REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 11, 2012

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2012, at 6:15 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

Dr. Friedberger opened the meeting of the Board at 6:12 PM.

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

Motion by Dr. Friedberger, seconded by Mr. Puzio to waive pledge salute, public announcement and public notice until the meeting is reopened.

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

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. Salny, 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.

Mrs. Salny leaves the meeting at 6:26 PM.

Motion made by Dr. Kurland, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:05 PM
Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:05 PM. Also present were 42 visitors and no members of the press.

Dr. Friedberger reopened the regular business meeting of the Board.

Motion by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Puzio to open the public session of the meeting at 7:08 PM.

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

Resident addressed health care procedures used by the school regarding lice.

Resident addressed the student re-registration communications.

Resident addressed flashing sign at back end of Stony Brook School (2 Oneida Avenue).

Resident addressed flashing sign at front of Copeland Middle School.

Resident addressed flashing signs at Copeland Middle School.

Resident addressed the March 28, 2012 meeting public comments of a Board Members in regard to a personnel issue.

Dr. Friedberger clarified the comments he made. He reinforced he spoke as a private citizen. He further indication he initiated no formal action.

Motion by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Dr. Kurland to close the public session of the meeting at 7:20 PM.

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

Dr. Verbist made a presentation on Solar/Wind and Budget. Various Board Members and Community Members asked questions, commented and provided information on the topics discussed.

Mrs. Salny arrives back at the meeting at 9:12 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS **Correspondence**

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

Regina M. Swierc	Re: RTBOE Special Education Newsletter
Adele Black	Re: CMS Fundraiser - Alex's Lemonade Stand

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Salny to approve the minutes of March 28, 2012, as amended.

Roll Call Vote on above, Mr. Giarratano abstaining, all others present voting yes, motion so carried.

The following information was presented by the Acting Superintendent in her report: **Supt Report**

Dr. Grefe reported on HIB cases.

Dr. Grefe addressed the new NJDOE class-section of schools, regarding performance. Various Board Members asked questions on our rating. Dr. Grefe responded.

Informational Items:
- Enrollment – March
- Fire/Security/Evacuation Drills – March
- Field Trip Report – March
- Parent-to-Parent – April 2012

BA Report

The following was presented by the Business Administrator in his report:

Dr. Verbist addressed re-registration.

Policy Committee **Policy Committee**

Dr. Kurland indicated the Committee met on April 11, 2012.

The following actions were taken during the Regular Meeting of the Board:

Personnel

The Acting Superintendent of Schools recommends actions on the following certificated personnel:

Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mrs. Salny to approve the following personnel recommendations.

Employment **Employment**

Approve the courses, quarter and rate of pay for the after school program at the Copeland Middle School, for the 2011-2012 school year, as per the attached list.

Explanation: As per the "Pay to Play" agreement.

Approve the employment of the following individuals to conduct summer evaluations for the 2012 Summer Child Study Team. Child Study Team members (School Psychologists, School Social Workers, Learning Disabilities/Teacher Consultants) will receive $220.00 per evaluation. Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and Speech/Language Specialists will receive $176.00 per evaluation. Attendance at Identification Meetings (planning evaluation meetings) and Eligibility Conferences/IEP Meetings (counted as one meeting when held back to back on the same day) will be paid at the rate of $90.00 for the first meeting attended on any given day and $30.00 for any subsequent meetings on the same day.

Bakula Patel Physical Therapist

Explanation: Staff needed to conduct summer evaluations.

Employment/Substitute Teachers **Employ Subs**

Approve the employment of the following county and state certified Substitute Teachers indicated below for the 2011-2012 school year:

Katerina Louca Randolph, NJ	Montclair State University, NJ (BA) Certification: State Effective Date: April 12, 2012	
Gary Shur Belleville, NJ	Montclair State University, NJ(BA) Certification: State Effective Date: April 12, 2012	
Lauren Sylvester Rockaway, NJ	Ramapo College, NJ (84 Credits) Certification: County Effective Date: April 12, 2012	

Leave Replacement Assignments **Leave Replacements**

Approve a leave replacement assignment for Jennifer Crumrine, replacing Cherylyn Paredes, part-time Academic Intervention Teacher at 19.50 hours per week, at the Stony Brook School, effective April 16, 2012 through June 18, 2012. The rate of pay is $100.00 per diem.

Approve a leave replacement assignment for Cecilia Isenberg, replacing Heather Bopp, full-time Art Teacher, at the Copeland Middle School, effective April 23, 2012 through June 1, 2012. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

Approve a leave replacement assignment for Gary Shur, replacing Glennis Patterson, a full-time Music Teacher, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective April 9, 2012 through June 18, 2012. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

Revised Leave of Absence **Revised Leave**

Approve a revised leave of absence for Glennis Patterson, full-time Music Teacher at the Katharine D. Malone School, with pay, effective April 11, 2012 through May 23, 2012, the leave will continue without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective May 24, 2012 through November 1, 2012, the leave will continue without pay, effective November 2, 2012 through November 28, 2012. (Mrs. Patterson is expected to return to work on November 29, 2012).

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

Employment **Employment**

Approve the employment of Amanda Carnavale, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, for office/copy/recess/lunch duties, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective April 9, 2012 through June 18, 2012. The rate of pay is *$15.53 (Prorated) (Step 1) per hour. (Mrs. Carnavale is replacing Mrs. McKenna).

*(2011-2012 salary will be determined after the ratification of successor contract).

Approve the employment of Mary Ledyard, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, in the Resource Room, Grade 4, at the Birchwood School, effective April 9, 2012 through June 18, 2012. The rate of pay is *$15.53 (Prorated) (Step 1) per hour.

Approve the employment of Carolyn O'Leary, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, in the Preschool Disabled Class, in the afternoon session, per the student's IEP, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective April 16, 2012 through June 18, 2012. The rate of pay is *$15.53 (Prorated) (Step 1) per hour.

*(2011-2012 salary will be determined after the ratification of successor contract).

Explanation: Due to increased enrollment.

Leave of Absence **Leave**

Approve a leave of absence for Sue Stanulis, a part-time Staff Assistant for the Multiple Disabilities Class, at the Katharine D. Malone School, with pay, effective March 29, 2012 through April 16, 2012. (Mrs. Stanulis is expected to return to work on April 17, 2012).

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

Administration

Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Dr. Kurland to approve the following administrative recommendations.

Gramon Transport

Approve a contract between the Rockaway Township Board of Education and the Gramon Schools to provide a bus aide for an out-of-district special education student for two (2) hours per day, effective April 2, 2012 through the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. The rate for this service is $50.00 per hour.

Explanation: Per student's IEP.

Nonpublic Agreement

Authorize a Nonpublic Funding Agreement with Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2012-2013 school year, for OT and Nonpublic Nursing services.

Explanation: Provide educational services for nonpublic students, on an as needed basis, consistent with the prevailing statutes.

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

Policy

Dr. Kurland addressed the policy and indicated that the Committee recommended approving the policy.

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Puzio to approve the following policy recommendations.

2nd Reading Policies

Approve the second reading of the following policies:

File Code: 2400 - Prevention and Treatment of Concussions and Head Injuries
File Code: 2400R - Prevention and Treatment of Concussions and Head Injuries (as amended)

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

Old Business

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Discussion of the policy on staff whose children attend schools they teach in. Various Board members discussed the policy and the implications of the policy. Discussion took place on a process for the Superintendent to waive the policy on an individual base basis. The Policy Committee to work with administration and Board Attorney to develop guidelines for the waiver process.

Dr. Kurland addressed, on behalf of the Policy Committee, the NJSBA policy manual wellness check. Dr. Verbist was asked to review and prioritize the needs.

New Business

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Mr. Giarratano addressed the staff/student basketball game at Katharine D. Malone School. He expressed the fact that it was a fun activity.

Dr. Friedberger addressed the mini Olympics at Birchwood School.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Dr. Kurland that the meeting stand adjourned at 9:53 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

James P. Verbist

DR. JAMES P. VERBIST
Board Secretary