

**Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District
Board of Education Meeting
May 6, 2021**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. President's Opening Remarks
4. Report from the Superintendent
 - a. Superintendent Request for Action on personnel matters
 - b. Introduction and Words of Welcome – Dr. Henriquez
5. Public Hearing: 2021 – 2022 School Budget
 - a. Public Comment Regarding 2021-2022 Budget
6. General Public Comment
7. Treasurer's Report
 - a. March 2021
8. Action Items:
 - a. Acceptance of Financial Reports for February 2021
 - b. Competitive Bid(s)
 - c. Professional Services / Contract Awards electing to forgo Policy 6700R
 - d. Conference(s)
 - e. Vote for the Proposed Budget for the Westchester School Boards Association for 2021-2022
 - f. Vote for the Slate of Officers/Members of the Board of Directors for the Westchester School Boards Association for 2021-2022
9. Board of Education Roundtable / Discussion
10. Adjournment

Welcome to our Meeting

This is a meeting of the Board being held in public. As a courtesy we provide individuals with the opportunity to participate by providing commentary.

Should you have questions or additional comments, please submit them to the Board clerk, Mrs. Maggi, seated to my left. Rest assured that we will read and consider all submissions.

We endeavor to respond to all comments and may use a number of mechanisms including contacting someone individually, commenting later at this meeting, or commenting at a future board meeting. If you have a concern regarding your child, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher and school principal directly and as soon as possible.

Note that responses concerning personnel matters are not made in public. Note also that the Board of Education will conduct business in a manner that models respect and civility. We require members of the public to conduct business before the Board in like manner.

Before you speak, please state your name and state the school district in which you are a resident. All comments are to be addressed only to the Board of Education President. Comments should be kept as brief as possible and relate to school matters. Each speaker is allotted up to three minutes.

Meeting Schedule

Our regular meetings are held in the auditorium of Port Chester Middle School and are open to the public beginning at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Meeting locations are announced in advance in the local news media and on the educational access channels. Additional and Special Meetings may be added as needed.

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)	Thursday, October 15, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)	Thursday, April 15, 2021 – Line-by-Line (5:00 p.m.)
Thursday, July 30, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)	Thursday, November 19, 2020	Thursday, April 22, 2021
Tuesday, August 18, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)	Thursday, December 17, 2020	Thursday, May 6, 2021
Tuesday, August 25, 2020 (Retreat)	Thursday, January 21, 2021	Tuesday, May 18, 2021 – Annual Election
Wednesday, August 26, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)	Wednesday, February 10, 2021	Thursday, June 2, 2021
Thursday, September 17, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)	Thursday, March 18, 2021	Thursday, June 17, 2021

Responsibilities of the Board of Education

The School Board is responsible for the following:

- establish, monitor, and evaluate goals and objectives of the schools
- establish policies for operation of the schools
- select the Superintendent of Schools
- appoint personnel upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools
- develop and present an annual budget for consideration by district residents
- communicate the needs and progress of the schools to the community

Your Questions

Start with the person(s) closest to the matter: teacher, principal, transportation officer, or district-wide administrator. If unresolved, contact the superintendent of schools. If still not resolved, contact the School Board President for possible review by the School Board.

School Board Members

Chrissie Onofrio, President
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Port Chester, NY 10573
845-729-0892
1st Term – Expires 6/30/22

Anne Capeci, Trustee
22 Ridge Boulevard
Port Chester, NY 10573
914-937-3191
10th Term – Expires 6/30/23

Luigi Russo, Trustee
38 Hobart Avenue
Port Chester, NY 10573
914-939-3208
1st Term – Expires 6/30/21

Christopher Wolff, Trustee
33 Lafayette Drive
Port Chester, NY 10573
914-419-8556
2nd Term – Expires 6/30/21

District Personnel

Dr. Edward A. Kliszus, 934-7901
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Mitchell A. Combs, 934-2442
Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum Office

Phillip Silano, 934-7906
Asst. Superintendent, Business Office

James Ryan, 934-7913
Director of Health & Safety,
Physical Education and Athletics

Dr. Colleen Carroll, 934-2043
Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Felipe Orozco, 934-8152
Director of ELL and Bilingual Programs

Tatiana Memoli, 934-7925
Director of Special Education

Ray Renda, 934-7983
Director of Facilities

School District Office

Cathy A. Maggi
School District Clerk

Keane & Beane
School District Attorney

Beata Grabowski
School District Treasurer

Building Principals

Thomas A. Edison School
Ivan Tolentino, 934-7980

John F. Kennedy School
Judy Diaz, 934-7990

King Street School
Samuel Ortiz, 934-7995

Park Avenue School
Rosa Taylor, 934-7895

Port Chester Middle School
Patrick Swift, 934-7930

Port Chester High School
Luke Sotherden, 934-7950

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**Port Chester Public Schools
Port Chester, New York
Board of Education
May 6, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Jessica Orozco, New Rochelle, New York, as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, beginning May 3, 2021 through June 30, 2021. Mrs. Orozco will use accumulated sick leave during the time her doctor attests to her inability to perform her duties due to pregnancy, delivery and self-care. If needed, she will then be granted a Family Medical Leave without pay; but benefits will continue to a maximum of 12 weeks.
2. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Sara Stio, Stamford, Connecticut, as English Teacher at the High School, beginning approximately May 19, 2021 through June 30, 2021. Mrs. Stio will use accumulated sick leave during the time her doctor attests to her inability to perform her duties due to pregnancy, delivery and self-care. If needed, she will then be granted a Family Medical Leave without pay; but benefits will continue to a maximum of 12 weeks.
3. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Juliett Davis, Rye Brook, New York, as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, beginning approximately May 24, 2021 through June 30, 2021. Mrs. Davis will use accumulated sick leave during the time her doctor attests to her inability to perform her duties due to pregnancy, delivery and self-care. If needed, she will then be granted a Family Medical Leave without pay; but benefits will continue to a maximum of 12 weeks.
4. An Extended Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Jenna Reynolds, Poughquag, New York, as Science Teacher at the Middle School, beginning September 1, 2021 through March 21, 2022. This Leave of Absence will be without pay or benefits. She will not advance in seniority nor will said leave be counted for longevity purposes.
5. Marilyn DiDomizio, Hawthorne, New York be granted a paid medical leave of absence beginning May 24, 2021 through June 25, 2021. Mrs. DiDomizio will use her accumulated sick time.
6. The paid medical leave of absence granted at the April 22, 2022 board meeting to Arthur Tiedemann, Rye, New York beginning January 4, 2021 through approximately May 21, 2021 be extended through June 25, 2021. Mr. Tiedemann will use his accumulated sick time/sick bank time.
7. The following individuals be appointed to the Middle School Bilingual/ELL Curriculum writing for the spring of the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$47.50:

Amy Aristy	Peter Bermudez	Marilyn DiDomizio	Heather Gross	
Esteban Guijarro	Daniella Kay	Cindy Martinez	Sara Morabito	
Melissa Pennino	Juanita Mitchell	Melody Rivera	Danielle Scicutella	Aaron Warren

8. The following individuals be appointed as teachers and/or substitute teachers for the K-5 summer school 2021 at \$49.00 per hour (granted funded):

All Schools - Substitutes

Victoria Ciambriello	Lindsay Chudoba	Leslie Cove-Mercuri
Melissa Cruz	Mirjana Lezaja	Amy Simmons

Edison School

Eileen Gibson

King Street/Park Avenue Schools

Marvin DeLeon

The resignation of Jasmin Martinez to work in the K-5 summer school 2021 program be accepted.

9. The following individuals be appointed for the Special Education Extended Year Summer Program for the summer 2021 at \$49.00 per hour:

Teachers:

Gladys Bencosme	Margaret Burns	Lianet DeSantis
Stephanie Figliomeni	Lisette Hernandez	Adriana Paulucci
Kristin Remy	Renee Rosabella Marino	Cynthia Ponce

Peter Bisceglia – Lead Educator

10. The following individuals be appointed as administrators to the Summer Learning Acceleration Program at a rate of \$500 per day:

Bryant Romano Grades 1-5

Christine Rascona Grades 6-12

Substitutes on an as needed basis:

Chanel Ennis Maria Figura Joseph Gilson Elsy Gonzalez

11. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2020-2021 school year at \$47.50 per hour:

Middle School and High School ELA Curriculum Writing Team

Barry Backelman	Peter Bisceglia	Brenda Burke	Jessica Danielson
Stephanie Darrow	Nelson Diaz	Patricia Donnelly	Kathleen Farley
Jesse Fernandez	Kathy Franceschini	Aaron Glazer	Gregory Guarino
Alison Hembury	Richard Laconi	Rigoberto Martinez	Estrella Marziani
Lynn McTyre	Sara Morabito	Candace Munoz	Rebecca Mynio
Aferdita Osmani	Victoria Prashad	Maria Ruggiero	Jeannette Sanderson
Sara Stio	Eric Torruella	Rosemarie Veltri	Stephanie Watts

12. The following individuals be approved to serve as Substitute Teachers and/or Teacher Assistants on an as-needed basis for the 2020-2021 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared or "Grandfathered" in:

Raynard Parris Sydney Saulnier Roula Almalouf

13. A promotional change of status be approved for Bethshabe Pacheco, Port Chester, New York from a Permanent part time school monitor (Lunch) to a Probationary Teacher Aide, Grade I, Step 1 effective April 26, 2021. Mrs. Pacheco is NYS Fingerprint cleared, and her assignment remains at Thomas Edison Elementary School.

14. The following individuals be approved as translators for Parent-Teacher Conferences, on April 28, 2021 for Thomas Edison School and John F. Kennedy School. They will be paid at their contractual hourly rate:

John F. Kennedy School	Thomas Edison School	King Street School
Adriana Bello	Marta Arango	Nancy Arroyo
Gloria Wang	Mercedes Dacosta-Bolzan	
Aimee Farias	Xiara Bello	
Elsa Salmon	Eldaluz Gomez	
Guestel Haddock	Claudia Sajquin	
	Josina Correia	
	Judy Villavicenco	
	Claudia Magallon	
	Antonietta Como	
	Patricia Perez	

15. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2021 Summer Learning Acceleration Program at their contracted daily/hourly rate of pay or Step 1 if new hire or out of title, Effective July 6, 2021-July 29, 2021.

Ann Buetti- Registered Professional Nurse	Kathy Natal- Secretary
Ellen Mutino- Computer Teacher Aide	Kathryne Milliken- Computer Teacher Aide
Elsa Salmon-Computer Teacher Aide	

16. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2021 Special Education Extended School Year Program at their contracted daily/hourly rate of pay or Step 1 if new hire or out of title, Effective July 1, 2021-August 11, 2021.

Teacher Aides				
Deloris Smith	Xiara Bello	Peter Mutino	Gloria Wang	Janet Bellantoni
Patrizia Zuccarelli	Nicole Menegazzo	Evelyn Villarin	Isabel Del Pezo	Philip Mutino
Tiffane Pelle	Maria Rosario	Margaret Adamson	Gabriela Orozco- Espinosa	Crystal McNabb
Karla Novoa Santillan	Sol Reillo	Lauren Celestino	Cameryn Messina	Cathy Furano-Sapia
Patricia Perez	Shante Pride	Pam Tigani	Brian Griffin	Chyna Marino
Registered Professional Nurse				
Regina Catalina- RPN				

17. Item number 22 from the April 22, 2021 request for action be amended as follows: A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Ditere Vlahna, Armonk, New York beginning April 21, 2021 through June 4, 2021. Mrs. Vhlana will use accumulated sick time through May 13, 2021 and the remainder will be unpaid and without benefits.
18. The following individuals be approved as Substitute Teacher Aides, Monitors or Clerical at a rate of \$14 per hour effective for the 2020-2021 School year. All have received NYS fingerprint clearance.

Julia Ordonez

19. The following individuals be approved as Districtwide Part-Time cleaners, 3.5 hours a day at a rate of \$15.44 per hour effective April 19, 2021.

Martha Reinoso

20. The following individuals be approved as Districtwide Part-time School Monitors, 3.5 hours a day at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective April 19, 2021.

Maria Barajas

Deysi Contreras

Gloria Pantoja

Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District
Regular Meeting - Resolutions
May 6, 2021

Action Items:

- A. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Warrants Report, Statement of Revenues, and Budget Status Report for February 2021.
- B. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District award the following competitive bids as noted below:

Award To	Description	Schools	Basis for Award
Super Wheels, Inc.	Transportation of Students	Port Chester Schools (Summer 2021)	Lowest Bidder
		Rockland City Schools (2020-2021 & 2021-2022)	
		Clearview Schools (Summer 2021)	

- C. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, at its discretion and in the best interest of the District, elects to forgo the written quote and bid requirements in keeping with Policy 6700R – Purchasing Regulation and approve the contracted services agreements / memorandums of agreement for the following professional service procurements which are grant funded ending August 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the president of the Board / Superintendent of Schools / Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute related contracts.

Vendor	Function	Rate	Not to Exceed	Fund
Interactive Health Services	Homeless Liaison Services	Increase of \$5000	\$22,500	McKinney Vento

- D. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the attendance to the following conferences as noted below:

Name	Conference	Date	Amount	Funded
Yomahira Carreras	Virtual DP and Leadership Workshops: Language B	June 18-21, 2021	\$775.00 + applicable tips and taxes	General Fund

- E. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District votes to approve the Proposed Budget for the Westchester Putnam School Boards Association in the amount of \$272,812 for 2021-2022.
- F. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District votes for the 2021-2022 slate of officers and members of the Board of Directors for the Westchester Putnam School Boards Association.