REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 1, 2017

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 6:02 PM at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, Mt. Hope Avenue, Wharton, New Jersey.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:, Mrs. Brookes, Mrs. Chabala, Mrs. Chirico, Mrs. Maluszczak, Mrs. Salny and Dr. Kurland.
Mr. Babcock was absent.

Motion by Mrs. Brookes, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to waive pledge salute, public announcement and public notice until the meeting is reopened.

Public announcement was read regarding the ñOpen Public Meeting Act.ò No Board Member objected to the conduct of the meeting as advertised.

Motion made by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the ñOpen Public Meetings Actò 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 6:03 PM.

Motion made by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Chabala that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:29 PM Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM. Present were 5 visitors and one member of the press.

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

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

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

No public comment

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

Valerie Quinn	Re:HERO Boys Run Club
Marguerite Theuret	Re: KDM Recess
Kimberly Brennan	Re: KDM Recess
Rachael Jacobs	Re: KDM Recess
Leanne Desaulnier	Re: KDM Recess

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Brookes, seconded by Mrs. Chirico to approve the minutes of January 18, 2017.

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

The following information was presented by the Superintendent in his report:
Dr. McGann report there were 5 new HIB investigations Case #115 as confirmed, #116 as unconfirmed, #117 as unconfirmed, #118 as unconfirmed, and #119 as unconfirmed.

Dr. McGann reported on the following:

- PARCC report to be presented at 2/15/17 meeting
- Copeland Middle School play *Seussical* to be Thursday and Friday @ 7:00
- 2017-18 Calendar to be approved
- Dept. of Education full year student teaching requirement EDTPA assessment which includes a videotape of the student teacher including students.
- Dr. Gene Pollis is on the agenda to be the interim principal for Katharine D. Malone School. Working on a date to schedule a ñmeet and greetò for parents.
- Several emails concerning Katharine D. Malone School recess were received, Mr. Fleming is addressing the schedule, and the blacktop is an area of concern.
- Congratulated Mrs. Palmiere on achieving the Merit goal of a 7.7% decrease of per pupil cost.

2. Informational Items:
   - 2017-2018 School Year Calendar
   - Field Trips for approval
   - Enrollment
   - Evacuation Drills

The following information was present by the Business Administrator in her report:
Mrs. Palmiere reported on the following:

- Impact aid funds received for year 2017 are $334,304.
- New cafeteria tables were installed at Katharine D. Malone School.
- Media Center furniture for Catherine A. Dwyer School and Copeland Middle School should be completed tomorrow.

Committee Reports
Operations Committee met on 1/24/17 and discussed the budget, need of a date for the budget workshop, and Transportation revenue continues to expand with shared services.
Education Committee to meet on 2/8/17 @ 5pm followed by the
Policy Committee 2/8/17 @ 6:15

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 Mrs. Chirico to table #4 in personnel recommendations.
Roll Call Vote on above recommendation, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

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

1. **Employment**

Approve the courses, instructors and the individual rate of pay per quarter, indicated on the attached list, for the After School Pay to Play Program, to be held at the Copeland Middle School, for the 2016-2017 school year. The rate of pay is as following:

a. Clubs that meet once per week - $350.00 per quarter.
b. Clubs that meet twice per week - $650.00 per quarter.
c. Clubs that meet three times per week - $950.00 per quarter.

Approve the employment of the following staff listed below as Home Instructor, on an ñas neededò basis, for the 2016-2017 school year. The rate of pay is $45.00 per hour:

Debbi Katcher

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

Approve the employment of Dr. Eugene Polles, as an Interim Principal, at the Katharine I Malone School, effective on or before March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. The rate of pay will be $500.00 per diem. (Dr. Polles is replacing Mr. Fleming).

2. **Employment/Substitute Teachers**

Approve the employment of the following county and state certified Substitute Teachers indicated below for the 2016-2017 school year:

Jacqueline Abend Clark, NJ	Montclair State University, NJ (MA) Certification: County Effective Date: February 2, 2017
Judson Bouchard Dover, NJ	Biola University, CA (MA) Certification: State Effective Date: February 2, 2017
Kelcey Brennan Clark, NJ	Montclair State University, NJ (BA) Certification: County Effective Date: February 2, 2017
Meghan Clark Rockaway, NJ	The College of New Jersey, NJ (BA) Certification: County Effective Date: February 2, 2017
Stephanie Cucinella Hackettstown, NJ	East Stroudsburg University, PA (BA) Certification: County Effective Date: February 2, 2017
Mavia Hankala Sussex, NJ	Centenary College, NJ (MA) Certification: State Effective Date: February 2, 2017
Jeannine Lee Rockaway, NJ	St. Johnôs University, NY (MA) Certification: County Effective Date: February 2, 2017
Catherine Viegas Sparta, NJ	Montclair State University, NJ (MA) Certification: County Effective Date: February 2, 2017

3. **Extended Leave of Absence**

Approve an extended leave of absence for Meaghan Barger, a full-time Social Worker, at the Dennis B. OôBrien School, with pay, effective January 23, 2017 through February 20, 2017. (Mrs. Barger is expected to return to work on February 21, 2017).

Approve an extended leave of absence for Yin Lam, a full-time School Psychologist, at the Copeland Middle and Dennis B. OôBrien Schools, with pay, effective January 23, 2017 through February 3, 2017. (Mrs. Lam is expected to return to work on February 6, 2017).

~~4. **Increase in Hours/Salary Adjustment**~~

~~Approve the increase in hours/salary adjustment for Stacy Fremeth, a part-time Academic Intervention Teacher, at the Stony Brook School, from 19.50 hours per week to 26 hours per week, effective January 16, 2017 through June 30, 2017. The annual prorated salary will be $43,332.00 BA (Step 2).~~

5. **Leave of Absence**

Approve a leave of absence for Yin Lam, a full-time School Psychologist, at the Copeland Middle and Dennis B. OôBrien Schools, with pay, effective February 6, 2017 through March 31, 2017. (Mrs. Lam is expected to return to work on April 3, 2017).

Approve a leave of absence for Christina Vetere, a full-time Grade 8 Language Arts Teacher, at the Copeland Middle School, with pay, effective March 13, 2017 through May 12, 2017, the leave will continue, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective May 15, 2017 through October 13, 2017, the leave will continue, without pay, effective October 16, 2017 through June 30, 2018. (Mrs. Vetere is expected to return to work on September 1, 2018).

6. **Leave Replacement Assignment**

Approve a leave replacement assignment for Claudine Porracchio, replacing Meaghan Barger, a full-time School Social Worker, at the Dennis B. OôBrien School, effective January 9, 2016 through February 17, 2017. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

7. **Resignation**

Approve the resignation of Alexandra Golkin, a part-time Speech Language Specialist, for the Katharine D. Malone and Dennis B. OôBrien Schools, effective March 17, 2017.

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

Reassignment

Approve the reassignment of Timothy Murphy, a Substitute Bus Driver, on an ñas neededò basis to a full-time Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, effective February 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. The prorated annual salary will be $13,899.00. (Mr. Murphy is replacing Mr. Grasso).

Reemployment

Approve the reemployment of Alysia Liuzza, as a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.5 hours per week, per the studentôs IEP, in the Autistic Class, at the Copeland Middle School, effective February 2, 2017 through June 30, 2017. The rate of pay is $17.23 (Step 2) per hour.

Approve the reemployment of Claudine Porracchio, as a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.5 hours per week, per the studentôs IEP, at the Copeland Middle School, effective February 20, 2017 through June 30, 2017. The rate of pay is $16.97 (Step 1) 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. Chabala to approve the following curriculum/instruction recommendations.

1. Approve Scott Credidio and Cynthia Trisuzzi as instructors for the summer Safety Town Program, which will run Monday through Friday, from July 17 to July 28, 2017, for 60 hours each at the current RTEA contracted rate.

2. Approve Victoria M. Jones, a Seton Hall University student, to complete her Level 1 fieldwork in Occupational Therapy at the Dennis B. OôBrien School from February 9, 2017 to April 6, 2017.

   Explanation: Requirement for degree.

3. Approve Miranda R. Mauro, a Seton Hall University student, to complete her Level 1 fieldwork in Occupational Therapy at the Stony Brook School from February 9, 2017 to April 6, 2017.

   Explanation: Requirement for degree.

4. Approve Merrideth A. Kennedy, a Seton Hall University student, to complete her Level 1 fieldwork in Occupational Therapy at the Dennis B. OôBrien School from February 9, 2017 to April 6, 2017.

   Explanation: Requirement for degree.

No Public comment.

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

Administration
Motion made by Mrs. Brookes, seconded by Mrs. Chirico to approve the following administrative recommendations.

1. Approve the 2017-2018 School Year Calendar.

2. Accept the donation of two sets of tables and chairs valued at $3,705 each for the Catherine A. Dwyer School, and the donation of one set of table and chairs valued at $11,800 to Copeland Middle School, given by Ogilvy Commonwealth Worldwide.

3. Approve salary and stipends funded with NCLB FY16-17 Grant as follows:

TEACHER	GRADE/POSITION	LOCATION	STIPEND/SALARY	% FUNDED
Kyleigh Pittenger	Title I Aftr Schl Tchr (2 of 3 days)	BW	$1,900.00 (3 QTR)	100% Title I
Marissa Cohen	Title I Aftr Schl Tchr (1 of 3 days)	BW	$ 950.00 (3 QTR)	100% Title I

Explanation: State requires that salaries/stipends paid with NCLB grant require board approval.

Wharton School District Transportation Agreement

4. Authorize a joint transportation agreement with Rockaway Township to transport Wharton School District students to athletic events and trips from 2/1/2017 through 6/30/2017.

Explanation: Shared service agreement with Wharton.

Mine Hill School District Transportation Agreement

5. Authorize a joint transportation agreement with Rockaway Township to transport Mine Hills School District students to athletic events and trips from 12/1/2017 through 6/30/2017.

Explanation: Shared service agreement with Mill Hill.

Denville School District Transportation Agreement

6. Authorize a joint transportation agreement with Rockaway Township to transport Denville School District students to athletic events and trips from 2/1 /2017 through 6/30/2017.

Explanation: Shared service agreement with Denville.

Rockaway Borough School District Transportation Agreement

7. Authorize a joint transportation agreement with Rockaway Township to transport Rockaway Borough School District students to athletic events and trips from 2/1 /2017 through 6/30/2017.

Explanation: Shared service agreement with Rockaway Borough.

8. Motion to approve payment of the completion of one Merit Goal for 2015-2016 for Ms. Donnamarie Palmiere: One Quantitative Goals totaling 3.3% merit pay at a total cost of $4,181.00.

9. Motion to approve sale of the following buses to Mount Olive School District at a cost of $37,000 each:
   2008 Blue Bird All American RE #253
   2008 Blue Bird All American RE #255
   2008 Blue Bird All American RE #256

No Public comment.

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

Finance

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

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 districtôs 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.

2. **Be It Resolved** that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the Report of the Secretary and Report of Appropriations, and Report of the Treasurer, for the period ending December 31, 2016, 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 December 31, 2016,

   Authorize December 31, 2016, account transfers as submitted.

   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 comment

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

Policy

None

Old Business

Mrs. Salny asked for an update on the lead testing.
Water bottles are still allowed.

New Business

None

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

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

A resident asked about lead testing, about Katharine D. Malone School blacktop and recess policies

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

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

Motion made by Mrs. Brookes, seconded by Mrs. Salny that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:13 PM and to return to Executive Session for legal and personnel issues.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Brookes, seconded by Mrs. Salny that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:38 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

DONNAMARIE PALMIERE
Board Secretary