

# RyeNeck Schools

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**RYE NECK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
300 HORNIDGE ROAD  
MAMARONECK, NEW YORK 10543  
BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANNING SESSION  
FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

Present: President, Gloria Golle  
Trustee Rebecca Mansell  
Trustee Patty Nashelsky  
Trustee Devina O'Reilly  
Trustee Jennifer Rubin  
Trustee Elizabeth Yong  
Dr. Eric Lutinski, Superintendent of Schools  
Carolyn Mahar, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Corinne Ryan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Mary Ellen Chiera, District Clerk

**I. Opening of Meeting**

President Golle called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**Approval of Minutes of January 18, 2023 Board of Education Meeting**

Upon Motion duly made by Trustee Mansell and seconded by Trustee Rubin, it was

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby approves the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held January 18, 2023, as submitted.

**AYES: All Present**

**NAYES: None**

**Approval of Minutes of January 31, 2023 Board of Education Special Meeting**

Upon Motion duly made by Trustee Nashelsky and seconded by Trustee O'Reilly, it was

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby approves the Minutes of the Board of Education Special Meeting held January 31, 2023, as submitted.

**AYES: All Present**

**NAYES: None**

### **III. Discussion**

#### **Draft 2023-24 School Calendar**

Dr. Lutinski reviewed with the Board the draft calendar for the 2023-24 school year. Following discussion regarding various holidays and NYS testing days that play a role in determining the scheduling of spring break, the Board agreed to approve the calendar at the February 15th Board meeting.

#### **Naloxone**

Dr. Lutinski advised that back in 2015 New York State allowed for Naloxone to be kept and administered in schools. Rye Neck chose not to participate then, but is going to go forward with it at this time. Training for the nurses is being offered by BOCES, and the district will need to obtain a prescription from its doctor. He explained that there are three different options to participate. **Option 1:** The district would have to register as a provider which would allow the nurses to offer training to other staff members and receive free Narcan. **Option 2:** Only the nurses would receive training and the district would have to pay for Narcan. **Option 3:** The district would piggyback off of another district's registration and partner with that school and receive free Narcan. Dr. Lutinski stated that we are leaning towards Option 1, but he will have it ironed out next week and provide the Board with more information in his February 10th Board update.

#### **HS Courses for 2023-24**

Dr. Lutinski reviewed with the Board the High School Course Catalog. He explained that 9th and 10 graders have more predetermined courses than 11th and 12th graders, and he reviewed the graduation requirements. Discussion was had regarding the order of science classes, and why some classes are not considered focus electives.

Next, Mrs. Ryan reported that she's been meeting with the Student Curriculum Counsel which created a survey regarding course offerings that was sent to all students in grades 8 through 12. Based on the survey, the High School has added the following courses to the 2023-2024 Course Catalog: Psychology (in addition to AP Psychology), Business: Principles of Management (this will replace Business Law), Gender Studies, Intro to Sociology, Fashion Design, Musical Theater, and Anatomy. Anatomy will be offered as a ½ credit and full credit course, but only one option will be given. Musical Theater will now be a full credit course with the option to obtain college credit from Manhattanville College. Mrs. Ryan explained that there has to be enough students registered for a class in order for it to run.

Following discussion, Trustee O'Reilly suggested that Dr. Lutinski write about this in one of his weekly parent updates.

#### **Curriculum Counsel Update**

Trustee Mansell reported that they discussed a math pilot program at F.E. Bellows. They previewed three programs and are considering the Eureka Math program. Discussion was had regarding professional development for the teachers.

**OSC Report Update**

Trustee Nashelsky reported that she, Dr. Lutinski and Mrs. Mahar met this morning with auditors from the Office of the State Comptroller to review their draft report from their risk assessment. After their initial review, they decided to focus on potential health insurance cost savings. They want Rye Neck to consider offering a health insurance buyout to interested employees which could potentially generate health insurance savings. If the district did offer this option, it wouldn't take effect until the teachers and TA contracts are renegotiated. Trustee Nashelsky noted that this was only a recommendation made by the auditors that the district could potentially consider in the future.

**IV. Executive Session**

Upon Motion duly made by Trustee Yong and seconded by Trustee Mansell, it was

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rye Neck Union Free School District hereby agrees to move into executive session to discuss a particular person.

**AYES: All Present**

**NAYES: None**

**V. Adjournment of Executive Session, Reopening of Public Meeting and Adjournment of Public Meeting**

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Mansell and seconded by Trustee Yong, it was

**RESOLVED**, that the executive session be adjourned and the Public Meeting be reopened; and it was

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that there being no further business before the Board and upon motion duly made by Trustee O'Reilly and seconded by Trustee Rubin, it was

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education Planning Session of February 1, 2023 be adjourned.

**AYES: All Present**

**NAYES: None**

President Golle adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Ellen Chiera  
District Clerk