SPECIAL MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 21, 2013

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 6:05 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Mrs. Chabala, Dr. Friedberger, Dr. Kurland, Mrs. Maluszczak and Mrs. Salny. Mr. Puzio and Mr. Giarratano were absent.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak 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 Dr. Friedberger, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak 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 6:05 PM.

Motion made by Dr. Friedberger, seconded by Mrs. Salny that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:30 PM
Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:30 PM. Also present were 5 visitors and no members of the press.

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

The following information was presented by the Superintendent in her report:
Dr. Grefe gave a HIB update on two possible reports, but they did not constitute HIB.

Presentation
Mrs. Palmiere and Dr. Grefe gave a presentation on the budget.

Finance
Motion made by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Dr. Friedberger to approve the following finance recommendation.

2013-21014 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the final adoption of the Rockaway Township Public Schools 2013-2014 budget as presented which consists of the following:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2013-14 Total Expenditures	47,047,642	621,570	597,782	48,266,994
Less: Anticipated Revenues	6,015,456	621,570	146,618	6,783,644
Taxes to be Raised	41,032,186	0	451,164	41,483,350

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Daily Record in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at Copeland Middle School Cafeteria, 100 Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway New Jersey on March 21, 2013 at 7:30 PM for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2013-2014 School Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following Capital Reserve Account Withdrawal for the 2013-2014 budget:

Roof Replacement – Dennis B. O'Brien School	$760,000
Emergency Generator – Catherine A. Dwyer School	150,000
Emergency Generator – Central Office	150,000
Electrical Upgrade – Dennis B. O'Brien	300,000
Solar Lease	606,113
Total Capital Reserve Withdrawal	$1,966,113

WHEREAS, the Rockaway Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board Members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7.1 et seq. requires Board Members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of $150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements, to a maximum expenditure of $75,000 for all staff and Board Members.

Further approve, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2 and N.J.A.C. 6A-9.3 (c)14, the maximum dollar limit for public relations and professional services of: $25,000 for printing services, $100,000 for legal services, $50,000 for auditing services, $70,000 for Architect of Record services and $5,000 for professional services related to public relations for the 2013-2014 school year.

Further approve, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.8 the dollar threshold for awards to recognize special accomplishments at $35.00 per student for the 2013-2014 school year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rockaway Township School District Board of Education approves that the unused taxing authority of $1,108,538, be banked for potential use in the subsequent three fiscal years.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chabala that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:10 PM **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere

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Board Secretary