REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 8, 2012

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 6:02 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Mr. Kurland, Mr. Puzio, Mrs. Salny, Mr. West and Dr. Friedberger. Mr. Giarratano arrived at 6:22 PM

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 student and legal 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.

Motion made by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mr. Kurland 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 7:09 PM. Also present were 18 visitors and no members of the press.

Dr. Friedberger opened the regular business meeting of the Board. Dr. Friedberger read an opening statement, as per the attached.

Dr. Friedberger read Mr. Jackson's resignation letter.

Motion by Dr. Friedberger, seconded by Mrs. Salny to accept the resignation of Mr. Jackson.

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

Dr. Friedberger announced procedure for filling of the vacancy on the Board and length of term, letters of interest due on February 17, 2012.

Dr. Friedberger addressed the Board's decision to move the election to November with no vote on the budget.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. West to open the public session of the meeting at 7:27 PM.

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

Resident commented on the Star Ledger article. Suggested a memorandum go to the District on procedures – Purchasing Manual. Requested an update on negotiations. Mrs. Salny responded with an update.

Resident asked a question on Genesis, student software, especially parental portal not being available until September 2012. She addressed lack of teacher feedback regarding student achievement. Dr. Grefe responded to the questions and an overview on the roll out of all the features.

Resident also addressed the parental portal in Genesis and need for the features now. Dr. Grefe responded on the process.

Resident asked questions on the budget and the impact of negotiations on the budget.

Motion by Mr. Kurland, seconded by Mr. West to close the public session of the meeting at 7:38 PM.

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

COMMUNICATIONS — **Correspondence**

Joe Jackson	Re: Resignation
Michele Di Sanza	Re: Rockaway Township Website
Maggie D.	Re: Genesis

APPROVE MINUTES — **Approve Minutes**

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Puzio to approve the minutes of January 18. 2012, as amended.

Roll Call Vote on above, Mr. West 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 addressed HIB case and entered into the record a resolution on HIB.

Motion by Dr. Friedberger, seconded by Mrs. Salny to affirm HIB case #24.

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

Dr. Grefe addressed the latest HIB reports to be voted on at the next board meeting.

Dr. Grefe addressed the Health Curriculum addressed at the Curriculum meeting on February 8, 2012.

Dr. Grefe addressed the two-part budget presentation beginning on February 23, 2012. Five areas of interest.

Dr. Grefe addressed a member of our staff appointed to the State Model Curriculum Committee.

Dr. Grefe addressed the revised School Calendar for 2012-2012. Addition of a narrative for clarity.

Dr. Grefe announced we will have Safety Town in 2012-2013.

Informational Items:

- Enrollment – January
- Fire/Security/Evacuation Drills – January
- Nurses Report - January
- Monthly Field Trips – January
- Substance Abuse Alliance Minutes
- Parent-To-Parent – February

The following was presented by the Business Administrator in his report: — **BA Report**

Dr. Verbist addressed residency.

Dr. Verbist addressed projects.

Curriculum Committee — **Curriculum Committee**

Dr. Friedberger addressed the Curriculum Meeting of February 8, 2012 – Health Curriculum.

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

Employment

Employment
Approve the course, quarters and rate of pay for the after school program at the Katharine D. Malone School, for the 2011-2012 school year, as per the attached list.

Explanation: As per "Pay to Play."

Approve the employment for bus duty, after school activities and evening chaperone on an "as needed" basis, per the quarters and rate of pay, at the Copeland Middle School, for the 2011-2012 school year, as per the attached list.

Explanation: As per RTEA agreement.

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:

Erin Bootes-King Morris Plains, NJ	Gannon University, PA (BA) Certification: Effective Date:	 State February 9, 2012
Sandra Davies Dover, NJ	Monmouth University, NJ (BA) Certification: Effective Date:	 County February 9, 2012
Ronald Fisher Rockaway, NJ	Union County College, NJ (66 Credits) Certification: Effective Date:	 County February 9, 2012
Rose Morrisroe Rockaway, NJ	Rutgers University, NJ (MA) Certification: Effective Date:	 State February 9,2012
Jessie Scherr Newfoundland, NJ	Montclair State University, NJ (75 Credits) Certification: Effective Date:	 County February 9, 2012

Job Reassignment

Job Reassignment
Approve the job reassignment of Cherylyn Paredes from a part-time Academic Intervention Teacher, at 19.50 hours per week, at the Stony Brook School, to a Curriculum Supervisor, at 30 hours per week, at the Central Office, effective January 27, 2012 through June 30, 2012. The annual salary will be $80,000.00 (Prorated).

Leaves of Absence

Leaves
Approve a leave of absence for Corie Blasi, full-time Health and Physical Education Teacher at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, with pay, effective December 15, 2011 through January 6, 2012. (Mrs. Blasi is expecting to return to work on January 9, 2012).

Approve a leave of absence for Jamie Dearolf, full-time Art Teacher at the Birchwood and Katharine D. Malone Schools, with pay, effective March 26, 2012 through May 17, 2012, the leave will continue without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective May 18, 2012 through October 19, 2012. (Mrs. Dearolf is expected to return to work on October 22, 2012).

Approve a leave of absence for Jill Lampmann, full-time Grade 3 Teacher at the Birchwood School, with pay, effective April 9, 2012 through June 4, 2012, the leave will continue without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective June 5, 2012 November 2, 2012, the leave will continue without pay, effective November 5, 2012 through June 30, 2013. (Mrs. Lampmann is expected to return to work on September 1, 2013).

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

Decrease in Hrs

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Approve the decrease in hours for Susan Stapel, part-time Staff Assistant for the Transportation Department, from 19 hours and 10 minutes per week to 17.50 hours per week, effective February 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Hourly rate remains the same.

Explanation: Due to decreased enrollment.

Employment

Employment

Approve the employment of Diane Ciallella, as a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the student's IEP, for the morning session, in the Pre-School Disabled Class, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective February 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012. The rate of pay is *$15.53 (Prorated) (Step 1) per hour. (This is a new position due to increased enrollment).

Approve the employment of Sharon Tolvay, as a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the student's IEP, for the afternoon session, in the Pre-School Disabled Class, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective February 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012. The rate of pay is *$15.53 (Prorated) (Step 1) per hour. (This is a new position due to increased enrollment).

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

Extended Leaves

Extended Leaves of Absence

Approve an extended leave of absence for Karin Barrett, part-time Staff Assistant, per the student's IEP, at the Katharine D. Malone School, with pay, effective January 19, 2012 through January 23, 2012. (Mrs. Barrett is expected to return to work on January 24, 2012).

Approve an extended leave of absence for Fausto Rossy, full-time Custodian for the Copeland Middle School, without pay, under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective January 23, 2012 through February 17, 2012. (Mr. Rossy is expected to return to work on February 20, 2012).

Superior Attendance

Superior Attendance Stipend

Approve the appropriate stipend indicated on the attached list for the Bus Drivers that have had superior attendance for the period of September 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012**.**

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

Curriculum/Instruction

Mrs. Salny asked for an explanation on Standard Solutions resolution. Dr. Grefe addressed rationale for the resolution. Mrs. Salny indicated it was budgeted for in 2011-2012.

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

NCLB Grant

Approve submission of NCLB FY 12 Grant Amendment, as per attached "Program Coordination & Budget Detail" and "Administrative Costs Budget Detail" pages, amended title included:

Title IA $77,552.00
Title IIA $57,155.00

TEACHER	GRADE/POSITION	LOCATION	STIPEND/ SALARY	% FUNDED
Deborah Grefe	Assistant Superintendent	Central Office	$15,000.00	27% Title IIA
Cherylyn Paredes	Supervisor C & I	Central Office	$10,800.00	27% Title IIA

Explanation: State requires of NCLB grant amendments and salaries funded by grant require a board motion.

Covenant Coaching

Approve Covenant Coaching to do three workshops. Two (2) Parenting Seminars for English as a Second Language Parents and a teacher's version to be presented to staff. The $262.50 fee for each parent seminar and $175.00 teacher seminar, are to be funded with Title III Grant Funds.

Explanation: Parent and teacher workshops on literacy and other ELL issues are written into the Title III program.

Student Teachers

Approve the following Montclair State University students for student teaching at Copeland Middle School for the spring semester:

Amy Albright
Alice Haight
Andrew Vicaro
Andrew Walker

Explanation: Requirement for degree/completed fingerprinting requirement.

Approve the following students to do observations at Copeland Middle School:

Gina Antoniello	Bloomsburg University
Samantha Apyar	Centenary College

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Pearson Workshops

Approve Pearson to provide two half-day workshops regarding DRA2: Product Orientation on June 6, 2012. The $3,000.00 fee is to be funded under the NCLB Title II Grant.

Explanation: Training teachers in the use of Developmental Reading Assessment.

EUS Standard Solutions

Authorize a contract between the Rockaway Township Board of Education and Standard Solutions as an extraordinary unspecificable service from October 2011 to June 2012, at a fee of up to $50,000.00.

Explanation: Professional services to be provided under the prevailing extraordinary unspecificable service guidelines for professional development/training to meet the requirements of the Common Core State Standards.

In-service Credits

Approve one (1) in-service credit to the following staff members who completed "Start Studying with Study Island" February 2012:

Anna DeSario	Katherine Rasmussen
Dawn Frauenpreis	Nancy Reeves
Patricia Glikman	Amy Semeniuk
Jeanne Maupai	Terry Suleski
Joanne Mein	Tara Toohey
Suzanne Pollack Fox	Denise Turner
Erin Predmore	Mary Weilbaecher
Rosemary Radom	
$100.00 Line of Incentive	Genoveffa Moschella
	Patricia Ochs

Race to the Top

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding and application for Race to the Top Grant 3.

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

Administration

Dr. Friedberger addressed the NJQSAC document and the need for editing to reflect dates.

Motion by Dr. Friedberger, seconded by Mrs. Salny to amend the NJQSAC resolution to stipulate "as amended" to reflect required dates.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. West to approve the following administrative recommendation.

Approve the NJQSAC Statement of Assurance for the 2011-2012 school year, as per the amended attachment. **NJQSAC**

Explanation: Per NJDOE regulations.

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

Finance

Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mr. Kurland 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.

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 and 18A:55-3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2012-2013, and **SEMI Waiver**

WHEREAS, the Rockaway Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students and/or participation in SEMI would not provide a cost benefit to the district based on the projection of the district's available SEMI reimbursement for the 2011-2012 budget year

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Morris an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A23A-5.3 and 18A:55-3 for the 2012-2013 school year.

Explanation: Required under administrative code changes.

Be It Resolved in accordance with New Jersey Department of Education auditing requirements the Rockaway Township Board of Education declares the following outstanding checks null and void: **Outstanding Checks**

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount
General Custodial Account			
127543	2/23/11	Ramin & Arleen Rabizadek	$ 16.99
128147	6/15/11	Bjorg Buschegger	$ 289.20
128379	6/20/11	Power Place (duplicate payment)	$1,691.96
128448	6/30/11	Dorothy Murray	$ 14.44
Student Activities			
3075	6/28/11	Donna Hewitt	$ 20.00
Cafeteria			
6006	7/8/11	Judith Searfoss	$ 5.30
Summer Enrichment			
1939	5/10/11	Michael & Carolyn McGuire	$ 5.00
1943	5/10/11	Dan & Shelley Bromberg	$ 5.00

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

Old Business

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Mrs. Salny addressed prospective renovation on the Administration Building. She indicated three (3) Board Members met with Administration and the Architect to modify plan.

Dr. Grefe responded to Mrs. Salny's questions. She passed out the updated plan. Mrs. Salny addressed the plan. Dr. Verbist addressed the plan. Mr. Giarratano asked about Personnel Office.

Mrs. Salny asked for an update on Solar for the next meeting.

Dr. Friedberger addressed the attendance of Board Members for the period January 5, 2011 to January 18, 2012.

Mr. Kurland asked for an update on Morris Commons. Dr. Friedberger responded.

Mr. West addressed Bus Driver Negotiations.

New Business

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Dr. Friedberger asked for a solar update on a monthly basis. Historic electric bill and present. Various Board Members asked questions and commented. Dr. Verbist responded to questions.

Dr. Friedberger addressed the Allamuchy HIB lawsuit. Dr. Grefe addressed the District's HIB costs and possible need for staffing increase to meet all the District's needs.

Dr. Friedberger addressed substitute committee person to replace Mr. Jackson on some committees. Mr. West volunteered to be temporarily on the Finance Committee.

Dr. Friedberger addressed the Board reorganization meeting and other appointments. He asked Dr. Grefe to set up a timetable.

Motion made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Kurland that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:37 PM and return to Executive Session for personnel, legal security, and real estate issues.

Adjourn to Closed Session

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

Motion by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mr. Puzio that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

James P. Verbist

DR. JAMES P. VERBIST
Board Secretary