SPECIAL MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 2, 2014

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 2014, at 6:30 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, Mr. Giarratano, Mrs. Maluszczak, Mr. Press, Mrs. Salny, and Dr. Kurland.

Motion by Mrs. Chirico, 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. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Salny 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 6:30 PM.

Motion made by Mr. Press, seconded by Mrs. Chabala 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 7:10 PM. Present were five (5) visitors and no members of the press.

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

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

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

There was no Public comment this evening.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Press to close the public session of the meeting.

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

Correspondence

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Kelly McEvoy	Re: Posting
Jennifer Wagner	Re: Thank You
Kimberly Pollara	Re: Kindergarten Registration

Board Goals

The Board discussed the Board Goals:

2014-2015 Goals should reflect the Strategic Plan
Technology should have its own goal
Curriculum and Instruction goal (includes Gifted and Talented)
Special Education (Inclusion)
District climate/culture (including communications)
Facilities/Security (Infrastructure)

Supt Report

The following information was presented by the Superintendent in her report:
Dr Grefe reported there was one new HIB investigation, Case #78, unconfirmed.

Motion by Mr. Press, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to affirm HIB case # 77 as inconclusive.

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

The following was presented by the Business Administrator in her report:
Mrs. Palmiere 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 Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to approve the following personnel recommendations.

Employment

1. **Employment**
Approve the employment of Stephen J. Wisniewski, as the Principal of the Stony Brook School, effective July 7, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The prorated salary will be $110,000.00. (Mr. Wisniewski is replacing Dr. McCluskey).

Approve the summer employment of the following District Educational Support Technologists, on an "as needed" basis, effective July 1, 2014 through September 1, 2014. The rate of pay will be $44.00 per hour.

Kenneth Baker
Erin Borino
Steven Conlon
Jennifer Hlubik
Nancy Meade
Karen O'Donnell
Vanessa Waxman

Job Description

2. **Job Description**
Approve the attached revised job description entitled, "Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum/Instruction & Professional Development," A-2.

Resignation

3. **Resignation**
Approve the resignation of Monica Heinze, Vice Principal at the Copeland Middle School, effective July 1, 2014.

Withhold Increment

4. **Salary/Step Increment**
Approve the withholding of a salary/step increment for Employee Number 4163 to remain frozen at the 2013-2014 level for the 2014-2015 school year. The annual salary will be $89,332.00 (BA+15 Step 23).

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

Reemployment

Reemployment
Approve the reemployment of Debra Boucher, as a Transportation Supervisor/Routing Coordinator, for the Transportation Department, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The annual salary will be $67,527.00.

Withhold Increment

Salary Increment
Approve the withholding of a salary increment for Employee Number 4323, effective July 1, 2104 through June 30, 2015. The rate of pay will be $25.13 per hour.

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

Curriculum/Instruction

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

1. Approve Joann Basista, Gina Parisi, Sandra Prendergast Blaha, Mandy Thomas and Vanessa Waxman for up to 10 hours to design and create the Gifted and Talented Curriculum and Criteria for Admission to program to be utilized during the 2014-2015 school year, at a rate of $44.00 per hour. **G&T Hrs**

   Explanation: As per the RTEA Contract.

2. Approve Interactive Achievement LLC, on-line formative assessment program for students in Grades 6-8 at a cost of $16,605.00. The on-line testing platform will be used to create benchmark assessments, assist in progress monitoring, as well as serve as a resource to the teachers in creating their Student Growth Objectives. **Interactive Achievement**

3. Approve the Bilingual/ESL/ELS Three-Year Program Plans 2014-2017. **Bilingual Plan**

   Explanation: As per the NJDOE.

No Public comment.

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

Administration

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

1. Authorize Educational Service Commission of Morris County to transport the following Rockaway Township out-of-district placement students for the 2014 Extended School Year: **Ed Svc Transports**

Student	School	Location
#313	The Shepard School	Morristown
#419	DLC	New Providence
#54	Windsor	Pompton Lakes

2. Authorize acceptance of a tuition student from another district into our special education program for the 2014-2015 School Year: **Sp Ed Incoming 14-15**

Student	BOE	Class Enrolled	Tuition Rate
#1819	Mine Hill	BD Program	$27,119.00
#1011	Great Meadow	BD Program	$27,119.00

3. Authorize acceptance of tuition students from another district into our 2014 Extend School Year Program: **Sp Ed Incoming ESY**

Student	BOE	Class Enrolled	Tuition Rate
#187	Sparta	Autism Program	$4,587.00 + FT Aide @ $1,727.00

4. Authorize students in the following out-of-district placements for the 2014 Extended School Year: **Sp Ed Placements**

Student	School	Location	Tuition Rate
#184	Garden Academy	Maplewood	$14,688.00
#187	DLC	New Providence	$13,978.00 + FT Aide @ $10,022.00
#1313	ECLC	Chatham	$4,828.20 + FT Aide @ $2,400.00
#313	The Shepard School	Morristown	$7,989.80 + FT Aide

5. Authorize students in the following out-of-district placements for the 2014-2015 School Year: **Sp Ed Placements**

Student	School	Location	Tuition Rate
#184	Garden Academy	Maplewood	$88,128.00
#419	DLC	New Providence	$85,282.00
#1313	ECLC	Chatham	$43,453.80 + FT Aide @ $22,000.00
#313	The Shepard School	Kinnelon	$51,466.92 + FT Aide

6. Authorize a contract with Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for four (4) Rockaway Township special education students for the 2014-2015 school year, as follows: **Commission for the Blind**

4 - Level 1 Students at an annual cost of $1,800.00 each

7. Approve participation in the Morris County Internet Consortium for the 2014-2015 school year, at a cost of $18,740.50. **Mo Co Internet Consortium**

8. Authorize AJL Therapy for Kids, LLC, to provide occupational therapy services one (1) time per week for a special education student attending an out-of-district placement at The Children's Institute in Verona, NJ. The rate for this service is $94.00 per hour, for the 2014-2015 school year. **AJL Therapy for Kids**

Explanation: The receiving school does not provide this service.

9. Authorize AJL Therapy for Kids, LLC, to conduct independent Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy evaluations, on an as needed basis, for the 2014-2015 school year. The rate for this service is $350.00 per evaluation. **AJL Therapy OT PT Evals**

Explanation: For provision of independent evaluations, when necessary.

10. Approve Dania Olivo, Leslie Harmony, and Stella Sawicki, to participate in Child Study Team IEP meetings at a rate of $90.00 for the first IEP meeting attended and an additional $30.00 for any subsequent IEP meetings attended on the same day during the 2014-2015 school year, on an as needed basis, when they have conducted bi-lingual evaluations on our students. **Bi-lingual Evals**

Explanation: Attendance needed at IEP meetings in order to explain/support their bi-lingual evaluations conducted on students.

11. Approve Dania Olivo to conduct bi-lingual (Spanish) psychological evaluations, on an as needed basis, for the 2014-2015 school year, at the rate of $445.00 per evaluation.

Explanation: Rockaway Township Child Study Team does not provide this service.

12. Approve Leslie J. Harmony, MA, MS, CCC-SLP, to conduct bi-lingual (Spanish) speech/language evaluations, on an as needed basis, for the 2014-2015 school year, at the rate of $450.00 per evaluation.

Explanation: Rockaway Township Child Study Team does not provide this service.

13. Authorize a contract between Platt Psychiatric Associates, LLC and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide psychiatric evaluations for the 2014-2015 school year on an as needed basis, at a rate of $600.00 per evaluation. **Platt Psychiatric**

Explanation: Rockaway Township Child Study Team does not provide this service.

14. Authorize a contract between Educational Services Commission of Morris County and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide Occupational Therapy services, Speech Services, Physical Therapy services, on an as needed basis, for the 2014-2015 school year, at a rate of $99.00 per hour or $598.00 per diem. **Ed Svcs Services**

Explanation: To provide professional support services for students that cannot be provided by district personnel, as per student's IEP.

15. Authorize a contract between Educational Services Commission of Morris County and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct bi-lingual evaluations, on an as needed basis, for the 2014-2015 school year, at a rate of $410.00 per evaluation.

Explanation: The Rockaway Township Child Study team does not provide this service.

Ed Svcs Evals

16. Authorize a contract between Educational Services Commission of Morris County and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct the following independent evaluations, on an as needed basis, for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate of $370.00 per evaluation:

Educational Evaluation
Psychological Evaluation
Occupational Therapy Evaluation
Physical Therapy Evaluation
Speech/Language Evaluation

Explanation: For provision of independent evaluations, when necessary.

Bayada Nursing

17. Authorize a contract between Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide nursing services for a special education student for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate of $54.50/hour for an RN or $44.50 per hour for an LPN up to eight (8) hours per diem.

Explanation: Per student's IEP and Rockaway Township does not provide this service.

Lake Drive In-service

18. Approve a Teacher of the Deaf from Lake Drive School in Mt. Lakes, NJ, to provide one hour of in-service training for the Birchwood faculty members associated with a special education student in September 2014, the fee for this service is $150.00 per hour.

Explanation: As per student IEP.

Itinerant Teacher

19. Authorize agreement with the Mountain Lakes Board of Education and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide Itinerant Teacher services for the Deaf, on an as needed basis, for the 2014-2015 school year, at a rate of $10,800.00 for two (2) hours per week for ten (10) months.

Explanation: Rockaway Township Child Study Team does not provide this service.

Learning Tree

20. Authorize a contract between Learning Tree Multicultural/Multilingual Evaluation and Consulting, Inc. and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct bi-lingual Urdu evaluations, on an as needed basis, for the 2014-2015 school year, at the rate of $750.00 per evaluation.

Explanation: The Rockaway Township Child Study team does not provide this service

Re-enrollment

21. Rescind the de-enrollment of the following student #'s:

113	113B	126
152	182	184
196	197	413
519	1113	119

Explanation: Students provided residency verification.

No Public comment.

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

14-15 School Calendar

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

1. Motion to approve the 2014-2015 revised School Calendar (dated July 2, 2014).

No Public comment.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendation, Mrs. Chirico abstaining all others present voting yes, motion so carried.

Old Business

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Dr. Kurland reported that graduation took place and was great as always.

Revised calendar should be available at Back-to-School nights and flash on website and E-Blast.

New Business

None

Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion made by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mr. Press that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:45 PM and return to Executive Session for personnel issues.

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

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mr. Giarratano that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 12:00 AM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere

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Board Secretary