REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 3, 2010

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at 6:17 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Mr. Giarratano, Mrs. Power, Mr. Puzio, Mrs. Salny, Mr. West and Dr. Friedberger. Mr. Jackson was absent.

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. West, seconded by Mr. Giarratano 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 students and personnel, 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 Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mrs. Salny that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:03 PM
Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:04 PM Also present were 15 visitors and no members of the press.

Dr. Friedberger opened the regular business meeting of the Board and indicated Public comments will be allowed after the audit and test score presentations.

Motion by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Salny to open the public session of the meeting at 7:05 PM.

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

Resident addressed article on dealing with unions/negotiations.

Resident expressed his unhappiness with a single Public Discussion portion of the agenda.

Resident addressed the topic of tenure. He requested a presentation to the Public on the issue/value of tenure.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Puzio to close the public session of the meeting 7:10 PM.

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

Ms. Mantell, of Nisivoccia and Company, made a presentation on the 2009-2010 School Year Audit.

Dr. Friedberger addressed the June 30, 2010 fund balance of $677,277 which is 1.5% of the operating budget. Various Board Members asked questions. Mrs. Mantell and Dr. Verbist responded with information.

Dr. Friedberger asked questions on Page 14 of the Management Report Allowable Fund Balance. Dr. Verbist addressed the June 10, 2010 resolution on use of Fund Balance for Capital Reserve and Maintenance Reserve and that the Board did not actually move funds.

Resident asked questions on State Aid, including TPAF. Ms. Mantell provided a detailed explanation on the aid.

COMMUNICATIONS — **Correspondence**

Ted Doty	Re: Communications: Information or con game
Jennifer Kilgallen	Re: Attention: Dr. Vitta (Bus Stop Issue addressed at Board meeting last night)
Ted Doty	Re: RTBOE mislead re: solar project and after school programs
Ted Doty	Re: "Reinstating "last/best offer" contract negotiations"
Marni Pociask	Re: Transitional Kindergarten
Ted Doty	Re: Communications
Ted Doty	Re: State Aid

APPROVE MINUTES — **Approve Minutes**

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. West to approve the minutes of October 20, 2010.

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

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

Dr. Vitta asked for Board approval to petition the Township to remove elections from the schools.

Dr. Vitta introduced Dr. Grefe who made a presentation on test scores. Residents made comments and asked questions on the test scores and the process in general. Various Board Members asked questions and made comments.

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

Dr. Verbist had no report this evening.

Board Communications Committee — **Communications Committee**

Mr. Giarratano provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on solar as an example of something the Communications Committee may use for a blast. Various Board Members and Residents asked questions. Dr. Verbist responded with information.

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. Puzio to approve the following personnel recommendations.

Employment/Substitute Health Care Provider — **Employ Sub Health Care**

Approve the employment of Elaine Voinier, as a Substitute Health Care Provider for a pre-school disabled student per the student's IEP, for the pre-school program at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, on an "as needed" basis, effective October 27, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $30.00 per hour.

Job Reassignments — **Job Reassignments**

Approve the job reassignment of Vanessa Greenwald, from full-time Leave Replacement for Kimberly Landers, Grade 3 Teacher at the Stony Brook School to full-time Grade 3 Teacher at the Stony Brook School, effective December 20, 2010 through June 30, 2011 school year. The annual prorated salary is $56,925.00 (MA Step 5). (Ms. Greenwald is replacing Mrs. Landers).

Approve the job reassignment of Tara Swanton, from part-time Academic Intervention Teacher at the Birchwood School to part-time Academic Intervention Teacher at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective November 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. (Ms. Swanton is replacing Mrs. Turner).

Approve the job reassignment of Denise Turner, from part-time Academic Intervention Teacher at the Dennis B. O'Brien School to part-time Academic Intervention Teacher at the Birchwood School, effective November 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. (Mrs. Turner is replacing Ms. Swanton).

Job Reemployment

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Approve the reemployment of the following Occupational Therapist and the Physical Therapists on an "as needed" basis, at $75.00 per hour, effective November 3, 2010 through November 16, 2010:

Mary Ann Loreng

Jill Budd
Denise Glew
Charlotte Kalb

Leave of Absence **Leave**
Approve a leave of absence for Heidi Munn, full-time Grade 8 Special Education Teacher at the Copeland Middle School, with pay, effective January 18, 2011 through March 8, 2011, the leave will continue, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective March 9, 2011 through June 7, 2011. (Mrs. Munn is expected to return to work on June 8, 2011).

Resignations **Resignations**
Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Ivy Gogo, full-time Grade 2 Teacher at the Birchwood School, effective July 1, 2011.

Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Joseph Santucci, full-time Art Teacher at the Catherine A. Dwyer School and the Katharine D. Malone School, effective July 1, 2011.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends actions on the following non-certificated personnel:
Employment **Employment**
Approve the employment of Deborah Fremeth, full-time Staff Assistant at the Copeland Middle School, for after school extracurricular activities for a special education student, per the student's IEP, on an "as needed" basis, effective October 20, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $20.00 per hour.

Approve the employment of Marci Gregory, full-time Staff Assistant at the Copeland Middle School, for after school extracurricular activities for a special education student, per the student's IEP, on an "as needed" basis, effective October 20, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $20.00 per hour.

Salary Adjustments/Contract Rider **Salary Adjustments**
Approve the salary adjustment for Peter Lemoine, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, effective November 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year as indicated below:

From: $12,992.00 To: $13,609.00 (Prorated)

Approve the salary adjustment for Carolyn Monga, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, effective November 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year as indicated below:

From: $28,919.00 To: $31,263.00 (Prorated)

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

Curriculum/Instruction
Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mr. West to approve the following curriculum/instruction recommendations.

Approve Julia Cervone, Fairleigh Dickinson University student, to observe at the Katharine D. Malone School starting January 10, 2011. **Student Teacher**

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Approve Kristina Felix, College of New Jersey student, to observe the school nurse at Birchwood School.

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

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

Administration

Interdistrict School Choice Program - Dr. Friedberger asked Dr. Vitta why 10%, he responded.

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

Interdistrict School Choice

WHEREAS the Interdistrict School Choice Program (NJSA 18A:36B) was signed into law by Governor Christie on September 10, 2010 and will commence with the 2011-12 school year, and

WHEREAS the program is designed to increase educational opportunities for students and their families by providing students with the option of attending a public school outside their district of residence without cost to their parents, and

WHEREAS students will be able to choose to go to a school outside their district of residence if the selected school is participating in the choice program, and

WHEREAS the district of residence shall not prevent or discourage its students from participating in the school choice program. [N.J.A.C. 6A:12-1.2(b)].

WHEREAS pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36B-7b(1), (2) and N.J.A.C. 6A:12-3.1(a)1, the board of education of the district of residence may limit the number of its district students allowed to participate in the choice program by adopting a resolution to do the following:

1. to a maximum of 10 percent of the number of students per grade level per year in the sending district, limited by any resolution adopted pursuant to paragraph 2, below; and/or

2. to a maximum of 15 percent of the total number of students enrolled in the sending district. (N.J.S.A. 8b(3); N.J.A.C. 6A:12-3.1(a)2).

WHEREAS the calculation of enrollment of the district of residence must be based on the October ASSA. The method to be used in calculating enrollment is described in N.J.S.A. 18A:36B-8b(4), (5); and N.J.A.C. 6A:12-3.1(a)3.

WHEREAS In the event that a district adopts any resolution restricting the enrollment of its students in choice districts and student requests for participation exceed the limits set by the district of residence, the district must conduct a lottery. (N.J.A.C. 6A:12-3.1(a)4).

RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rockaway Township Board of Education in the County of Morris, New Jersey adopts a ten percent cap by grade in the number of students that may opt to attend a district of choice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is authorized and directed to establish and conduct a lottery as provided in N.J.A.C. 6A:12-3.1(a)4) if the number of interested students exceeds this ten percent limit in any grade.

Explanation: Interdistrict Public School Choice Program Act of 2010 18A: 36B

Union Co Ed Svcs

Authorize a contract between the Union County Educational Services Commission and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide bedside instruction to a district student from October 25, 2010-June 30, 2011, on an as needed basis, at the Traumatic Brain Injured Class while a patient at the Children's Hospital Neurorehabilitation Center. The fee for tutorial services is $61.00 per hour (general education students are entitled to 5 hours per week of instruction and 10 hours per week for special education students).

Explanation: Instructional services for student while hospitalized.

C.A.F.R.

Accept the 2009-2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (C.A.F.R.) and Report of the Auditor as submitted. Further, the Board authorizes submission of the synopsis and recommendation free Corrective Action Plan to the County Superintendent, as per statute.

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

Finance

The Board thanked Tilcon for their donation.

Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mr. Puzio 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.

Tilcon Donation

Approve a $1,500.00 donation by Tilcon New York Inc. to the Catherine A. Dwyer School to be used toward their play.

Explanation: Donation was made to the school's Theater Group.

Middlesex Regional Co Op

Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Rockaway Township, County of Morris and State of New Jersey: This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (65MCESCCPS) Cooperative Pricing System for 2010-2011 School Year.

Pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) the Rockaway Township Board of Education is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the "Lead Agency" (Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission) for the purchase of work, materials, supplies and services expiring on June 30, 2011.

The Lead Agency (Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission) entering into contracts on behalf of the Rockaway Township Board of Education shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

Explanation: Cooperative pricing program to maximize District purchasing power without expense of bidding for same services.

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

Old Business

None

New Business

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Mr. Giarratano addressed request from the PTA's for Board Members to attend PTA meetings. Various Board Members responded on attending.

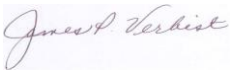
Mr. Giarratano leaves at 9:12 PM.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Puzio that the meeting stand adjourned at 9:13 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,



DR. JAMES P. VERBIST
Board Secretary