REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 1, 2014

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at 6:12 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, Mrs. Salny and Dr. Kurland. Mr. Press was absent.

Motion by Mrs. Chirico, 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 Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chirico 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 6:15 PM.

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chabala that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:40 PM
Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:41 PM. Present were 7 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. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to open the public session of the meeting.

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

Parent discussed a transportation situation.

Dr. Monchar questioned a teacher title.

Motion by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Chabala 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:

James Dunckley	Re: Results of Boonton Township School Climate
David Kratka	Re: Staff Assistants

Minutes

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mrs. Salny to approve the minutes of September 17, 2014.

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

The following information was presented by the Superintendent in her report: **Supt Report**
Dr Grefe reported there were two new HIB investigations Case #79 and Case #80.

Dr. Grefe all schools held their Back-to-School Nights.

The following was presented by the Business Administrator in her report: **BA Report**
Mrs. Palmiere discussed the Safety Grant the district will be receiving.

Special Education Committee
The Committee will meet October 7, at 6:00 PM at Copeland Middle School.

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. Salny, seconded by Mr. Giarratano to approve the following personnel recommendations.
Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

1. **Employment** **Employment**
Approve the employment of the following staff listed below as Home Instructors, on an "as needed" basis, effective September 1, 2014, for the 2014-2015 school year. The rate of pay is $44.00 per hour:

Geraldine Collins
Judith Johnson
Samantha Moore
Danielle Schmidt
Lisa Solomon
Robin Williams

Explanation: Instructional staff necessary to provide Home Instruction, where needed.

2. **Employment/Substitute Teachers** **Employ Subs**
Approve the employment of the following county and state certified Substitute Teachers indicated below for the 2014-2015 school year:

Louise Coviello Rockaway, NJ	Rutgers State University, NJ (BA) Certification: County Effective Date: October 2, 2014
Kathleen Day Rockaway, NJ	Morris County College, NJ (68 Credits) Certification: County Effective Date: October 2, 2014
Rachel Dickler Rockaway, NJ	The College of New Jersey, NJ (72 Credits) Certification: County Effective Date: October 2, 2014
Mary Petro Green Pond, NJ	Rutgers State University, NJ (MS) Certification: County Effective Date: October 2, 2014
Jennifer Storer Rockaway, NJ	Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ (BSN) Certification: County Effective Date: October 2, 2014

3. **Leaves of Absence** **Leaves**
Approve a leave of absence for Cynthia Dodge, a full-time Grade 6 Language Arts Teacher, at the Copeland Middle School, with pay, effective February 2, 2015 through March 13, 2015, the leave will continue, without pay, effective March 16, 2015 through June 30, 2016. (Mrs. Dodge is expected to return to work on September 1, 2016).

Approve a leave of absence for Kimberly Lock, a full-time Kindergarten Teacher, at the Katharine D. Malone School, with pay, effective February 17, 2015 through March 27, 2015, the leave will continue, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective April 7, 2015 through June 30, 2015. (Mrs. Lock is expected to return to work on September 1, 2015).

Approve a leave of absence for Danielle Ronay, a full-time Autistic Teacher, at the Katharine D. Malone School, with pay, effective February 2, 2015 through February 20, 2015, the leave will continue, without pay, effective February 23, 2015 through May 22, 2015. (Mrs. Ronay is expected to return to work on May 26, 2015).

4. **Salary Adjustments** **Salary Adjustments**

Approve the salary adjustment for the certificated staff indicated below, effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015:

	From	To:
Debbi Katcher	$57,495.00 (BA+15 Step 5)	$58,120.00 (BA+30 Step 5)
Danielle Schmidt	$55,720.00 (BA+30 Step 2)	$58,535.00 (MA Step 2)

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

Employment **Employment**

Approve the employment of Rachael Jacobs, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, for the Transportation Department, effective October 2, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The rate of pay is $16.51 (Step 1) per hour. (Mrs. Jacobs is replacing Mr. Giblock).

Approve the job reassignment for Mary James, a non-contractual Bus Driver, on an "as needed" basis for the Transportation Department to a contractual Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, effective October 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The annual prorated salary will be $12,033.00. (Mrs. James is replacing Mrs. Ott).

Approve the employment of Ronnie Lissner, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, in the Multiple Disabled Class, per the student's IEP, at the Copeland Middle School, effective October 2, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The rate of pay is $16.51 (Step 1) per hour.

Approve the employment of Dylan Petrunyak, as a Substitute Custodian, for the Buildings and Grounds Department, on an "as needed" basis, effective September 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The rate of pay will be $16.00 per hour.

Approve the employment of Mary Ellen Wasdyke, as a Substitute Staff Assistant, on an "as needed" basis, for the Transportation Department, effective September 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The rate of pay will be $17.71 (Step 4) per hour.

Reassignments **Reassignments**

Approve the reassignment of Maureen Devine, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the student's IEP, at the Copeland Middle School to a full-time Staff Assistant, per the student's IEP, at the Copeland Middle School, effective October 6, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The annual prorated salary will be $17,140.00 (Step 4). (Mrs. Devine is replacing Mrs. Talbot).

Approve the reassignment of Milagro Talbot, a full-time Staff Assistant, per the student's IEP, at the Copeland Middle School to a full-time Administrative Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum/Instruction and Professional Development, at the Central Office, effective October 6, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The prorated annual salary will be $45,000.00. (Mrs. Talbot is replacing Mrs. Murphy).

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

Comm for the Blind

1. Authorize a contract with Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for a Rockaway Township special education student for the 2014-2015 school year, as follows:

   Level 1 Student at the annual cost of $1,800.00

Subscription Busing

2. Authorize a parental contract for non-aided subscription busing for the following students for the 2014-2015 school year:

Student #	
319	$442.00 (one-way drop off)
1111	$442.00 (one-way drop off)
1911	$442.00 (one-way drop off)

14-15 Preschool Tuition

3. Approve the 2014-2015 school year General Education Preschool Program tuition rate of $2,850.00.

MOA

4. Approve the Update to the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.

   Explanation: Agreement between the Board of Education and Law Enforcement to work together as co-equal partners to address school safety, security, alcohol and drug problems, bullying, and other crimes, as they relate to school-age children.

No Public comment.

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

Finance
Motion made by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to approve the following finance recommendations.

Travel

1. Be It Resolved in accordance with Board Policy 6471 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).

   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 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.

Bd Secy Report

2. 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 August 31, 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 August 31, 2014.

Bus Cameras

Authorize the August account transfers as submitted.

3. Approve the purchase of SEON bus cameras to be installed on 27 school buses at a cost of $46,907.10 through Morris Regional Educational Services Commission Contract #14/15-23.

No Public comment.

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

Old Business

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On Monday, October 6th their will an Internet Safety Presentation at 7:00 PM.

Mrs. Salny, Mrs. Chirico and Mr. Press attended the School Boards legislative meeting. Mrs. Salny spoke on State Mandate, State Pay. Montville, Dover, Boonton and Mt. Arlington will support our resolution. Senator Bucco reported the formula for State Aid needs to be worked on. Encourage Legislators by sharing how we came up with the $1,000,000.

New Business

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None

No Public comment.

Adjourn to Ex Session

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chabala that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:25 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 Mrs. Chabala that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 9:15 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere

DONNAMARIE PALMIERE
Board Secretary