REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 6, 2010

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, at 6:00 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Power, Mr. Puzio, Mrs. Salny, Mr. West and Dr. Friedberger. Mr. Giarratano was absent.

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 Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Puzio 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, litigation, acquisition of real property, security, negotiations, receipt of governmental funds), 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.

Motion made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Power that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:09 PM
Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:10 PM Also present were 17 visitors and one member of the press.

Dr. Friedberger addressed the proposed solar projects and the purpose of tonight's presentation. He introduced Dr. Verbist who provided a brief introduction and introduced Mr. Moore of Armm Associates.

Mr. Moore provided a detailed presentation on solar energy as it applies to the proposed project.

Dr. Verbist then provided a fiscal overview of the project. There was Public input and discussion for approximately 15 minutes.

Dr. Friedberger opened the regular business meeting of the Board and addressed proposed changes in the agenda format. Effective October 20, 2010 there will be a reduction to one public comment section of the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Puzio to open the public session of the meeting at 8:26 PM.

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

Resident addressed the Business Administrator's duties and the extra work he has put into bringing these projects online.

Resident addressed activity fees. Dr. Vitta responded with the information on the proposed program. Dr. Friedberger provided additional information.

Mrs. Salny addressed the policy on gifts/donations to offset the cost of district programs.

Motion by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Puzio to close the public session of the meeting 8:33 PM.

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

COMMUNICATIONS — **Correspondence**

Dr. Friedberger addressed Mr. West's notes from a New Jersey School Boards Association workshop on collective bargaining. Copies of handouts were provided to all Board Members.

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

Ted Doty	Re**:** $122,545 Federal Jobs Grant
Ted Doty	Re: Chatham, NJ, teacher contract: raises approved, but lowest in a decade
Liana Kelly	Re: Next meeting?
Ted Doty	Re: Solar Project
Jenkins Family	Re: Thank You
Ted Doty	Re: Articles
Holly Lenhardt	Re: Concern re cuts in summer support help
Ted Doty	Re: For Community Relations
NJSBAIG	Re: Safety Grant Program Award Notice

APPROVE MINUTES — **Approve Minutes**

Motion made by Mrs. Salny seconded by Mrs. Power to approve the minutes of September 22, 2010, as amended.

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

Supt Report

The following information was presented by the Superintendent in his report:
Dr. Vitta commended Dr. Verbist, School Business Administrator, for his hard work on the solar project. Dr. Friedberger supported the comments.

Informational Items:
- Enrollment – September
- Fire/Security/Evacuation Drills – September
- Parent-To-Parent – October

The following was presented by the Business Administrator in his report:
Dr. Verbist had no report this evening.

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. Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Salny to approve the following personnel recommendations.

Employment/D.A.R.E Day Coordinator — **Dare Coordinator**

Approve the employment of Katherine Kensicki as the D.A.R.E. Day Coordinator for the 2010-2011 school year, at the stipend of $400.00.

Employment/Home Instructors — **Home Instructions**

Approve the employment of the individuals listed below as Home Instructors, on an "as needed" basis, effective September 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $44.00 per hour:

Caryl Beyrent	Mary Ledyard
Sandra Bornemann	Danielle Maute
Christine Bruno	Pam Melyan-Bratton
Colleen Flannery	Carol Napurano
Catherine Inskeep	Rosemary Radom

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

Employment/Substitute Teachers — **Employ Subs**

Approve the employment of the following county and state certified Substitute Teachers indicated below for the 2010-2011 school year:

Colleen Sweeney Sparta, NJ	Centenary College, NJ (BA) Certification: State Effective Date: October 7, 2010	
Melissa Vesper Dover, NJ	Centenary College, NJ (BA) Certification: County Effective Date: October 7, 2010	

Job Reassignments — **Job Reassignments**

Approve the job reassignment of Christina DeSarno, from full-time Speech Language Specialist for the District to full-time Speech Language Specialist for the Katharine D. Malone School, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The annual salary is $55,670.00 (MA Step 4).

Approve the job reassignment of Grace Falster, from full-time Speech Language Specialist at the Birchwood School to full-time Speech Language Specialist at the Birchwood School and Copeland Middle School, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The annual salary is $93,695.00 (MA+60 Step 21).

Approve the job reassignment of Martha Hesselink, from full-time Speech Language Specialist at the Catherine A. Dwyer School to full-time Speech Language Specialist at the Catherine A. Dwyer School and Copeland Middle School. The annual salary is $91,395.00 (MA Step 21).

Job Reemployment — **Job Reemployment**

Approve the reemployment of the following Occupational Therapist and the Physical Therapists on an "as needed" basis, at $75.00 per hour, effective October 6, 2010 through October 19, 2010:

Mary Ann Loreng

Jill Budd
Denise Glew
Charlotte Kalb

Approve the reemployment of Leanne Cougle, as a State Certified Substitute Teacher for the District, effective October 7, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $85.00 per day.

Approve the reemployment of Heather MacQuesten, as a State Certified Substitute Teacher for the District, effective October 7, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $75.00 per day.

Resignation — **Resignation**

Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Barbara Carangelo, full-time Resource Room Teacher at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective January 1, 2011.

Revised Leave of Absence — **Revised Leave**

Approve a revised leave of absence for Kimberly Landers, full-time Grade 3 Teacher for the Stony Brook School, with pay, effective September 1, 2010 through October 1, 2010, the leave will continue, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective October 4, 2010 through December 17, 2010. (Mrs. Landers is expected to return to work on December 20, 2010).

The Superintendent of Schools recommends actions on the following non-certificated personnel: — **Employment**

Employment

Approve the employment of Oscar DeLeon, as Substitute Custodian on an "as needed" basis, for the Buildings and Grounds Department, effective October 7, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $15.81 per hour.

Approve the employment of Gurneeta Singh, as a county certified Substitute Teacher, on an "as needed" basis, for the morning session only, at the Copeland Middle School, effective September 22, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The rate of pay is $57.00 per ½ day session. (Ms. Singh will be employed as a part-time Staff Assistant for the afternoon session in the LLD Class, per the student's IEP, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Copeland Middle School).

Job Reassignments

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Approve the job reassignment of Anthony Leana, from a county certified Substitute Teacher for the District to a full-time Staff Assistant, in the autistic class, per the student's IEP, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective October 4, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The annual prorated salary is $15,975.00 (Step 1). (Mr. Leana is replacing Mrs. Staikos).

Approve the job reassignment of Danielle Schmidt, from a part-time Staff Assistant, per a student's IEP, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School to a part-time Staff Assistant, in the Resource Room, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The rate of pay is $15.93 (Step 2) per hour.

Approve the job reassignment of Gurneeta Singh, from a county certified Substitute Teacher for the District, to a part-time Staff Assistant, for the afternoon session, in the LLD Class, per the student's IEP, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Copeland Middle School, effective September 22, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The rate of pay is $15.53 (Step 1) per hour.

Explanation: This is a new position due to the student's IEP.

Job Reemployment

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Approve the job reemployment of Rosemarie Corbo, as a part-time Staff Assistant, for the morning session, in the LLD Class, per the student's IEP, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Copeland Middle School, effective September 22, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The rate of pay is $16.33 (Step 3) per hour.

Explanation: This is a new position due to the student's IEP.

Resignations

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Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Rose Mary Bartholomew, full-time Staff Assistant for the Learning Language Disabled Class at the Copeland Middle School, effective July 1, 2011.

Approve the resignation of Marina Staikos, full-time Staff Assistant for the autistic class, per the student's IEP, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective October 4, 2010.

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

Curriculum/Instruction

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Power to approve the following curriculum/instruction recommendations.

Approve Brian Craig, from St. Josephs University, for ten (10) hours of field observations at Copeland Middle School.

Student Teachers

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Approve Amanda Chernack, from Kean University, as a Junior Practicum at Copeland Middle school for the spring semester.

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Approve Candice Duckworth, A Fairleigh Dickinson University student, for observation at Stony Brook School.

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Approve each school-based Professional Development Committee (a total of six school-based committees) for a collective 30 hours (see attached).

Professional Development Hrs

Explanation: Mandated NJDOE development of school-based professional development teams and school-based professional development plans

Approve contract with University Behavioral Health Care to provide two professional development trainings and onsite consultation of "Social Decision Making/Problem Solving" for the 2010-2011 school year. The contract of services which include cost of supplies for training total $3,061.00 and is to be funded by Title IV of the NCLB grant.

University Behavioral Health Care

Explanation: Required as part of the districts five-year curriculum professional development plan.

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

Administration

Board discussed appointment of Armm Associates for architect services. Dr. Verbist provided detailed answers in response to the Board's questions.

Motion made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Power to approve the following administrative recommendations.

Approve the Update to the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials. **MOA**

Explanation: Agreement between the Board of Education and Law Enforcement to work together as co-equal partners to address school safety, security, alcohol and drug problems, bullying, and other crimes, as they relate to school-age children.

Appoint the firm of Armm Associates, Inc. as architectural/engineering consultants, on an as needed basis, for the Rockaway Township Board of Education for the 2010-2011 school year. **Armm Associates**

Explanation: Provide professional service for design and construction projects.

Approve the 2010-2011 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and the Annual Maintenance M1 Form. **CMP & M1**

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

Finance

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

Be It Resolved in accordance with Chapter 53 and Board Policies 4133 and 9250 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). **Travel**

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/trustees 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.

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

Policy

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Power to approve the following policy recommendation. **Policy**

Approve the second reading of the following revised policy:

File Code: 3517.5R1 Active Shooter Response

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

Old Business **Old Business**

Mrs. Salny reported on the Board-To-Board meeting she and several Board Members attended as per statutory requirement.

Mrs. Salny addressed the policy book service provided by the NJSBA.

Dr. Friedberger indicated Mrs. Power asked for a Special Education Committee meeting.

New Business

Mrs. Power addressed the recycling award Dennis B. O'Brien School was awarded from the County. She addressed several other initiatives from Dennis B. O'Brien School for the movement to "Going Green."

Public Discussion

Motion by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mrs. Salny to open the Public Session of the meeting at 8:57 PM.

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

Resident addressed the increases in bullying. Dr. Friedberger addressed the bullying policies we have to prevent bullying. Mrs. Salny provided additional details on the policies.

Mr. West addressed our outstanding substance abuse programs.

Motion by Dr. Friedberger, seconded by Mr. West to approve the following resolution.

Approve a donation of $2,500.00 to the Rockaway Township Municipal Alliance Committee toward their activities and programs.

Explanation: This donation will be matched at the rate of 75% by the County from State Alliance funds. The contribution actually provides the Township with $10,000.00 earmarked for programs in the schools.

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

Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Puzio to close the Public Session of the meeting at 9:04 PM.

Show of hands Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mr. Puzio that the meeting stand adjourned at 9:05 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

DR. JAMES P. VERBIST
Board Secretary

New Business

Public Discussion

MAC Donation

Adjournment