REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 18, 2017

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 6:08 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Mr. Babcock, Mrs. Brookes, Mrs. Chirico, Mrs. Maluszczak, Mrs. Salny and Dr. Kurland.
Mrs. Chabala was absent.
Also present were Dr. Greg McGann, Superintendent of Schools.

Motion by Mrs. Chirico, seconded by Mrs. Brookes to waive pledge salute, public announcement and public notice until the meeting is reopened.

Public announcement was read regarding the "Open Public Meeting Act." No Board Member objected to the conduct of the meeting as advertised.

Motion made by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Brookes to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" the Rockaway Township Board of Education will meet in closed session to discuss matters involving personnel, Student and Administrative issues, the content of said discussions will be disclosed to the public at such time and extent as is required by law.

All present voting yes, motion carried.

The Board met in closed session at 6:09 PM.

Motion made by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Brookes that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:32 PM Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM. Present were 42 visitors and no members of the press.

Dr. Kurland reopened the regular business meeting of the Board with the Pledge of Allegiance.

RTSAA Presentation to Dr. McGann and Mr. Gonnella of a flag that was flown over the Capitol to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the RTSAA.

The RTEA presented a check to the RTSAA for $750 which represents half of the $1,500 raised in the Duck Race. The other $750 was given to the RTEF.

Dr. McGann's presentation of PARCC test results

Motion by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Salny to open the public session of the meeting.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

- A member of the public commented on the evaluation contracts.
- A member of the public commented on the new Cross Country team and school spirit.
- A member of the public commented on family's experience with school staff and CST staff.
- A member of the public commented on the Harlem Wizards game, thanking all participants.
- A member of the public commented on issues with Rockaway schools.
- A member of the public commented on the "whole child approach", PARCC data, instructional time, and reassignment.
- A member of the public commented on transportation issue and observation issue.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Brookes to close the public session of the meeting.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was received for the Board since the last regular meeting:

Mike Green	Re: NJ Devils Discount Tickets
Anthony Lusardi	Re: BOE Elections
Amanda Thompson	Re: SEPAC (3)
Amy Malatesta	Re: Leadership concerns(2)
Maxine Chen	Re: First Grade snack concerns
Robert Kurland	Re: Response
Brian Adams	Re: Invitation to Pumpkinfest
Debbi Orkenyi	Re: Recent Events(2)

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Brookes, seconded by Mrs. Chirico to approve the minutes of October 4, 2017.

Roll Call Vote on above, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The following information was presented by the Superintendent in his report:
Dr. McGann reported there were two new HIB investigations Case #141 as confirmed and Case #142 as unconfirmed.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Babcock to affirm HIB Case #137 as unconfirmed, Case #138 as unconfirmed, Case # 139 as unconfirmed, and Case #140 as unconfirmed.

Roll Call Vote on above, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

Dr. McGann discussed bus safety and protocols.

2. Informational Items
- Field trips for approval

The following information was present by the Business Administrator in her report:

No report.

Committee Reports
Operations Meeting – 11/7 6pm @Central Office

Shared Services Committee- Pondview -$3,000 to retrofit a bus with cameras. Pondview 2nd building to open 11/1. Expected completion 2020-2021.

Education Committee meeting-10/30 @ 4:45

The following actions were taken during the Regular Meeting of the Board:
Personnel
The Superintendent of Schools recommends actions on the following certificated personnel:
Motion made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak to approve the following personnel recommendations.

1. **Employment**
   Approve the employment of the following staff listed below as a Home Instructor, on an "as needed" basis, for the 2017-2018 school year. The rate of pay is $46.00 per hour.

Susan VanGelder

Explanation – Instructional staff necessary to provide Home Instruction, where needed.

Approve the employment of Deirdre Mastandrea, as the Director of Special Education, for the district, at the Central Office, effective November 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The annual prorated salary will be $117,500.00. (Mrs. Mastandrea is replacing Mr. Shlala).

Approve the employment of Bree Robinson, as a state certified Substitute Teacher, effective September 5, 2017 through September 15, 2017. The rate of pay will be $80.00 per day.

2. **Employment/Substitute Teachers**

Approve the employment of the following county and state certified Substitute Teachers indicated below for the 2017-2018 school year:

Kimberly McMahon Lincoln Park, NJ	Lynchburg College, VA (BA) Certification: State Effective Date: October 19, 2017
Christine Mederos Ledgewood, NJ	Rutgers State University, NJ (MA) Certification: State Effective Date: October 19, 2017
Genoveffa Moschella Hamburg, NJ	Seton Hall University, NJ (MA) Certification: State Effective Date: October 19, 2017

3. **Leave of Absence**

Approve a leave of absence for Cynthia Dodge, a full-time Grade 6 Language Arts Teacher, at the Copeland Middle School, with pay, effective January 4, 2018 through February 2, 2018, the leave will continue, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective February 5, 2018 through May 4, 2018, the leave will continue, without pay, effective May 7, 2018 through June 30, 2019. (Mrs. Dodge is expected to return to work on September 1, 2019).

4. **Reassignment**

Approve the reassignment of Kyleigh Pittenger, a leave replacement assignment for Colleen Flannery, a full-time Resource Room Teacher, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School to a full-time Resource Room Teacher, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective December 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The annual prorated salary will be $55,384.00 BA (Step 1). (Ms. Pittenger holds Provisional Certificates as an Elementary School Teacher in Grades K – 6 and as a Teacher of Students with Disabilities). (Ms. Pittenger is replacing Mrs. Flannery).

Approve the reassignment of William Shlala, an Interim Director of Special Education to an Interim Consultant, effective November 1, 2017 through December 22, 2017. The rate of pay will be $550.00 per diem.

5. **Reemployment**

Approve the reemployment of Amy Feld, to a part-time Dyslexia Specialist, at 19.50 hours per week, at the Copeland Middle School, effective October 30, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The annual prorated salary will be $33,386.00 (BA Step 3). (Mrs. Feld is replacing Ms. DeNero).

6. **Revised Leave of Absence**

Approve a revised leave of absence for Mary Ledyard, a part-time Academic Intervention Teacher, at 19.50 hours per week, at the Katharine D. Malone School, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective September 27, 2017 through October 5, 2017. (Mrs. Ledyard is expected to return to work on October 6, 2017).

7. The Superintendent of Schools recommends actions on the following non-certificated personnel:

Employment
Approve the employment of Maria Bugaoan, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the student's IEP, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective October 19, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The rate of pay will be $17.35 (Step 1) per hour. (Mrs. Bugaoan is replacing Ms. Orrichio).

Leave of Absence
Approve a leave of absence for Michael LaFranca, a full-time Network Support Technician, at the Central Office, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective November 9, 2017 through December 8, 2017. (Mr. LaFranca is expected to return to work on December 11, 2017).

Approve a leave of absence for Milagro Talbot, Administrative Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, at the Central Office, with pay, effective October 9, 2017 through November 20, 2017. (Mrs. Talbot is expected to return to work on November 21, 2017).

Reassignment
Approve the reassignment of Hannah Schiller, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, for office/play/copy duties, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, to a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the student's IEP, in the Kindergarten Class, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective October 10, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Revised Start/Effective Date
Approve the revised start/effective date of Luis Garcia, a full-time Night Custodian, for the Birchwood School, effective October 16, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The annual prorated salary is as follows: (Mr. Garcia is replacing Mr. Rossy).

Base Salary (Custodian Step 1)	$37,826.00
Boiler Operator License Stipend	1,250.00
Night Differential Stipend	800.00
Total Prorated Salary	$39,876.00

Approve the revised start/effective date of Edward Greene, a part-time Night Custodian, at 25 hours per week, for the Copeland Middle School, effective October 9, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The annual prorated salary is as follows:

Base Salary (Custodian Step 1)	$23,641.00
Boiler Operator License Stipend	1,250.00
Night Differential Stipend	800.00
Total Prorated Salary	$25,691.00

Resignation
Approve the resignation of Joseph Sewatsky, a part-time special education staff assistant, at the Copeland Middle School, effective October 16, 2017.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

Administration
Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chirico to separate the following administrative recommendation.

Settlement
1. Be it resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the settlement

agreement for docket number EDS 11602-17.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendation, all present voting no, motion so failed.

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chirico to approve the following administrative recommendations.

Speech-Language Vendor

2. Authorize a contract between Pediatric Speech-Language Therapy, P.C. and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct independent Speech-Language evaluations, on an as needed basis, for the 2017/2018 school year at a rate of $550.00 per evaluation:

   Explanation: For provision of independent evaluations, when necessary.

Neurobehavioral Vendor

3. Authorize a contract between Advanced Neurobehavioral Diagnostics and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct an independent Psychological evaluation for a student. The District is responsible $500.00 toward the total cost of the evaluation and the parent is responsible for the balance.

   Explanation: For the provision of an independent evaluation as per settlement agreement.

Educational Consultant

4. Authorize a contract between Michelle Havens, Ed.D., Educational Consultant and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct an independent evaluation for a student. The District is responsible $1,000.00 toward the total cost of the evaluation and the parent is responsible for the balance.

   Explanation: For the provision of an independent evaluation as per settlement agreement.

Behavioral Consulting

5. Authorize a contract between Applied Behavioral Consulting, LLC and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct independent evaluation and written report for a student, at a total cost of $2,025.00.

   Explanation: For provision of independent evaluation, as per settlement agreement.

Behavioral Assessment

6. Authorize a contract between Douglas Outreach at Rutgers University and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct an independent Functional Behavioral Assessment for a student. The parent is responsible to pay $2,150.00 toward the cost evaluation and the District is responsible for $650.00

   Explanation: For the provision of independent evaluation as per settlement agreement.

No Public comment.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

Finance

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Brookes to approve the following finance recommendations.

Travel

1. **Be It Resolved** in accordance with Board Policy 6471 the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the attached travel expenses as they promote the delivery of instruction, critical to the instructional needs of the district and/or further the efficient operations of the district (see attached).

Be It Further Resolved, that the travel is educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and is

directly related to, and within, the scope of the current responsibilities for district employees and the district's Professional Development Plan.

Explanation: As per statute, boards of education are required to establish a maximum budget for travel and subsistence, the Board may not exceed this maximum.

Financials and Bills

2. **Be It Resolved** that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the Report of the Secretary and Report of Appropriations, and Report of the Treasurer, for the period ending August 31, 2017, and

Be It Further Resolved that this Budget does not include any unapproved appropriations or moneys.

Be It Resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education acknowledges that Donnamarie Palmiere, Board Secretary, certifies the following statement:

Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)(3) and (4), I, Donnamarie Palmiere, Board Secretary, certify that no budgetary line items accounts are over appropriated nor over expended for the period ending August 31, 2017

Authorize August account transfers as submitted.

Authorize payment of the October bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

Authorize payment of the September Cafeteria bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

Authorize payment of the October Cafeteria bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

Authorize payment of the October Unemployment bill, as approved by the Finance Committee.

Authorize payment of the October Student Activity bills, as approved by the Finance Committee

Explanation: Statute requires that the Board of Education approve all bills paid by the district. The list includes payment for salaries, purchased services, supplies and equipment.

Garage Lifts

3. Motion to approve the purchase, replacement, and installation of 2 mobile column lifts for the Transportation Department in the amount of $49,899.05

Lead Testing Reimbursement

4. Motion to accept a reimbursement from the State of New Jersey for lead testing in the amount of $10,277.00.

No Public comment

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Babcock commented that there was a packed house for the Harlem Wizards game and that it was great to see all the support for the RTEF. Also commented on the Copeland Middle School's National Honor Society and what a great thing that we are doing in the district.

Dr. Kurland commented that there has been discussion about adding additional sports in district.

Mrs. Brookes commented on how great the 6th grade Tech night was. Thank you to all the staff involved.

No Public comment.

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Brookes that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere

DONNAMARIE PALMIERE
Board Secretary