Board of Education Meeting  
September 29, 2020  
5:30 p.m. Proposed Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation with district counsel  
6:00 p.m. Return to Open Session

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. President’s Opening Remarks

4. Action Item:
   a. Approval of Ingerman Smith, LLP for legal services

5. Adjournment

"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."
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 | 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 29, 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, May 27, 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

- Thomas Cortia, President
  365 Putnam Avenue
  Port Chester, NY 10573
  914-939-7869
  3rd Term – Expires 6/30/23
- Chrisie Onofrio, Vice President
  13 Tower Hill Drive
  Port Chester, NY 10573
  845-729-0892
  1st Term – Expires 6/30/20
- Anne Capaci, Trustee
  22 Ridge Boulevard
  Port Chester, NY 10573
  914-997-3191
  10th Term – Expires 6/30/20
- 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
- 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
- Lisa Zareski
  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, 934-7985
- Port Chester Middle School
  Patrick Swift, 934-7930
- Port Chester High School
  Luke Sotherden, 934-7950

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Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District  
Special Meeting - Resolution  
September 29, 2020

Action Item:

A. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District hereby approves the law firm Ingerman Smith, LLP, to provide legal services associated with the Ethics Committee Investigation at a rate of $250 per hour not to exceed 10 hours.