



At a special joint meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye and the Rye City School District Board of Education held on April 21, 2012, Board Member Nathan made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Brett to adopt the following Resolution:

Joint Resolution of the Rye City School District and the City of Rye

Be it RESOLVED by the Rye City School District Board of Education and the Mayor and the Council of the City of Rye that meaningful mandate relief must be enacted by the cooperative efforts of the New York State Legislative and Executive branches in order to provide relief to jurisdictions that are in compliance with the limits of annual growth in the local property tax levy, and

WHEREAS, the joint Mandate Relief Council comprised of representatives of both the Legislative and Executive branch of New York State is currently tasked with reviewing and implementing mandate relief reforms as a part of comprehensive tax reforms for overburdened New York taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, both the provision of essential services and the quality of educational opportunities and city programs are being negatively impacted by the current 2% tax cap, and

WHEREAS, repealing State statutes such as the Triborough Amendment would immediately improve the ability of the school district and city to control costs, and

WHEREAS, the repeal of the Wicks Law would also provide immediate savings in the cost of capital improvements by reducing the requirements for multiple contractors on construction projects, and

WHEREAS, the costs of public employee pension contributions are increasing at a rate that is unsustainable with the current exclusion language in the tax cap levy, and should be limited so that the state-mandated employer contribution rates are capped at the same growth rate increase as is allowed under the current tax cap, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rye City School District Board of Education and the Mayor and Council of the City of Rye demand that the Governor and the Legislature, as well as the Mandate Relief Council in accordance with Article 24, Executive Law 666, act upon these specific items of concern, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the NY State Mandate Relief Council, Governor, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, Assembly Speaker and Minority Leader, and Members of the State Senate and Assembly representing Rye.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor French, Councilmembers Brett, Jovanovich, Parker and Sack

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Filippi and Keith

ROLL CALL:

AYES: School Board President Slack, Board Members Belanger, Fox, Glassberg, Nathan, and Schmitt

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Board Member Egan

The Resolution was adopted by an 11-0 vote

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)
CITY OF RYE)

I, Dawn F. Nodarse, Clerk of the City of Rye, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this Resolution with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original Resolution and of the whole thereof, as duly adopted by said Rye City Council and the Rye City School District Board of Education at a special Joint Meeting of the Rye City Council and the Rye City School District Board of Education duly called and held at the Rye City Hall on April 21, 2012 by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the Resolution.

WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of the City of Rye, New York, this 23rd day of April, 2012.

Dawn F. Nodarse
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CITY CLERK

SEAL