REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 15, 2011

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Mr. Giarratano, Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Power, Mr. Puzio, Mrs. Salny, Mr. West, Dr. Friedberger, and Mr. Kurland arrived at 6:10 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 Mr. Jackson, 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 contracts, personnel, land 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, Mrs. Salny seconded by Mr. Jackson that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:08 PM Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:09 PM. Also present were 110 visitors and no members of the press.

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

Dr. Vitta addressed the Public on the District Retirees. He presented each retiree with a clock from the District.

Dr. Verbist introduced the 2010-2011 school year Transportation Safety Award Winners and presented each with a Safety Pin.

Dr. Verbist introduced the 2011, 40th Annual New Jersey Transportation Professional Safety Training and Applied Rodeo Skills Competition 1st and 3rd Place winners.

Dr. McCluskey introduced and recognized the 2010-2011 Student Internship Program Members and awarded them with a certificate.

Dr. Grefe recognized and presented with a certificate the 2010-2011 Parent Volunteers.

Mr. Wettstein and Mrs. Black and the Copeland Middle School Honor Society presented a check for $864.00 to Children of Mary of the Devine Orphanage in Haiti.

Mrs. Wettstein recognized the Continental Math League and New Jersey Math League winners.

Mr. Gottlieb and Mrs. Jaremcak Walker presented Brielle Eike the Franklin Mason Press Guest Young Author's Contest 2nd Place winner.

Dr, Grefe introduced the Catharine A. Dwyer staff responsible for the 40th Birthday Video for Dwyer School.

Dr. Vitta introduced the new Birchwood School Principal, Jacqueline Storts.

Dr. Friedberger read a statement into the record addressing Dr. Vitta's generous donation of a piano and other items to the District.

Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. West to open the public session of the meeting at 8:26 PM.

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

No public comment.

Motion by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mrs. Salny to close the public session of the meeting at 8:27 PM.

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

COMMUNICATIONS — **Correspondence**

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

Jennifer Brady	Re: June 8, 2011
Jodi Grillo	Re: June 8, 2011

The following information was presented by the Superintendent in his report: — **Supt Report**

Dr. Vitta addressed class size and announced he will be adding an additional staff member at Birchwood School.

Informational Items:
- Field Trip Report – May
- Stony Brook Outlook
- SAAC Minutes – April

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

Dr. Verbist had no report this evening.

Bd Communications Committee

Board Communications Committee

Mr. Giarratano reported on the Committee.

Negotiation Committee

Mr. Jackson reported on the Memorandum of Agreement signed this evening with the RTAA. — **Negotiation Committee**

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

Personnel

Dr. Vitta addressed the Principal appointments.

The 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 employment of Anthony Benjamin, as Principal of the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective on or before September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The annual prorated salary will be $110,000.00.
(Mr. Benjamin is replacing Mr. Wilson).

Approve the employment of Jacqueline Storts, as Principal of the Birchwood School, effective on or before August 15, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The annual prorated salary will be $110,000.00.
(Mrs. Storts is replacing Mrs. Ziegler).

Employ Summer CST

Employment/2011 Summer Child Study Teams

Approve the employment of the following individuals to conduct summer evaluations for the 2011 Summer Child Study Team:

Gerald Andrewlavage	Learning Disabilities/Teacher Consultant
Jill Laufer	Speech Language Specialist

The rate of pay per the February 24, 2011 vacancy notice is as follows:

Psychologists, Social Workers and Learning Consultants will receive $220.00 per evaluation, $90.00 for attending first eligibility and IEP meeting, $30.00 for subsequent meetings on the same date.

Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists and Speech/Language Specialists will receive $176.00 per evaluation, $90.00 for attending first eligibility and IEP meeting, $30.00 for subsequent meetings on the same date.

Note – Rates subject to change due to possible 2011-2012 contract ratification.

Approve the following regular and/or special education staff member to attend Child Study Team meetings. 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, on an "as needed" basis:

Anne Ecke
Maria V. Poylangada

Explanation: The New Jersey Administrative Code (6A:14-1.3 (k) (2) requires the attendance of regular and/or special education teachers at IEP meetings.

Employ Summer

Employment/2011 Summer School Programs

Approve the employment of the instructors, courses and salaries for the 2011 Summer School Programs as per the attached list.

Job Reassignments

Job Reassignments

Approve the job reassignments and/or job reemployments for certificated staff as per the attached lists, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Approve the job reassignment of Denise Turner, from part-time Academic Intervention Teacher at the Birchwood School to full-time Grade 2 Teacher at the Birchwood School, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The annual salary will be *$63,362.00 (BA Step 14). (Mrs. Turner is replacing Mrs. Gogo).

*(The 2011-2012 salary will be determined upon ratification of successor contract).

Job Reemployment

Job Reemployment

Approve the reemployment of Anna DeSario, as a full-time Kindergarten Teacher at the Birchwood School, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The annual salary will be *$59,537.00 BA (Step 11).

Approve the reemployment of Marirose Grady, as a full-time Grade 1 Teacher at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The annual salary will be *$66,400.00 MA+15 (Step 13).

Approve the reemployment of Mary Beth Hartnett, as a full-time Grade 2 Teacher at the Stony Brook School, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The annual salary will be *$53,187.00 BA (Step 6).

Approve the reemployment of Mary Ledyard, as a Leave Replacement Assignment for Kimberly Manriquez, full-time Behavioral Disabilities Teacher at the Stony Brook School, effective September 1, 2011 through December 19, 2011. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem. (Mrs. Manriquez is expected to return to work on December 19, 2011).

Approve the reemployment of Gail Weinroth, as a full-time Guidance Counselor at the Copeland Middle School, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The annual salary will be *$56,245.00 MA+15 (Step 4). (Mrs. Weinroth is replacing Mrs. Ast).

Approve the reemployment of Maria Whelan, as a full-time Grade 3 Teacher at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The annual salary will be *$53,762.00 BA+15 (Step 6).

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

Leave of Absence

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Approve a leave of absence for Stephanie McCabe, full-time Grade 6 Special Education Teacher at the Copeland Middle School, with pay, effective September 19, 2011 through October 31, 2011, the leave will continue without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective November 1, 2011 through January 27, 2012. (Mrs. McCabe is expected to return to work on January 30, 2012).

Resignation

Resignation

Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Dr. Gary J. Vitta, Superintendent of Schools, effective on or before January 1, 2012.

Salary Adjustment/Substitute Teachers

Salny Adjustment Sub

Approve a salary adjustment of $85.00 per day and $57.00 for a half day, effective May 1, 2011, for the county and state certified Substitute Teachers who attended the Substitute Teachers' Orientation Program held on April 14, 2011, as per the attached list.

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

Employment

Employment

Approve the employment of Lori Jeanne Ryder, as a substitute Bus Driver, on an "as needed" basis for the Transportation Department, effective June 16, 2011, for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $18.00 per hour.

Approve the summer employment of the Bus Drivers and the Staff Assistants at the individual salaries, as per the attached list.

Approve the employment of Lauren Powell, as a substitute Security Personnel on an "as needed" basis for the District, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The rate of pay is $12.50 per hour.

Approve the employment of Alina Nicastro, as a full-time Staff Assistant, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The salary will be *$15,975.00 (Step 1). (School location to be determined).

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

Approve the employment of Francis Cuevas, as a Temporary Summer Maintenance Worker for the Buildings and Grounds Department, effective June 20, 2011 through August 31, 2011. The rate of pay is $11.50 per hour.

Approve the employment of Joseph DelGreco, as a Temporary Summer Maintenance Worker for the Buildings and Grounds Department, effective July 5, 2011 through August 31, 2011. The rate of pay is $11.00 per hour.

Approve the employment of Matthew Wojcik, as a Temporary Summer Maintenance Worker for the Buildings and Grounds Department, effective July 5, 2011 through August 31, 2011. The rate of pay is $11.00 per hour.

Rescind Employment

Rescind Employment

Rescind employment of Matthew Diton, as a Temporary Summer Maintenance Worker for the Buildings and Grounds Department, effective June 20, 2011 through August 31, 2011. The rate of pay is $11.50 per hour.

Explanation: Accepted an internship.

Rescind employment of Thomas Vorhies, as a Temporary Summer Maintenance Worker for the Buildings and Grounds Department, effective June 20, 2011 through August 31, 2011. The rate of pay is $11.00 per hour.

Explanation: Unavailable due to school requirements.

Rescind the approval of employment as per the attached list for the 2011-2012 school year, effective July 1, 2011.

Resignation

Resignation

Approve the resignation of Carol McKenna, part-time Staff Assistant, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective July 1, 2011.

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

Administration

Dr. Friedberger read the RTAA resolution.

Motion by Dr. Friedberger, seconded by Mr. Puzio to separate the motion on the RTAA.

Separate Motion

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

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Kurland to approve the following administrative recommendations.

Authorize students in the following out-of-district placements for the 2011Extended School Year:

Sp Ed Placement ESY

# of Pupils/School	**Tuition Rate**
1 Children's Therapy Center	$ 6,904.79
1 DLC – Warren	$13,188.00 + PT @ $250 & OT @ $115.00 per wk
1 ECLC – Chatham	$ 4,429.40
3 Lake Drive School	$ 5,815.00
1 Lake Drive School	$ 3,627.00 (half day program)
1 New Beginnings	$ 9,487.20
1 Park Lake	$ 3,600.00 + FT Aide @ $3,920.00
3 P.G. Chambers School	$ 9,244.80
1 Regional Day School	$ 3,600.00 + FT Aide @ $3,920.00

Ed Svc Transports

Authorize Educational Service Commission of Morris County to transport the following Rockaway Township special education students for the 2011 extended school year:

1 Student	Developmental Learning Center – Warren
1 Student	ECLC - Chatham
1 Student	New Beginnings - Fairfield

Explanation: More cost effective for Ed Services to transport student than the district.

Comm for the Blind

Authorize a contract with Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for six (6) Rockaway Township special education students for the 2011-2012 school year, as follows:

6 - Level 1 Students at an annual cost of $1,700.00 each

Dual Use & Toilet Waiver

Approve submission of Applications for Dual Use to the Executive County Superintendent for the 2011-2012 school year for the following classrooms:

Birchwood School
Rooms B1, 164, 114

Katharine D. Malone
Room 32

Further, approve submission of Applications for Toilet Facilities to the Executive County Superintendent for the 2010-2011 school year for the following classroom:

Dennis B. O'Brien:
Room 37

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

MOA RTAA

Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the RTAA and the Rockaway Township Board of Education dated June 15, 2011.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendation, Dr. Friedberger and Mr. Puzio abstaining, all others present voting yes, motion so carried.

Finance

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

Travel

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).

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.

Bd Secy Report

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 May 31, 2011, 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 Dr. James P. Verbist, Board Secretary, certifies the following statement:

Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)(3) and (4), I, Dr. James P. Verbist, Board Secretary, certify that no budgetary line items accounts are over appropriated nor over expended for the period ending May 31, 2011.

Transfers

Authorize account transfers as submitted.

Bills

Authorize payment of the June bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

Authorize payment of the June Cafeteria bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

Authorize payment of the June Student Activity bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

Authorize payment of the June Summer Enrichment bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

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.

Outstanding Checks

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:

Check Number & Payee	Amount	Date
125561 Carlos & Jaimita Serna	$ 6.99	5/25/10
127185 Tara Maluszczak	$26.25	12/23/10
2796 Cassandra Lynch	$50.00	5/25/10
5951 Parents on Francesca Esposito	$ 6.70	7/15/10
1900 Parents of Carly Faro	$ 5.00	5/19/10

NCLB

Approve the submission of the NCLB FY 10-11 Grant Amendment in order to add prior year carry over. Funding is allocated as per attached "Program Coordination & Budget Detail" pages, titles included:

Title I	$81,941.00
Title IIA	$65,263.00
Title IID	$ 141.00
Title III	$16,557.00
Title IV	$ 3,578.00

Explanation: Grant amendments need Board approval.

Cafeteria Bid

Sealed bids were received on June 14, 2011 for Kids Stop Café, two (2) bidders responded as follows:

	Singer Equipment	Denver Eqpt. Co. of Charlotte, Inc.
Dennis B. O'Brien School	$26,927.56	$29,431.94
Catherine A. Dwyer School	$28,860.80	$30,276.42
Katharine D. Malone School	$25,998.97	$32,351.97
Stony Brook School	$28,860.80	$30,276.42

Award of bid to Denver Equipment Co. of Charlotte, Inc, for all four (4) projects, as lowest responsible bidder in full conformance with specifications.

Capital Reserve

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:21-2 and NJSA 18A:7G-13 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Rockaway Township Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Capital Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Rockaway Township Board of Education has determined that the statutory deposit shall not exceed $1,000,000.00 for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rockaway Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Maintenance Reserve

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:21-2 and NJSA 18A:7G-13 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Rockaway Township Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Maintenance Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Rockaway Township Board of Education has determined that the statutory deposit shall not exceed $225,000.00 for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rockaway Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

ERIC West

WHEREAS, the New Jersey School Boards Insurance Act, Assembly 1373, enacted and signed by the Governor in 1983, enables school districts to cooperate with each other to make the most efficient use of their powers and resources on a basis of mutual advantage in the areas of insurance and self-insurance and related services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rockaway Township School District desires to secure protection, services, and savings relating to insurance and self-insurance for itself and its departments and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rockaway Township School District finds that the best and most efficient way of securing this protection and services is by cooperating with other school districts across the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group and its bylaws provide a basis for securing this protection for member districts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rockaway Township Board of Education of the Rockaway Township School District joins with other school districts in organizing and becoming members of the Sub fund of the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group (Educational Risk Insurance Consortium); and that, by adoption and signing of this resolution, the Board of Education is hereby joining the Sub fund of the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group (Educational Risk Insurance Consortium) effective the date indicted below, and for the duration of three consecutive years.

Adopted by the Board of Education of the Rockaway Township School District, Hibernia, New Jersey, for a membership term which began July 1, 2011 until July 1, 2012.

Explanation: Required by statute to formally adopt and renew membership.

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

Policy

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

Approve the second reading of the following policy:

File Code: 3320R – Purchasing Manual 2011-2012

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

Old Business
None

New Business
Dr. Friedberger asked for a date for the Board's goal setting meeting.

New Business

Mr. Jackson left the meeting at 8:33 PM.

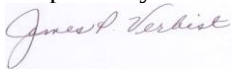
Dr. Friedberger addressed the Superintendent Search and the ads for the position.

Motion made by Dr. Friedberger, seconded by Mr. Puzio that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:38 PM and return to Executive Session for legal and personnel issues.

Adjourn and Return to Executive Session

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

Respectfully submitted,



DR. JAMES P. VERBIST
Board Secretary