

**Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District  
Board of Education Special Meeting  
May 21, 2021  
11:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Action Items:
  - a. Approval of Belfor Agreement for Steam Pipe Replacement
4. 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 office, 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  
13 Tower Hill Drive  
Port Chester, NY 10573  
845-729-0892  
1<sup>st</sup> Term – Expires 6/30/22

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22 Ridge Boulevard  
Port Chester, NY 10573  
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10<sup>th</sup> Term – Expires 6/30/23

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Port Chester, NY 10573  
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1<sup>st</sup> Term – Expires 6/30/21

Christopher Wolff, Trustee  
33 Lafayette Drive  
Port Chester, NY 10573  
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2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Philip 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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**Action Item:**

- A. WHEREAS, there was a steam pipe failure in Port Chester High School and New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR), as the School District's insurer, is covering the cost to repair and replace the steam pipe and related damage less the applicable deductible of \$5,000; and

WHEREAS, through NYSIR, the School District has located an experienced contractor, BELFOR USA Group, Inc., which is available immediately to replace and/or repair the steam pipe and any materials and equipment that were damaged when the pipe failed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorizes and approves the "Authorization to Perform Restoration and Direct Payment" agreement with BELFOR USA Group, Inc. to replace and/or repair the steam pipe and any materials and equipment that were damaged in Port Chester High School when the pipe failed and authorizes the School District's payment of the applicable insurance policy deductible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School District's Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the School District, the "Authorization to Perform Restoration and Direct Payment" agreement with BELFOR USA Group, Inc. and the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Director of Facilities are hereby individually authorized and empowered to take all necessary and appropriate actions to implement the agreement and the purposes of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all prior actions taken by any School District employees, administrators or officials in furtherance of this resolution are ratified and confirmed.