REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 30, 2014

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, 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, Mrs. Chirico, Mrs. Maluszczak, Mr. Press, Mrs. Salny and Dr. Kurland. Mr. Giarratano was absent

Motion by Mr. Press, seconded by Mrs. Chabala 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. Chabala, 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 6:06 PM.

Motion made by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mr. Press that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:35 PM
Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:40 PM. Present were 25 visitors and no members of the press.

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

Motion by Mr. Press, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to open the public session of the meeting.

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

Ray Furman sent a letter to the Board regarding 3rd Grade class size at Birchwood School. She wanted to make sure they were being treated fairly. There will be three (3) sections of 1st and 3rd Grades at Birchwood.

Resident asked if Catherine A. Dwyer and Stony Brook will be merged. He was informed that a redistricting study is being done now and a discussion will take place in Public.

Motion by Mr. Press, seconded by Mrs. Salny 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:
Ray Furman Re: Birchwood School 3rd Grade Teachers Assignments and Class Size

The Board discussed the following Board Goals:

1. Technology
2. Curriculum and Instruction
3. Special Education
4. Facilities/Infrastructure
5. District Culture and Climate.

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 Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mr. Press to approve the following personnel recommendation.

Job Reassignment

1. **Job Reassignment**
   Approve the job reassignment of Jacqueline Storts, Principal at the Birchwood School, to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum/Instruction & Professional Development, at the Central Office, effective August 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The prorated annual salary will be $130,000.00.

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

Administration

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

Mission Statement

1. Approve the district's Mission Statement:

   To nurture a supportive culture that embraces individual diversity and infuses cutting edge technology that will ensure academic, social and emotional success in a global society.

SEMI

2. Motion to participate in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI).

Motion by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mr. Press to open for Public comments.

Resident wanted to know if SEMI is a new program.

Motion by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mr. Press to close for Public comments.

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

Finance

Motion made by Mr. Press, seconded by Mrs. Chirico to approve the following finance recommendation.

Bd Secy Report

1. **Be It Resolved** that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the preliminary Report of the Secretary and Report of Appropriations, and Report of the Treasurer, for the period ending June 30, 2014 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 June 30, 2014.

Transfers

Authorize the June account transfers as submitted.

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

Bills

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

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

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

Authorize payment of the July Summer Enrichment 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.

No Public discussion

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

Policy

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to approve the following policy recommendation.

Policy

1. Approve the first reading of the following policy:

1110 Organizational Chart

No Public comment.

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

Old Business

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Dr. Grefe thanked Joyce Schulze, Dave Bishop and Marci Bender for a wonderful job they do with the district's Summer School Programs.

Mrs. Salny asked for an update on the projects at Dennis B. O'Brien School.

Mrs. Maluszczak wanted to know if there was further information regarding dual certification. Currently have 14 teachers involved in taking special education classes.

Mrs. Chirico asked for a Library update.

New Business

None

Motion made by Mr. Press, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to open for Public comment.

Resident asked if there will be more information on Gifted and Talented Program and about an implementation plan. Enrichment is a great program.

Another Resident asked what will be the grade levels. Gifted and Talented will be Grades 3-5.

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to close Public comment.

Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Press that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:52 PM and return to Executive Session for personnel issues.

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

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Chirico, seconded by Mr. Press that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 11:03 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere

DONNAMARIE PALMIERE
Board Secretary