

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
7:00 P.M., June 12, 2018, East Rockaway Jr. / Sr. High School
Preceded by Recognition of Valedictorian, Marissela Gomez, and Salutatorian,
Gabriella Walsh, 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, Superintendent, Lisa J. Ruiz; Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Jacqueline A. Scerio; Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Mona Hecht; District Clerk, Vitina Fazi

Absent: John Giannotti, Jr.

1. The meeting was called to order by Patti Nicoletti at 7:06 p.m. Neil Schloth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board President Patti Nicoletti welcomed everyone to the meeting. She announced that we have a packed agenda with many recognitions. We will start with the valedictorian and salutatorian recognitions and then turned the meeting over to Ms. Ruiz.

Ms. Ruiz stated that the months of May and June are typically busy months. Normally, her superintendent's report is given at the end of the meeting but tonight she wanted to speak about students' accomplishments while many were still present in the auditorium. A PowerPoint showing photographs of students' accomplishments this past school year was shown. Ms. Ruiz expressed how proud she is of each and every student in the District. She salutes and celebrates all the students who have accomplished so much. She also thanked the Board of Education, administration, teachers, and the entire support staff for everything they do on behalf of all the students.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced principal Neil Lederer. Mr. Lederer spoke on behalf of the valedictorian, Marissela Gomez and salutatorian, Gabriella Walsh. He congratulated both students on their accomplishments and successes. Gifts were presented to the students and a photo was taken. Mr. Lederer thanked Mr. Rosenberg for his assistance in preparing this recognition. Ms. Ruiz congratulated both students.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced Mr. Barth who recognized the spring scholar athlete teams. There were 90 individual scholar athletes and four scholar athlete teams. He then introduced Mr. Joe Lores, Girls Softball Coach. Mr. Lores announced the names of the scholar athletes who were then called to the stage. Mr. Barth then introduced Mr. Kenny

Anderson, Girls' Track and Field Coach. Mr. Anderson announced the names of the scholar athletes who were then called to the stage. Mr. Barth then announced the names of the scholar athletes on the Girls' Lacrosse team who were also called to the stage. Lastly, Mr. Barth introduced Mr. Gus Baco, Girls' Varsity Badminton coach who announced the names of the scholar athletes who were also called to the stage. Photographs were taken of all teams.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced principal Sherry Ma who spoke on behalf of retiree, Annette Dubiel, Special Education teacher at Centre Avenue School. Ms. Ma 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. Ruiz then introduced Mr. Peter Ceglie, who spoke on behalf of retiree, Roxanne Lalama, elementary music teacher. Mr. Ceglie 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. Ruiz then introduced principal Neil Lederer, who spoke on behalf of retiree, Fran Cloud, foreign language teacher. Mr. Lederer 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. Ruiz then spoke on behalf of retiree, Carol Sanders, social studies teacher and ERTA President. 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.

Retiree Nancy Minkoff was unable to attend tonight, but Ms. Ruiz also thanked her for her many years of service in the District and wished her well on her retirement.

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 2018/19 officers were called to the stage and given individual flowers. Congratulations and flowers were also given to retiring PTA presidents.

At 7:56 pm Ms. Nicoletti announced that there will be a short intermission for congratulatory refreshments in the hallway outside the auditorium. At 8:25 p.m. Ms. Nicoletti resumed the public portion of the agenda.

2. Upon motion made by Keith Gamache, and seconded by Neil Schloth, the minutes of May 22, 2018, was unanimously approved.
3. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports – April 2018
4. Correspondence - None
5. Hearing of visitors on items in the Agenda – None
6. Action Agenda

Upon motion made by Kristin Ochtera, and seconded by Keith Gamache, the following Items 1 through 10 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

A. Personnel

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four-year probationary appointment of Luke Tesoriero to the position of social studies teacher, (tenure area: social studies; certification status: initial) effective August 30, 2018, at the BA, Step 1 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2018-2019 school year.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four-year probationary appointment of Donna Robbins to the position of school guidance counselor, (tenure area: guidance counselor; certification status: provisional) effective August 30, 2018, at the MA45, Step Entry annual salary (plus stipend) set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2018-2019 school year.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four-year probationary appointment of Natalie Melaniff to the position of special education teacher, (tenure area: special education; certification status: initial) effective August 30, 2018, at the MA, Step 1 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2018-2019 school year.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Janet Blom to the Part-Time Typist-Clerk, 12-month position, effective July 1, 2018, upon Civil Service approval, at the Step A annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Secretaries Association Agreement for 12-month typist-clerks for the 2018-2019 school year.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Marie Anderson to the position of ENL teacher for the Jump Start Program, effective July 16, 2018 to July 20, 2018, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational

Assignments for the 2018-2019 school year.

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following special education summer school appointments, effective July 2, 2018, through August 10, 2018, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2018-2019 school year:

Dr. Alissa Nunes.....	Psychologist
Edward Correll	Psychologist
Bethany Kinkaid.	Speech Language Teacher
Diana Collins.....	Resource Room Teacher
Kathleen Crowley.....	Special Education Teacher
Kristen Donovan.....	Special Education Teacher
Allison Gerbert.....	Special Education Teacher
Diana Collins	Substitute Special Education Teacher
Kathleen Crowley.....	Specialized Instruction Teacher
Diana Collins.....	Specialized Instruction Teacher
Jane Faiella.....	Reading Teacher
Dana Casas.....	Reading Teacher and Substitute Teacher

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following appointments for summer CSE/CPSE meetings, effective July 1, 2018, through August 31, 2018, at the hourly salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2018-2019 school year:

Dr. Alissa Nunes.....	School Psychologist
Edward Correll.....	School Psychologist
Diana Collins	Special Education Teacher
Nicholas Taylor.....	Special Education Teacher
Kimberly Rosenkrantz.....	Speech Language Teacher
Bethany Kinkaid.....	Speech Language Teacher
Nicholas Taylor.....	General Education Teacher
Dawn O'Shea.....	General Education Teacher
Victoria Longworth.....	General Education Teacher
Nicholas Taylor.....	Chairperson, CSE/CPSE
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8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following special education summer school teacher aide appointments, effective July 2, 2018, through August 10, 2018, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association contract for the 2018-2019 school year:

Stefanie MedinaTeacher Aide
 Janet BlockTeacher Aide
 Carolyn FernandezTeacher Aide
 Darlene Woods.....Teacher Aide
 Linda LindsleyTeacher Aide
 Nicole WintersTeacher Aide
 Dawn GrochmalTeacher Aide
 Kathleen Hobbs.....Substitute Teacher Aide
 Varda CervoneSubstitute Teacher Aide
 Tina LewaldSubstitute Teacher Aide

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Thomas White to the position of Security Aide, effective upon Civil Service approval, at the hourly salary set forth by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule.
10. 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 2018-2019 school year:
 - a. Daniel Del Valle, seasonal cleaner, effective upon Civil Service approval
 - b. Hugo D. Espeleta, substitute cleaner, effective upon Civil Service approval
 - c. Vanessa Heyward, activity supervisor (day/evening), effective

B. Other Items

Mr. Gamache questioned the status of the vestibule construction in Item 9.

Upon motion made by Neil Schloth, and seconded by Kristin Ochtera, the following Items 1 through 18 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

Ms. Ruiz then requested that Item 15 be amended to change “Director of Operations and Finance” in the last paragraph to “Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations” to reflect the correct title.

Upon motion made by Kristin Ochtera, seconded by Neil Scholth, and unanimously approved, Item No. 15 was amended to reflect the correct title of “Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations.”

Upon motion made by Neil Schloth, and seconded by Kristin Ochtera, the following Items 1 through 18, as amended, were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

1. Approve the employment agreement with Susan Kosser as the interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services, effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East

Rockaway Board of Education; and further approve the appointment of Susan Kosser as the Title IX officer, Chairperson for CSE and CPSE Committee effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

2. Approve the following employment agreements for the 2018-2019 school year and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the agreement(s) on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education:
 - a. Jacqueline Scrio, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
 - b. Mona Hecht, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
 - c. James Daly, Director of Facilities
 - d. Alex Goldberg, Director of Technology and Learning Analytics
 - e. Tina Fazi, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations and District Clerk
 - f. Mary Volino, Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education
 - g. Debra Muller, School District Treasurer
3. Approve the Special Education Services Agreement with Manhasset Public Schools for special education services for one (1) parentally placed student ID No. 180006311 for the 2017-2018 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the resulting services agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
4. Approve the Education Agreement with Maryhaven Center of Hope for special education services for one (1) student, Student ID No. 180005899, for the 2018-2019 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.
5. Approve the Related Services Agreement between Da Vinci Education & Research, LLC and the East Rockaway UFSD for Evaluation and Related Services for the 2018- 2019 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
6. Approve the Consultant Services Contracts between Jennifer Brady and the East Rockaway UFSD for developing literacy framework services for the periods: May 15, 2018 through June 29, 2018; and July 1, 2018, through September 30, 2018, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
7. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law §2034(6)(b), after six months have passed since the May 15, 2018, election without any proceeding,

the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District Clerk to unseal and open the ballot box and to destroy all of the ballots cast, spoiled and unused in the May 15, 2018, Annual District Budget Vote and Board of Education Election, no earlier than November 15, 2018.

8. Approve the following resolution:

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:

**WINDOW REPLACEMENT @ RHAME AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SED #28-02-19-03-0-002-016**

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 project mentioned above is now classified as Type II Actions as determined by 6NYCRR§617.5 and

WHEREAS, this project falls under the following categories:

- A. Maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure of facility;
- B. Replacement, Rehabilitation or Reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in Section 617.4 of this Part;

THEREFORE, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, the above referenced project falls 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)”.

9. Approve the following resolution:

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:

**CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SECURITY VESTIBULES AT RHAME AVENUE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CENTRE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
AND EAST ROCKAWAY JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL**

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THEREFORE, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, the above referenced project falls 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)”.

- 10. Approve the Services Agreement Reinstatement for continuation of 403(b)/457(b) administration services by The Omni Group for the 2018-2019 year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- 11. Approve the Student Accident Coverage Agreement between East Rockaway UFSD and J.J. Stanis and Company, Inc. for the 2018-2019 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.
- 12. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of East Rockaway Union Free School District approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement dated June 12, 2018, between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union ("UPSEU"), representing the employees of the District's food service operation, regarding the terms under which the District will transfer its food service operation to a private vendor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board be authorized to execute said Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Board.

- 13. 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, 2018, and assign amounts from the unappropriated fund balance as follows:

Transfer To:	Amount Not to Exceed
Capital Fund for Building Improvements and Repairs II	4,000,000
Capital Fund for Technology II	200,000

14. Approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the East Rockaway UFSD advertised for bids for food service management services for the 2018-2019 school year and has determined, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, that Aramark Educational Services, LLC is the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts this bid and awards the contract for food service management services for the 2018-2019 school year, to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a contract with Aramark Educational Services, LLC., on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

15. 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	Herricks UFSD	North Shore CSD
Bellmore UFSD	Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD	Oceanside UFSD
Bellmore-Merrick UFSD	Hicksville UFSD	Plainview Old Bethpage UFSD
Bethpage UFSD	Island Trees UFSD	Port Washington UFSD
Carle Place UFSD	Jericho UFSD	Rockville Centre UFSD
East Meadow UFSD	Levittown UFSD	Seaford UFSD
East Rockaway UFSD	Long Beach UFSD	Syosset UFSD
East Williston UFSD	Lynbrook UFSD	Uniondale UFSD
Elmont Schools	Malverne UFSD	Valley Stream CHSD
Floral Park/Bellerose	Manhasset UFSD	Valley Stream #30
Freeport UFS	Massapequa UFSD	Wantagh UFSD
Garden City UFSD	Mineola UFSD	West Hempstead UFSD
Great Neck UFSD	North Bellmore UFSD	Westbury UFSD
	North Merrick UFSD	

desire to participate in Cooperative Bids during the 2018/2019 school year as authorized by General Municipal Law Section 119-0, and whereas, the Board of Education through its Director of Finance and 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.

16. Approve the formation of the District Communication Subcommittee which shall serve to enhance communication in the district and community.

[Ms. Nicioletti stated that this resolution was added to form a subcommittee to accommodate community members who would like to have a discussion with the Board on various issues and concerns.]

17. Accept the following donations:

- a. Curriculum enhancement grants from the Centre Avenue PTA:
 1. \$94.91 for reading supplies
 2. \$100 for classroom supplies for the STEAM Program
 3. \$298.20 for art room supplies
 4. \$58.13 for ENL classroom supplies
 5. \$48.00 for classroom materials for Gr. K-6 ENL students
- b. From Peter and Cindy Ceglio, a Baldwin Console SN 440944 Piano, valued at \$4,500 for the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School Music Department
- c. From Patricia Drugan, a check in the sum of \$150 for the “Cheryl Drugan Scholarship”

18. Approve a change to the district policy manual to reflect the current administrative titles and responsibilities and authorize the appropriate personnel to make the necessary title changes to the policies.

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. 18-0020
 - b. Transaction No. 18-0021
 - c. Transaction No. 18-0022

- D. Upon motion made by Keith Gamache, and seconded by Kristin Ochtera, the CSE Recommendations were unanimously approved.

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

7. Policy Matters

Upon motion made by Kristin Ochtera and unanimously approved, the following policies were for approved for adoption:

1. Policies for Adoption:

- a. 2110, School Board Powers and Duties
- b. 2111-E, School Board Member Code of Conduct Exhibit
- c. 2120.1, Candidates and Campaigning
- d. 2210, Board Reorganizational Meeting
- e. 2342, Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
- f. 2360, Minutes
- g. 5251, Student Fund Raising Activities
- h. 5252, Student Activities Funds Management

2. Policies for Review:

- a. 0115, Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention
- b. 1900, Parent Involvement
- c. 2140, Board Member Removal from Office
- d. 2160, School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics
- e. 2310, Regular Meetings
- f. 2230, Appointed Board Officials
- g. 2330, Executive Sessions
- h. 5100, Attendance
- i. 5300, Code of Conduct
- j. 6240, Investments
- k. 6700, Purchasing
- l. 8332, Use of District-Owned Cell Phones
- m. 8505, 8505R, 8505-E, Meal Charge Policy
- n. 9700, Professional Development

8. Good and Welfare

- a. Condolences to Alice Calabrese and family on the passing of her father-in-law, Anthony Calabrese
- b. Condolences to Karin Cooney and family on the passing of her mother, Patricia Jurkiewicz

9. Superintendent's Report

Ms. Ruiz introduced Ms. Scio who provided the following Facilities Committee update.

The Facilities Committee held its fifth meeting on Monday, June 11, 2018. Over the past several months the committee has inspected all of the district's buildings and identified a list of potential projects. In addition, the committee discussed the security concern with students having to leave the High School for technology classes. They inspected the technology building and discussed the relocation of the technology classes to the high school as an added security measure. All projects identified by the Committee over the past several meetings were reviewed, as well as the estimated costs associated with each project.

Ms. Scio will begin a comprehensive review of the financial impact with our financial advisors. This will take approximately 3-4 weeks to complete. This process will review current debt service, state aid based on projects identified, potential capital reserve balance, and phases required to align state aid with debt service payments.

A PowerPoint will be posted on the website by the end of June. At that point, the community can begin to review the projects identified by the committee. In the fall, a series of building tours will be arranged to allow the residents to walk through the facilities and ask questions about the projects identified by the committee. All information will be posted on our website. Please continue to check the website and feel free to contact me for any additional information

Ms. Ruiz was happy to report that Ms. Susan Kosser, Interim PPS Director, has agreed to stay on for the 2018-19 school year and welcomed her back. She also bid farewell to Mr. Lederer and thanked him for all he has done for our community. He is a welcomed addition to the neighborhood and our students will miss him very much. On behalf of the Board of Education and the administrative team Ms. Ruiz stated that he will be missed and is always welcomed to come back to visit.

10. Public Comment - None

11. Board Member Comments

Keith Gamache: Mr. Gamache thanked the community for attending the last meeting of the school year. It is very rewarding when we get to acknowledge the valedictorian and salutatorian, witness the installation of the new PTA officers, and honor the scholar athlete teams. Even though the academic school year is ending, the work year will continue. He encouraged everyone to attend the July and August board meetings. As in the past, he is always impressed by the turnout of colleagues when new teachers are hired and when we recognize the retirees. He is very appreciative of the support they give to each other. He thanked the retirees for their many years of service to the District and wished them well in retirement.

Neil Schloth: Mr. Schloth thanked everyone for staying until the end of the meeting. He also thanked Mr. Lederer, Interim Principal. Mr. Lederer brought a strong and outgoing leadership quality to our school. The students loved him and we appreciate his

help through a difficult time. Mr. Schloth congratulated Luke Tesoriero on his appointment as a social studies teacher. He met him over 15 years ago when he was in the Cub Scouts with his son. Mr. Tesoriero is a hard-working young man and Mr. Schloth was happy to see a local graduate come back and work for us.

Mr. Schloth congratulated all of the new PTA board officers. He thanked the retiring PTA board officers. The PTA is a very strong component of our school district. All of their efforts continue to upgrade the programs we have in the district.

Mr. Schloth thanked retiring board member, John Giannotti, Jr. While Mr. Giannotti, Jr., was not able to attend meetings because of family and work obligations, when he was present he gave meaningful and appropriate input to board discussions. He also congratulated Dom Vulpis on his election to the board. He brings his experience as a former administrator and teacher to the Board. Mr. Schloth also thanked Theresa Devlin for a well-run campaign. It was good to see a spirited election. He wished everyone a happy summer and encouraged the community to attend the July and August board meetings.

Kristin Ochtera: Ms. Ochtera echoed the comments of her fellow board members. She looks forward to executing the projects and tasks we have planned for the 2018-2019 school year.

Patti Nicoletti: Ms. Nicoletti stated that tonight we recognized many years of dedication from our retiring teachers, achievements of our valedictorian and salutatorian, and our scholar athlete teams. We also acknowledged and recognized the hard work of our PTA's. Ms. Ruiz did an excellent job with the PowerPoint she prepared showcasing and highlighting the accomplishments of our students. During the performance of the recent Broadway by the Bay production, Ms. Nicoletti noticed that a student, while on stage, became nervous and struggled with their performance. Our students, in an effort to support the child, urged the child to continue by waving and clapping. The child continued and had a strong finish. We cannot measure kindness and compassion; and we cannot test for it. Ms. Nicoletti is very proud of our students, parents and staff for encouraging kindness and compassion. She wished everyone a fabulous summer.

12. Upon motion made by Neil Schloth, and seconded by Keith Gamache, and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vitina Fazi
District Clerk