REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 17, 2014

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at 6:03 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 Mr. Press, 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. Chirico, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak 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 6:03 PM.

Dr. Kurland left the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chabala that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:30 PM
Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:32 PM. Present were 6 visitors and no members of the press.

Mrs. Maluszczak reopened the regular business meeting of the Board with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for the loss of Denise Turner, Birchwood Teacher, who passed away on September 14, 2014.

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

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

Dr. Monchar gave the Board an article to read.

Motion by Mrs. Chabala, 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:
Jennifer Wagner Re: Handicapped Parking at DBO

Minutes

APPROVE MINUTES
Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mrs. Salny to separate the motion on the August 19th minutes.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to approve the minutes of August 19, 2014, as amended.

Roll Call Vote on above, Mr. Giarratano abstaining all others present voting yes, motion so carried.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to approve the minutes of August 20 and September 3, 2014.

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

The following information was presented by the Superintendent in her report:
Dr Grefe reported there were no new HIB investigations. **Supt Report**

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. Salny, seconded by Mr. Press to approve the following personnel recommendations.

1. **Employment**
Approve the employment of Elizabeth DeDreu, as a part-time In-Class Support Resource Room Teacher, in the afternoon session, at 19.50 hours per week, at the Birchwood School, effective September 16, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The annual prorated salary will be $33,820.00 MA (Step 1). (Mrs. DeDreu holds a Standard Certificate as an Elementary School Teacher and a Standard Certificate as a Teacher of Students with Disabilities). (This is a new position due to enrollment). **Employment**

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

Lori Dillon Denville, NJ	County College of Morris, NJ (66 credits) Certification: County Effective Date: September 18, 2014
Pamela Marino Denville, NJ	Felician College, NJ (BSN) (Sub Nurse) Certification: State Effective Date: September 18, 2014
Andrew Zlotnick Rockaway, NJ	The College of New Jersey, NJ (BS) Certification: State Effective Date: September 18, 2014

3. **Job Title Change**
Approve the job title of David Kratka from full-time Educational Support Specialist at the Birchwood). School to full-time School Counselor at the Birchwood School, effective September 1, 2014. (Mr. Kratka has received his Standard Certificate as a School Counselor **Job Title Change**

Explanation: Educational Support Specialist is no longer an approved state unrecognized job title.

4. **Leave of Absence**
Approve a leave of absence for Raymond Witte, III, a full-time Grade 8 Special Education Teacher, at the Copeland Middle School, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Medical Leave Act, effective October 2, 2014 through November 7, 2014. (Mr. Witte is expected to return to work on November 10, 2014). **Leave**

5. **Resignation**
Approve the resignation of Danielle Ryan, a full-time Physical Education Teacher, at the Dennis B. O'Brien and Katharine D. Malone Schools, effective February 1, 2015. **Resignation**

Explanation: Mrs. Ryan is taking a deferred retirement.

6. **Salary Adjustment/Substitute Teachers**

Salary Adjustment

Approve a salary adjustment of $85.00 per day and $57.00 for a half day, effective September 18, 2014, for the county and state certified Substitute Teachers who attended the Substitute Teachers' Orientation Program held on August 28, 2014 as per the attached list.

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

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Approve the employment of Mary James, as a Substitute Bus Driver, on an "as needed" basis, effective September 18, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The rate of pay will be $18.00 per hour.

Approve the employment of Amy Olsen, as a Substitute Staff Assistant, on an "as needed" basis, for the Transportation Department, effective September 8, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The rate of pay will be $17.31 (Step 3) per hour.

Approve the employment of Susan Plutchok, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, for Grade 5, for the afternoon session, per the student's IEP, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective September 16, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The rate of pay is $16.51 (Step 1) per hour.

Approve the employment of Maria Zbikowski, as a Substitute Bus Driver, on an "as needed" basis, effective September 12, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The rate of pay will be $18.00 per hour.

Approve the employment of Andrew Zlotnick, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, in the Preschool Disabled Class, for the morning session, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective September 19, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The rate of pay is $16.51 (Step 1) per hour.

Reassignments

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Approve the reassignment of Alina Escobar, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, in the Behavioral Disabilities Class, for Kindergarten through Grades 2, at the Stony Brook School to a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, as a 1:1, in Grade 1, per the student's IEP, at the Stony Brook School, effective September 4, 2014 through
June 30, 2015. (Mrs. Escobar is replacing Mrs. Tobias).

Approve the reassignment of Stephanie Tobias, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, as a 1:1, in Grade 1, at the Stony Brook School to a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, in the Behavioral Disabilities Class, for Kindergarten through Grades 2, per the student's IEP, at the Stony Brook School, effective September 4, 2014 through June 30, 2015. (Mrs. Tobias is replacing Mrs. Escobar).

Resignations

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Approve the resignation of Dawn Sysyn, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, in the Resource Room, at the Birchwood School, effective September 25, 2014.

Approve the resignation of Danielle Visconti, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, for the Transportation Department, effective September 1, 2014.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, Mrs. Salny voting no, all others present voting yes, motion so carried.

Curriculum/Instruction

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

1. Approve agreement between the Rockaway Township Board of Education and the Morris Hills Regional District to participate in the Morris Hills/Morris Knolls Student Internship Program for the 2014-2015 school year: Student: Steven Rotella (MK)

Internship Program

Explanation: Purpose of the internship program, that will begin September, is to have students observe and learn about education from their cooperating teacher.

2. Approve the NJQSAC Statement of Assurance (SOA) for the 2014-2015 school year. **NJQSAC**

Explanation: As per NJDOE.

3. Approve salary and stipends funded with NCLB FY14-15 Grant as follows: **NCLB Grant**

TEACHER	GRADE/POSITION	LOCATION	STIPEND/ SALARY	LOCATION
Barbara McFadden	Title III Family Literacy Teacher	CAD	$ 44.00 pr hr	100% Title III
Bryon Pinajan	Title III Family Literacy Teacher	CAD	$ 44.00 pr hr	100% Title III
Jerelyn Hurley	Title III Summer School Teacher	Lincoln	$2,640.00	100% Title III
Moshira Gobran	Title III Imm Prnt/Stdnt Liaison	Various	$ 44.00 pr hr	100% Title III Imm
Sophie Cabreara	Title III Imm Prnt/Stdnt Liaison	Various	$ 44.00 pr hr	100% Title III Imm
Natalia Hubisz	Title III Imm Prnt/Stdnt Liaison	Various	$ 44.00 pr hr	100% Title III Imm
Adriana Czuba	Title III Imm Prnt/Stdnt Liaison	Various	$ 44.00 pr hr	100% Title III Imm
Elizabeth Smith	Title III Imm Prnt/Stdnt Liaison	Various	$ 44.00 pr hr	100% Title III Imm
Ingrid Morin	Title III Imm Prnt/Stdnt Liaison	Various	$ 44.00 pr hr	100% Title III Imm
Dolores Discala	Title III Imm Prnt/Stdnt Liaison	Various	$ 44.00 pr hr	100% Title III Imm

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

No Public comment.

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

Mr. Press left the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Administration

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

There was a request for home instruction clarification.

1. Rescind the de-enrollment of the following student #'s: 47, 113, 1313 **De-enrollment**

2. Authorize a contract between St. Clare's Hospital and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide bedside instruction to district students for the 2014-2015 school year, on an as needed basis, the fee for tutorial services is $54.00 per hour. **St. Clare's**

Explanation: Instructional services for students while hospitalized.

No Public comment.

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

Finance

Motion made by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mr. Giarratano 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). **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 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.

Bills

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

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

Authorize payment of the September Student Activity 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.

No Public comment.

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

Old Business

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Mrs. Salny asked if there were any responses to the State Mandate letters that were sent out?

Mrs. Chabala reported that the Township wanted to challenge the Board of Education to the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

New Business

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Policy meeting October 8th at 6:00 PM.

October 6th Internet Safety Seminar at Copeland Middle Scholl at 7:00 PM.

Discussion of bus cameras and handicapped parking.

No Public comment.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mr. Giarratano that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:04 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere

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Board Secretary