, 2017, were unanimously approved.
3. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports – April 2017
4. Correspondence - One
5. Hearing of visitors on items in the Agenda – none
6. Action Agenda

A. Personnel

Upon motion made by Kristin Ochtera and seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the following Items 1 through 14 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignations:
 - a. Muharrem Karakus, cleaner, effective June 13, 2017
 - b. Gabriella Velesquez, foreign language teacher, effective June 13, 2017
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four-year probationary appointment of James Zervas to the position of Mathematics/Science Chairperson, effective August 31, 2017, (tenure area: mathematics; certification status: permanent), subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure, at the MA45, Step 13, (plus stipend) annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2017-2018 school year.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four-year probationary appointment of Bryan Palermo to the position of physics teacher,

- (tenure area: elementary; certification status: Initial), effective August 31, 2017, through August 30, 2021, at the MA, Step Entry annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2017-2018 school year.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the three year probationary appointment of Caroline Gallo to the position of elementary teacher, (tenure area: elementary; certification status: Professional), effective August 31, 2017, through August 30, 2021, at the MA, Step 2 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2017-2018 school year.
 5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four year probationary appointment of Amy Weissman to the position of school social worker, (tenure area: school social worker; certification status: provisional), effective August 31, 2017, through August 30, 2021, at the MA, Step 2 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2017-2018 school year.
 6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four year probationary appointment of Nicole Mihalek to the position of music teacher, (tenure area: music; certification status: initial), effective August 31, 2017, through August 30, 2021, at the BA, Step 1 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2017-2018 school year.
 7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four year probationary appointment of Kellie Higgins to the position of elementary teacher, (tenure area: elementary; certification status: Initial), effective August 31, 2017, through August 30, 2021, at the MA, Step Entry, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2017-2018 school year.
 8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Edward Correll to the position of part time (.5 FTE) school psychologist, effective August 31, 2017, through June 30, 2021, at the MA, Step 2 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2017-2018 school year.
 9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Muharrem Karakus, to the position of Groundskeeper effective June 14, 2017, at the Step 20 annual salary established by the East Rockaway Custodial Unit agreement for the 2016-2017 school year.
 10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following special education summer school appointments, effective July 5, 2017, through

August 15, 2017, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2017-2018 school year:

Edward Correll..... Psychologist
Sabrina Mallor. Speech Language Teacher

11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Edward Correll to the position of school psychologist for summer CSE/CPSE meetings, effective July 1, 2017, through August 31, 2017, at the hourly salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2017-2018 school year.
12. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Christine DelValle to the position of summer school substitute monitor (bus) for the special education summer school program, effective July 5, 2017, through August 15, 2017, at the salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education Food Service Worker and Monitor Unit Agreement for the 2017-2018 school year.
13. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Robert Anderson to the position of boys' varsity soccer coach for the 2017-2018 school year at the Year 3, Step 3, stipend salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2017-2018 school year.
14. 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 2016-2017 school year:
 - a. Joseph Todero, home tutor, effective June 13, 2017

B. Other Items

Upon motion made by John Giannotti, Jr., and seconded by Keith Gamache, the following Items 1 through 18 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

1. Approve the following resolution:

For the purpose of participating in Cooperative Bids for Air Filters HVAC; Blinds, Shades & Stage Curtain Cleaning; Burners and Boiler Service; Carpet and Tile Installation; Custodial Equipment Repair; Custodial Supplies and Trash Bags; Custodial Supplies Green Cleaning; Door Installation and Repair; Drag Mop Rental; Dumpsters; Electrical Service; Electrical Supplies; Elevator Maintenance; Equipment Repair; Fence Installation and Repair; Fire Extinguisher Service; Floor Sanding, Refinishing and

Repair; Fuel Tank Alarm/Tank/Manhole Repairs; Geese/Dog Service; General AC and Refrigeration Repairs and Service; General Boiler Welding; Grounds Equipment Repair; Gym Folding Door; Heating Plant Maintenance and Repair; Irrigation Installation and Service/Well Installation; Kitchen Equipment Repairs; Locksmith Services; Lumber and Masonry Supplies; PA, Intercom and Master Clock Service; Paint and Associated Supplies; Painting Service; Pest Control Services; Playground Equipment Repair; Plumbing Service; Plumbing Supplies; Pneumatic Systems; Port-a-pottie; Pump and Motor Repair; Roof Repair; Scoreboard Repair/Electric Partition; Doors/Gym Equipment; Signs and Associated Supplies; Site Work/Asphalt/Concrete/Parking Lot Sweeping; Slate Roof Repair; Split System AC Units; Steam Traps and Parts; Storm Drains; Suspended Ceiling Installation; Theatrical Lighting/Stage Rigging; Track/Tennis/Playground Resurfacing Repair; Tree Cutting and Pruning; Uniforms Purchase; Universal Waste Recycling; Window Glass Repairs, Parts, Replacement.

WHEREAS, the Boards of Education:

Baldwin UFSD
Bellmore UFSD
Bellmore-Merrick UFSD
Bethpage UFSD
Carle Place UFSD
East Meadow UFSD
East Rockaway UFSD
East Williston UFSD
Elmont Schools
Floral Park/Bellerose
Freeport UFSD
Garden City UFSD
Great Neck UFSD
Herricks UFSD
Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD
Hicksville UFSD
Island Trees UFSD
Jericho UFSD
Levittown UFSD
Long Beach UFSD
Lynbrook UFSD
Malverne UFSD
Manhasset UFSD
Massapequa UFSD
Mineola UFSD
North Bellmore UFSD
North Merrick UFSD
North Shore CSD

Oceanside UFSD
Plainview-Old Bethpage UFSD
Port Washington UFSD
Rockville Centre UFSD
Seaford UFSD
Syosset UFSD
Uniondale UFSD
Valley Stream CHSD
Valley Stream #30
Wantagh UFSD
West Hempstead UFSD
Westbury UFSD

desire to participate in Cooperative Bids during the 2017/2018 school year as authorized by General Municipal Law Section 119-0, and whereas, the Board of Education through its Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, or designee, has assumed responsibility for drafting specifications, advertising for Bids, accepting and opening Bids, tabulating Bids, and reporting the results for each of the respective bids to the participating Boards of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, or designee, on behalf of the Board of Education of East Rockaway School District, be and hereby authorized to participate in Cooperative bidding conducted in conjunction with the Boards of Education of the aforementioned school districts for the bids noted above. Any award of contract pursuant to these Cooperative Bids will be made by the respective Board of Education in cooperation with the participating Districts.

2. 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 17, 2016, Budget Vote and Election, and for all previous District meetings and elections, and authorizes the District Clerk to unseal and open the ballot boxes and destroy the official ballots contained therein, together with the unused ballots, if any.

3. Approve the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the proposed 2017-2018 budget for school purposes in the total amount of Thirty Eight Million, Two Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$38,274,432.00) 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.

4. Approve the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District hereby reaffirms the authorization for the following reserve accounts as prescribed under General Municipal Law and/or Education Law:

- 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 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 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
Reserve for Employee Retirement System	\$1,600,000

- 5. Approve the attached bond resolution of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, New York, adopted June 13, 2017, authorizing the refunding of certain outstanding serial bonds of said district, stating the plan of refunding, appropriating an amount not to exceed \$2,200,000 therefor, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,200,000 refunding serial bonds of the district to finance said appropriation, and making certain other determinations all relative thereto. See Attachment 1.
- 6. Approve the Services Agreement Reinstatement for continuation of 403(b)/457(b) administration services by The Omni Group for the 2017-2018 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 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.
8. Approve the terms and conditions of the Child Nutrition Financial Analysis Proposal between HMB Consultants, and the East Rockaway Union Free School District, for a financial analysis on the Child Nutrition Program and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the Proposal on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
9. Approve the Facility Use Agreement between the East Rockaway UFSD and the American Red Cross concerning the use of the facilities as a public care shelter and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
10. Approve the Student Accident Coverage Agreement between East Rockaway UFSD and Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for the 2017-2018 school year and authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to sign the Student Accident Coverage Request on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
11. Approve the trash disposal agreement between the East Rockaway UFSD and Winters Bros. Hauling of L.I. for the 2017-2018 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
12. Approve the Health and Welfare Services Agreement between the East Rockaway UFSD and Manhasset Public Schools for health and welfare services for the 2016-2017 school year and authorize the Superintendent and the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
13. Approve the tuition agreement with Maryhaven Center of Hope for special education services for one (1) student, Student ID No. 180005899, for the 2017-2018 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the tuition agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
14. Approve the tuition agreement with United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County, Inc. for special education services for one (1) student, Student ID No. 180005897, for the 2017-2018 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the tuition agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

15. Accept a check in the total sum of \$100 from a donor delivered to the district by Stacy Lane for the “Keith Lane Visual & Media Arts Scholarship.”
16. Accept a donation in the sum of \$250 cash from the Junior High School Sports Night for the Luis Cosenza Scholarship.
17. Accept the following donations:
 - a. From “Citizens For Desposito”, a check in the sum of \$400 for the East Rockaway High School Class of 2018
 - b. From the Kiwanis Club of East Rockaway, a check in the sum of \$200 for the 2017 pre-prom party
 - c. From Robert and Patricia Drugan, a check in the sum of \$57.84 for the Cheryl Drugan Scholarship
 - d. From the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 958, a check in the sum of \$50 for the 2017 pre-prom party
18. Approve the following resolution:

Be it hereby resolved that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, hereby nominates Robert “B.A.” Schoen as a candidate for Area 11 Director to serve on NYSSBA and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and District Clerk to file the nomination with Mary Metheny, Executive Assistant, NYSSBA.

C. Budget Transfers

Upon motion made by Keith Gamache and seconded by Neil Schloth, the following Budget Transfers were unanimously approved

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following budget transfers:
 - a. Transaction No. 17-0016
 - b. Transaction No. 17-0017

D. Upon motion made by John Giannotti, Jr., and seconded by Kristin Ochtera, the CSE Recommendations were unanimously approved.

7. Policy Matters

Upon motion made by Keith Gamache and seconded by Neil Schloth, the policy referred to below was unanimously approved for adoption.

1. Policy for Adoption

- a. 5151, Homeless Children

8. Good and Welfare

- a. Condolences to Neil Schloth and family on the passing of his father, Cornelius Schloth, and on the passing of his brother Christopher Schloth
- b. Condolences to Jackie Scrio and family on the passing of her father-in-law, Sebastian J. Scrio
- c. Condolences to Joe Spero and family on the passing of his grandmother-in-law, Anne Onolfo Finerman

9. Superintendent's Report

Ms. Ruiz announced that she will not be reading her report tonight but that it will be posted on the website.

10. Privilege of the Floor - none

11. Board Member Comments

Neil Schloth: Mr. Schloth congratulated all the honorees tonight, including students and retirees. He wished the retirees a joyful and happy retirement. He thanked the community and District for all their well wishes for his family during this past month. His family is very appreciative of the support. He wished the audience a good summer.

Kristin Ochtera: Ms. Ochtera welcomed the new appointees to the District and wished them a long and successful career in the District. She said she looks forward to the day when we will be congratulating them on their retirements.

John Giannotti, Jr.: Mr. Giannotti, Jr. congratulated the scholar athletes, retirees, PTA officers, Patti Nicoletti, Valedictorian, Natalia Cuttitta, and Salutatorian, Katharine Calabrese, on their recognitions. He welcomed aboard the new teachers, and wished everyone a great summer.

Keith Gamache: Mr. Gamache also welcomed the new teachers to the District. He congratulated everyone on receiving their recognitions this evening. Special thanks to Mr. Piccarella for all of his years of service to the District. He also thanked the PTA's for their continued support.

Patti Nicoletti: Ms. Nicoletti shared the sentiments of her fellow board members. She congratulated the retiring staff members and welcomed the new appointees. She thanked the PTA's for all they do for our students. Special thanks to Ms. Ruiz for all she has done for our District. Ms. Nicoletti thanked everyone for coming this evening and wished them a happy, healthy summer.

12. Upon motion made by Neil Schloth and seconded by Kristin Ochtera, and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vitina Fazi
District Clerk