REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 4, 2012

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2012, 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: Mr. Kurland, Mr. Puzio, Mrs. Salny, Mr. West and Dr. Friedberger. Mr. Giarratano arrived at 6:05 and 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. Puzio, seconded by Mr. Kurland 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 legal, personnel, and student 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 Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Puzio that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:06 PM
Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:06 PM. Also present were 14 visitors and no members of the press.

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

Motion by Mr. Kurland, seconded by Mr. Giarratano to open the public session of the meeting at 7:07 PM.

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

Resident addressed his opinion on a disjointed report on contract negotiations. Mrs. Salny provided an overview of the contract negotiations.

Resident addressed the Copeland Middle School breakfast. Dr. Friedberger complemented the Copeland Middle School administration for the breakfast.

Dr. Friedberger addressed the Copeland Middle School musical presentation prior to the holiday recess.

Resident addressed school bus advertising. Dr. Friedberger addressed the State guideline development.

Resident addressed assembly on "gum chewing."

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Puzio to close the public session of the meeting at 7:13 PM.

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:

Kathleen Astorga & Dianne Kroeter	Re: Instructional Council Minutes – 9/28/11
Don Ondish	Re: December 8th Special Meeting

APPROVE MINUTES — **Approve Minutes**

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. West to approve the minutes of December 7 and 8, 2011, as amended.

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

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

Dr. Grefe addressed HIB cases.

Motion by Dr. Friedberger, seconded by Mrs. Salny to affirm HIB cases #21 and #22.

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

Dr. Grefe addressed the January 4, 2012 Curriculum Committee meeting. Dr. Friedberger recommended to the full Board to approve the board motions on behalf of the Committee.

Dr. Grefe discussed a Curriculum Specialist/Speaker she has engaged to train teachers - $2,500/$3,000.

Dr. Grefe addressed the 2012-2013 calendar to be voted on January 18, 2012.

Dr. Grefe addressed using NJSBA for policy review programs. Dr. Friedberger asked specific questions on the review process.

Dr. Grefe addressed Board-to-Board meeting date.

The Committee checked their calendars for availability.

Dr. Grefe addressed District Goals as set by Dr. Grefe and the Board in December 2011.

Dr. Grefe addressed changes in our Summer School Program offerings. Various Board Members asked questions and commented on the program.

Dr. Grefe addressed one HIB report.

Members of the community responded on the merits of the Safety Town Program. Board Members asked questions.

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

Dr. Verbist had no report this evening.

Board Communications Committee — **Bd Communications Committee**

Mr. Giarratano asked for a Communications meeting on January 18, 2012.

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

Personnel

Motion by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mr. Kurland to separate and postpone the motion on the Salary Adjustments/Contract Rider for Bus Drivers. — **Postpone Motion**

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

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

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

Employment — **Employment**

Approve the continuation of employment of Kenneth Welsh, School Psychologist, for the District, on an "as needed" basis, effective January 3, 2012 through February 29, 2012. The rate of pay is $220.00 per evaluation, $90.00 for the first meeting on any given day and an additional $30.00 per meeting on the same day. (Mr. Welsh is assisting Mrs. Lam as a result of her leave of absence).

Employment/After School Program — **Employ After School**

Approve the course, quarter and rate of pay for the after school program at the Copeland Middle School for the staff member, for the 2011-2012 school year, as per the attached list.

Employment/Substitute Teachers — **Employ Subs**

Approve the employment of the following county and state certified Substitute Teachers indicated below for the 2011-2012 school year:

Kathleen Bogwald Rockaway, NJ	William Paterson University, NJ (BS) Certification: County Effective Date: January 5, 2012
Adriana Czuba Denville, NJ	Bloomfield College, NJ (BS) Certification: County Effective Date: January 5, 2012
Sally Lefkofsky Rockaway, NJ	Rutgers University, NJ (BS) Certification: State Effective Date: January 5, 2012
Robert Scheuerman Landing, NJ	Kean University, NJ (BA) Certification: County Effective Date: January 5, 2012

Extended Leave of Absence — **Extended Leave**

Approve an extended leave of absence for Kathleen Seipp, full-time Grade 4 Resource Room Teacher at the Birchwood School, without pay, effective February 6, 2012 through March 23, 2012. (Mrs. Seipp is expected to return to work on March 26, 2012).

Extended Leave Replacement Assignment — **Extended Leave Assignment**

Approve an extended leave replacement assignment for Katharina DiPaolo-Hack, replacing Kathleen Seipp, full-time Grade 4 Resource Room Teacher at the Birchwood School, effective February 6, 2012 through March 23, 2012. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

Home Instructors — **Home Instruction**

Approve the employment of the following staff as a Home Instructor, on an "as needed basis for the 2011-2012 school year, per the contractual rate of pay:

Erin Bosworth Michelle Nieves

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

Job Description — **Job Description**

Approve the job description, D-20, entitled Curriculum Supervisor.

Leaves of Absence — **Leaves**

Approve a leave of absence for Kathleen Nangle, full-time Grade 4 Teacher at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, with pay, effective January 30, 2012 through March 27, 2012, the leave will continue without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective March 28, 2012 through June 14, 2012. (Mrs. Nangle is expected to return to work on June 15, 2012).

Approve a leave of absence for Nicole Parzero, full-time Kindergarten Teacher at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, with pay, effective March 26, 2012 through May 4, 2012, the leave will continue without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective May 7, 2012 through October 14, 2012, the leave will continue without pay, effective October 14, 2012 through June 30, 2013. (Mrs. Parzero is expected to return to work on September 1, 2013).

Approve a leave of absence for Charles Young, full-time Grade 7 Math Teacher at the Copeland Middle School, with pay, effective January 3, 2012 through January 20, 2012. (Mr. Young is expected to return to work on January 23, 2012).

Leave Replacement Assignment **Leave Replacement**

Approve a leave replacement assignment for Jennifer Wood, replacing Charles Young, full-time Grade 7 Math Teacher at the Copeland Middle School, effective January 3, 2012 through January 20, 2012. The rate of pay is $100.00 per diem.

Resignation **Resignation**

Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Lydia Walker, full-time Grade 6 Resource Room Teacher for the Copeland Middle School, effective July 1, 2012.

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

Employment **Employment**

Approve the employment of Lawrence Wasdyke, as a non-contractual Bus Driver, on an "as needed" basis, for the Transportation Department, effective January 3, 2012 through June 30, 2012. The rate of pay is $18.00 per hour.

Leave s of Absence **Leaves**

Approve a leave of absence for Karin Barrett, part-time Staff Assistant for the Resource Room, at the Katharine D. Malone School, with pay, effective January 5, 2012 through January 18, 2012. (Ms. Barrett is expected to return to work on January 19, 2012).

Approve a leave of absence for Miche Laughlin, full-time Staff Assistant for the autistic class, at the Katharine D. Malone School, with pay, effective January 3, 2012 through January 20, 2012, without pay, effective January 23, 2012 through February 1, 2012. (Mrs. Laughlin is expected to return to work on February 2, 2012).

Resignations

Approve the resignation of Marissa DePetris, part-time Staff Assistant, in the Resource Room, at the Birchwood School, effective December 26, 2011. **Resignations**

Approve the resignation of Alina Nicastro, full-time Staff Assistant, in the Pre-School Disabled Class, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective January 1, 2012.

Approve the resignation of Gurneeta Singh, part-time Staff Assistant, per the student's IEP, at the Copeland Middle School, effective December 26, 2011.

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

Curriculum/Instruction

Mr. Giarratano asked question on the salaries for the NCLB grant.

Motion by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mr. Giarratano to postpone the motion on Salary and Stipends funded with NCLB Grant. **Postpone Motion**

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

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

Approve Renaissance Learning to provide a full day workshop on January 24, 2012, to be funded under the NCLB Title I Grant, at a fee of $3,000.00. **Renaissance Learning**

Explanation: Training Title I teachers in the use of NEO2 laptop device.

Approve the following staff members as members of the School Professional Development Committee for the 2011-2012 school year. Each school team will split a collective 30 hours per building at their current rate. **PD Committee**

Birchwood	**C. A. Dwyer**	**K. D. Malone**	**D. B. O'Brien**	**Stony Brook**	**Copeland**
Jeanne Maupai	Jennifer Carpenter	Catherine Briggs	Debra Cirillo	Katherine Kensicki	Caryl Beyrent
Dawn Marchese	Corie Blasi	Paula Schul	Maureen Millar	Diana Wagoner	Erin Borino
Marcello Monte	Gina Parisi	Donna Zirkel	Danielle Ryan	Maureen Scahill	Ardith Collins
					Penny Zitomer

Explanation: As per the RTEA contract.

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

Finance

Dr. Friedberger asked about the legality of the motion on selling a van to the Township. Dr. Verbist responded.

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

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 November 30, 2011, and **Bd Secy Report**

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 November 30, 2011.

Authorize 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.

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). **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/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.

Accept a $2,000.00 grant from ING Unsung Heroes awarded to Christopher Marangon. **ING Grant**

Explanation: The award will be used by the Health and Physical Education Department at Birchwood School.

Donation

Accept a donation of science materials from Mrs. Bunny Riker to the Stony Brook School for use in their science program.

Explanation: Mrs. Ricker a former science teacher and a friend of Dr. McCluskey made the donation to the District.

Eqpt Sale

Sealed bids were received on December 20, 2011, for the following:

1996 Thomas 54-Passenger Bus #223 145,234 miles Minimum Bid $2,000.00
1996 Thomas 54-Passenger Bus #224 108,370 miles Minimum Bid $2,000.00
1996 Thomas 54-Passenger Bus #225 165,053 miles Minimum Bid $2,000.00
1999 Dodge Ram 350 Pickup #C24 76,544 miles Minimum Bid $3,500.00

Five (5) bidders responded, as follows:

	Bus #223	Bus #224	Bus #225	Truck #C24
B Ocean Auto	$2,579.99	$2,579.99	$2,579.99	No Bid
Heavy Eqpt. Sales, LLC	$2,198.00	$2,198.00	$2,198.00	No Bid
Roxbury Auto	$2,106.00	$2,112.00	$2,136.00	No Bid
Jersey One Auto Sales	$2,050.00	$2,050.00	$2,050.00	$2,788.00*
State Surplus Auto Sales	$ 400.00*	$ 400.00*	$ 400.00*	$ 700.00*

*Non compliant with minimum bid amount

Award of bid to highest responsible bidder B Ocean Auto for Bus #223, #224 and #225.

Explanation: Sale of surplus vehicles.

PBSIS Grant

Accept the PBSIS Grant (Positive Behavior Support in Schools) awarded to Stony Brook School. The grant will provide training and assistance for developing and implementing an intervention system to implement positive behavioral supports in the school.

Explanation: Rockaway Township was one of 30 schools selected by Robert Wood Johnson, the Department of Education and UMDNJ to receive this highly competitive grant.

Eqpt Sale

Be It Resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education, as part of an intergovernmental agreement, sell to the Township of Rockaway one (1) surplus 1998 GMC Van in the amount of $650.00.

Explanation: Vehicle would have been auctioned off with other surplus vehicles. Township expressed an interest in the vehicle for their Dial-A-Ride Program.

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

Old Business

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Dr. Friedberger and Mrs. Salny addressed the Morris Commons Project. Dr. Friedberger asked Dr. Grefe for the impact on the system. Dr. Verbist addressed specific questions. The Board agreed to send a letter to the Board of Adjustment against approval.

New Business

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Mrs. Salny addressed the School Calendar on the website. She suggested an addition to the website calendar to reflect the last day of school. Dr. Grefe indicated her plan to address this issue.

Dr. Friedberger addressed the fact the Ms. Walker of the Municipal Alliance was retiring. She was active in the community for years.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Kurland, seconded by Mrs. Salny that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:18 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

DR. JAMES P. VERBIST
Board Secretary