

MINUTES

December 12, 2016
Regular Meeting
High School

Members Present: Rosemarie Eller, Sheryl Brady, James Hricay, Cayne Letizia, Rose Lovitch, Randy Stein

Members Absent: Charlie Norris

Others Present: Dr. Smith, staff members, guests

Board President Rosemarie Eller called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M., led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Mission Statement. Dr. Smith asked for a moment of silence in memory of Patricia Ginter, a teacher at Mamaroneck Avenue School for 17 years until retiring in 1991.

I. Opening of Meeting:

Announcements by the Board President and Board Members:

Mrs. Brady - attended Reading Night at George Washington, the Dual Language meeting at Church Street, and several PTA meetings, along with the Fall Play at the High School and the 8th Grade Concert at Highlands.

Mrs. Lovitch- congratulated everyone connected with the successful High School PTA Craft Fair.

Mrs. Eller - attended the Reading Night and Dual Language meeting, the Relay Carnival hosted at our pool and the Tiger Fans Dinner. She thanked the fans for their support of the team. She also participated in the New York State School Boards' Officers Academy which was very informative.

Recognition of Scholar-Athletes: Dr. Smith said this a great opportunity to recognize students and coaches. He introduced Athletic Director Matt Cameron who thanked the Board for this recognition and said that 156 students, from nine teams, will be receiving awards for 90 or better averages. That is 60% of the 259 students who participated in fall sports, a great result. Coaches of the Swimming & Diving, Boys' & Girls' Cross Country, Football, Field Hockey, Tennis, Volleyball and Boys & Girls Soccer Teams then introduced the students. Mrs. Eller thanked the parents for their dedication as well.

II. Communications: None

III. Public Participation: Noelle D'Amico and Jessica Buck provided an update on the progress of the parents looking into possible changes in the recess practices at elementary schools. They have met with principals and staff and committees have been established at each of the elementary schools. They also had a very productive meeting with Dr. Smith and are working on a draft of their findings and suggestions.

IV. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Smith reviewed refinement of the model for School Choice which has become necessary to achieve the intended objective of balancing the diversity in our schools. The

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district has employed a consultant who was involved in the original choice program when it was initiated in 1988. Registration data will include more socioeconomic factors than previously and the consultant will use an algorithm to determine placement. Letters have gone out to families of preschoolers and the process is underway for next year. Dr. Smith also welcomed Michelle Gordon, the new Coordinator of the Family Information Center, who will be appointed on tonight's agenda.

For the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Dr. Smith reported that over 100 resumes were submitted. Seventeen of these candidates were brought in for screening and the number was reduced to eight. Interviews by the Cabinet and a committee then resulted in two finalists who will return for further interviews and performance tasks. Reference checks will follow. Dr. Smith hopes to have a recommendation for appointment in January.

V. Summary Action Items:

#5: Dr. Smith thanked these donors for their generosity.

#23, 26b: Mrs. Schoenfeld noted revised backup provided for these items,

#24: There was a question about the backup for this appointment to tenure.

On motion by Dr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Lovitch, the Board voted unanimously (six voting) to adopt Summary Action Items #1-27, as listed on the Agenda and as follows:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2016.
2. Authorization for the Clerk of the Board to make all necessary arrangements and to incur such expenses and perform any duties necessary and proper for the conduct of the Annual Board of Education Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.
3. Approval for the Superintendent of Schools to execute an agreement with the County of Westchester for the use of their voting machines and related services for the Annual Board of Education Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.
4. Approval of the Board of Registration for the Annual Board of Education Vote and Election as follows: Elizabeth Scardino (R) and Lorna Dixon (D). (Registration is April 29, 2017, Noon-5 P.M., at Mamaroneck Avenue School.)
5. Acceptance of the following donations:
 - \$4,975 from the Friends of White Plains Public Schools for programs at George Washington, Highlands and Rochambeau Schools
 - Gift cards for the PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Support Program) at Rochambeau School from Lorraine Trovato-Cantori, Sandra Serrano and Michael Sullivan
 - Visits to the Katonah Museum of Art and participation in their Young Artists 2017 exhibit from three anonymous donors through Donorschoose.org, for High School Art students
 - 1960's White Plains High School Band uniforms and other vintage equipment from Jo and Joseph Falcone for the High School theater program
6. Approval to arrange for the appropriate program and services for students with disabilities, as recommended by the Committee on Special Education: 64 cases.

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7. Approval to arrange for the appropriate program and services for students with disabilities, as recommended by the Committee on Preschool Special Education: 32 cases.
8. Approval that all employees previously granted a conditional appointment and who have not received clearance from the State Education Department be granted another conditional appointment for 20 days.

Civil Service Staffing

9. Acceptance of the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Barbara Santarelli, Registered Professional Nurse, Church Street School, effective 7/1/17.
10. Approval of the revised retirement date of Donna Colombo, Secretary, Education House, from 12/28/16 to 12/31/16.
11. Acceptance of the resignations of the following:
Ann Provenzano, Part-time School Auditor, Education House, effective 11/30/16
Ellen O'Blines, Payroll Clerk, Education House, effective 12/17/16
12. Approval of the 26-week Probationary appointment of Vito Ciraco, Electrician, Districtwide, effective 11/7/16.
13. Approval of the 52-week Probationary appointment of Monica Alvarez, Office Assistant II-Spanish Speaking, Staff Development Center, effective 10/18/16.
14. Approval of the increase in time for Ina Giglio, Food Service Helper, Mamaroneck Avenue School, from 4.5 hours per day to 6 hours per day, effective 1/10/17 (replacing M. Grande).
15. Approval of the Provisional appointment of Michelle Gordon to the position of Coordinator, Family Information Center, effective 12/29/16.

Teacher Staffing

16. Acceptance of the resignation of Kristen Heinrich, Teaching Assistant, Rochambeau School, effective 1/4/17.
17. Approval of a request for an unpaid leave of absence for Theresa George, Teaching Assistant, George Washington School, effective 11/25/16-2/24/17.
18. Approval of the Regular Substitute appointment of Jarred Gordon-Austin, Teaching Assistant, George Washington School, effective 9/1/16-2/24/17 (replacing T. George).
19. Approval of an unpaid childcare leave for Laura Cappiello, Elementary Teacher, Mamaroneck Avenue School, effective 1/2/17-1/31/17.
20. Approval of the extension of unpaid childcare leaves, effective 2/1/17-6/30/17 for:
Antonella Agudelo, Mathematics Teacher, Rochambeau School
Jessica Moore, English/Technology Teacher, Rochambeau School
Lisa Naclerio, Elementary Teacher, Post Road School

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21. Approval of the extension of an unpaid leaves of absence, effective 2/1/17-6/30/17, for:
Linda Briceno-Ziegler, Elementary Teacher, Ridgeway School
Rosana Lopez, Foreign Language Teacher, Middle School-Highlands
22. Approval of the Regular Substitute appointment of:
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| Nathaniel Davidson
BA
(Replacing J. Joseph) | Social Studies Teacher, High School
Certification: Initial, Social Studies 7-12
Step: Teachers - 1
Recommended Salary: \$55,606, prorated
Dates of Service: 10/25/16-1/30/17 |
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23. Approval of the extension of the Regular Substitute Appointment of:
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| Marie Lou Ortiz
MA
(Replacing L. Briceno-Ziegler) | Elementary Teacher, Ridgeway School
Certification: Prof, Childhood Ed. 1-6 & Students w/Disabilities
Birth-Grade 2, Early Childhood Ed. Birth-Grade 2
Students w/Disabilities Grades 1-6
Step: Teachers - 1
Recommended Salary: \$63,989, prorated
Dates of Service: 2/1/17-6/30/17 |
| Stacey Schriro
MA
(Replacing A. Agudelo) | Mathematics Teacher, Rochambeau School
Certification: Initial, Mathematics 5-9 & 7-12
Step: Teachers - 1
Recommended Salary: \$63,989, prorated
Dates of Service: 2/1/17-6/30/17 |
| Pedro Johnson
MA
(Replacing J. Moore) | .6 Technology Teacher, Rochambeau School
Certification: Initial, Media Communications 7-12
Step: Teachers - 11
Recommended Salary: \$46,681.50, prorated
Dates of Service: 2/1/17-6/30/17 |
24. Approval of the appointment to tenure of Erica Villalba, Special Education Teacher, Middle School-Highlands, effective 1/2/17.
25. Approval of the revised unpaid leave of absence start date for Jonathan Joseph, Social Studies Teacher, High School, from 10/19/16 to 10/25/16.
26. Approval of compensation for the following, as per attachment V-26:
- 2016-17 Interscholastic/Co-Curricular appointments
 - 2016-17 Professional, Curriculum and Technology Development Activities, and Miscellaneous Stipends
 - Extended Day appointments

27. Approval of the appointment of districtwide per diem Substitute Teachers, per diem Substitute Teaching Assistants, Building Substitute Teachers, Test Scorers, Substitute Clerical Support, Substitute Security Assistants, Substitute Nurses, Substitute Food Service Workers and Substitute Custodial Workers, as per attachment V-27.

**All of these appointments are conditional, subject to and contingent upon, the satisfactory completion of the fingerprinting process and investigatory background check required by the New York State Education Law. The Board of Education reserves the right to rescind these appointments without notice, upon receipt of any unsatisfactory report resulting from the aforementioned background check.*

*** These appointments are contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout his/her probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Section 3012, 3012-c and/or 3012-d.*

VI. Other Action:

1. Mrs. Eller recommended acceptance of the resignation of Dr. Paul R. Fried, Superintendent of Schools, effective 1/15/17. She said that Dr. Fried has been out on a medical leave and the Board accepts his resignation with a heavy heart. The Board thanks him for his hard work and dedication during the time he was here. Dr. Stein moved, Mr. Hricay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor (six voting).
2. Dr. Smith recommended approval of the Treasurer's Report for October, 2016, as per attachment VI-2. Mrs. Brady moved, Dr. Stein seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor (six voting).
3. Dr. Smith recommended approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report for November, 2016, as per attachment VI-3. On motion by Mrs. Brady, seconded by Dr. Stein, the Board voted unanimously in favor (six voting).
4. Dr. Smith recommended approval of counsel's recommendation for a resolution pertaining to tax certiorari settlements, as per attachment VI-4. Dr. Stein moved, Mrs. Lovitch seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor (six voting).
5. Dr. Smith recommended approval of Change Order H1 for Interior Renovations of Middle School-Eastview Campus, to Pearl River Plumbing, Heating & Electric, Inc., as per attachment VI-5. On motion by Mr. Letizia, seconded by Mrs. Brady, the Board voted unanimously in favor (six voting).
6. Dr. Smith recommended adoption of new policy: #6176: Instruction: Homebound Instruction. Mrs. Lovitch moved, Dr. Stein seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor (six voting).

VII. Board Discussion:

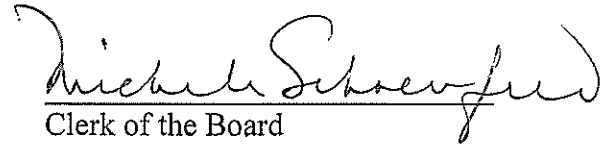
1. New policy: #5117: Students: Diversity Policy: This policy will be brought back for approval at the January 9th meeting.

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2. Board Committee Reports: The Human Resources Committee discussed confidential matters and the Finance Committee will meet next week. Special Education discussed instructional priorities, long-range planning, integrated co-teaching, and self-contained classes at the High School which might be eliminated. The Curriculum Committee heard from Highlands staff members on AVID and other programs, which had many common themes and threads. As liaison to the Youth Bureau, Mrs. Eller reported that there are many exciting, creative activities going on to support our students.

At 8:45 P.M. Mrs. Eller thanked the television crew and wished everyone a happy holiday season. Mrs. Brady moved adjournment, Mrs. Lovitch seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor (six voting).

Respectfully submitted,


Clerk of the Board