REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 4, 2015

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 6:10 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

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

Motion by Mrs. Chirico, 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. Chabala, 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 6:11 PM.

Motion made by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:34 PM Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM. Present were eight visitors and no members of the press.

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

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

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

Resident asked for an Unfunded Mandates update.

Resident asked for a full-day Kindergarten status. She was told that the budget is a key component.

Motion by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mrs. 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:

Jeanne De Renzo	Re: Full-Day Kindergarten
Cathy Martell	Re: Full-Day Kindergarten
Dani Bratton	Re: PARCC Concerns
RTSEPAC	Re: Minutes and By-laws
Dani Bratton	Re: PARCC Testing Information Meeting Concerns
RTSEPAC	Re: Full-Day Kindergarten
Hilary Bilkis	Re: Snow Day
Nancy Coutts	Re: Casualty Drill

Minutes

APPROVE MINUTES
Motion made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Salny to approve the minutes of January 21, 2015.

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

Supt Report

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

Dr. Grefe stated so far we used three (3) snow days. She also informed the Public the PARCC presentation overview from last night is now on the website. The 2015-2016 school calendar is being review by the RTEA and the first day of school will be September 3, 2015. The newspaper ad for Principal, Director of Technology and Transportation Supervisor has been sent to the paper.

Informational Items:
Enrollment – January (Addendum 3a)
Evacuation Drills – January (Addendum 3b)

The following was presented by the Business Administrator in her report:
Mrs. Palmiere had no report this evening.

Negotiations Committee

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Negotiations sessions were canceled due to snow.

Comm/Tech Committee

Communication/Technology Committee
Meeting scheduled for February 24, 2015 at 8:00 PM.

Security Committee

Security Committee
Meeting scheduled for February 23, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Policy Committee

Policy Committee
Meeting scheduled for March 3, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

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

Employment

1. **Employment**
   Approve the course, instructor and the individual rate of pay per quarter, indicated on the attached list, for the After School Programs, to be held at the Copeland Middle School, for the 2014-2015 school year.

   Explanation: These are "Pay-to-Play" programs.

   Approve the course, instructor and the individual rate of pay per quarter, indicated on the attached list, for the After School Programs, to be held at the Katharine D. Malone School, for the 2014-2015 school year.

   Explanation: These are "Pay-to-Play" programs.

   Approve the employment of the following staff, as a Home Instructor, on an "as needed" basis, for the 2014-2015 school year. The rate of pay is $44.00 per hour:

   Kimberly Landers
   Maura Ollo

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

2. **Employment/Substitute Teachers** — **Employ Subs**

Approve the employment of the following county and state certified Substitute Teachers indicated below for the 2014-2015 school year:

Lori Quail Rockaway, NJ	William Paterson University, NJ (BA) Certification: County Effective Date: February 4, 2015
Fallon Reilly Dover, NJ	County College of Morris, NJ (AA) Certification: County Effective Date: February 4, 2015

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

Leave of Absence — **Leave**

Approve a leave of absence for John Griffiths, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Birchwood School, with pay, effective January 5, 2015 through January 26, 2015, the leave will continue without pay, effective January 27, 2015 through February 12, 2015. (Mr. Griffiths is expected to return to work on February 17, 2015).

Reassignment — **Reassignment**

Approve the reassignment of Travis Hubert, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the student's IEP, at the Copeland Middle School to a full-time Staff Assistant, per the student's IEP, at the Copeland Middle School, effective February 5, 2015 through June 30, 2015. The annual prorated salary will be $17,140.00 (Step 1). (Mr. Hubert is replacing Ms. Moore).

Resignations — **Resignation**

Approve the resignation, of Samantha Moore, a full-time Staff Assistant, per the student's IEP, at the Copeland Middle School, effective February 5, 2015.

Approve the resignation, of Jessica Pryor, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the student's IEP, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective January 26, 2015.

Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Karen Walsh, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, effective June 1, 2015.

Approve the resignation, of Andrew Zlotnick, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, in the General Education Preschool Class, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective February 2, 2015.

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

Curriculum/Instruction

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

1. Approve home instruction for the following students: #108 and #1419. — **Home Instruction**

2. Approve the following Morris Hills students to observe at Copeland Middle School, one (1) – two (2) days per week from February 2015 through May 2015: — **Internship Program**

Kristen Cefaloni
Amanda Mannello
Elsa Sanchez
Amy Weir

Explanation: Morris Hills/Morris Knolls Student Internship Program.

3. Approve the following Morris Hills students to observe at Catherine A. Dwyer School, one (1) – two (2) days per week from February 2015 through May 2015: **Student Teachers**

Caitlyn Falt
Victoria Walsh

Explanation: Morris Hills/Morris Knolls Student Internship Program.

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

TEACHER/STAFF	GRADE/POSITION	LOCATION	STIPEND/SALARY
Danielle Schmidt	Title I After School Tchr Sub	Various	$50.00/$46.43/$45.24 HR

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

5. Approve Lydia Wood, Seton Hall University master's degree Occupational Therapy student, for Level I (part-time) Field Work at Catherine A. Dwyer School for Spring 2015 semester.

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

6. Approve Jennifer L. Saibel, Seton Hall University master's degree Occupational Therapy student, for Level I (part-time) Field Work at Dennis B. O'Brien School for Spring 2015 semester.

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

1. Authorize placement of the following special education student in the following out-of-district placement for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year: **Sp Ed Placement**

Pupil/School	Tuition Rate
#1018 Jefferson School (Archibald, PA)	$62,382.00 includes FT Aide

2. Authorize a contract between Speech Therapy Center, LLC and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct Speech-Language evaluations for the 2014-2015 school year, on an as needed basis, at the rate of $350.00 per evaluation. **Speech Therapy**

Explanation: For provision of independent evaluations, when necessary

3. Approve submission of Applications for Dual Use to the Executive County Superintendent for the 2014-2015 school year for the following classroom: **Dual Use**

Birchwood School Room 164

4. Amend the contract between Speech and Hearing Associates and Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct audiological evaluations, on an as needed basis, for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate of $250.00 per evaluation, a Central Auditory Processing Evaluation with report (includes comprehensive peripheral audiological evaluation) at a rate of $550.00 per evaluation and independent Speech/Language Evaluation with report at a rate of $550.00 per evaluation. **Speech & Hearing Associates**

Explanation: Vendor increased rates.

5. Authorize a contract between Dr. Aviva Kupershtok-Bojko at The Institute of Neurology-Neurosurgery and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct independent neurological evaluations, on an as needed basis, for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate of $725.00 per evaluation. **Dr. Kupershtok-Bojko**

Explanation: For provision of evaluations, where necessary and the Rockaway Township Child Study does not provide this service.

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 Mr. Press 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.

2. Authorize receipt of a check in the amount of $1,000.00 for the 2013-2014 New Jersey Schools Insurance Group Safety Incentive Grant to be appropriated to Miscellaneous Revenue. **Safety Grant**

3. Authorize donation of an electric stove from Copeland Middle School to Rockaway Township for use at their Senior Center. **Stove Donation**

Explanation: Stove is not being used and the Township has a vital need for it.

Change Orders

4. Approve Change Order #01 for United Welding & Plumbing in the amount of $8,335.00 for the Dennis B. O'Brien School Boiler Replacement project.

Explanation: Change order to be deducted from allowance.

5. Approve Change Order #001 for G. C. Dynatech Construction LLC in the amount of (-)$10,000.00 for the Dennis B. O'Brien Roof Replacement project.

6. Approve Change Order #002 for High Point Electric in the amount of (-)$7,000.00 for the Dennis B. O'Brien School Electrical Upgrades.

7. Approve amendment to add non-public carryover of funds for the Rockaway Township 27-4490 IDEA grant FY15 as follows. **IDEA Grant**

IDEA Preschool $ 31,333.00
$ 30,435.00 20-251-100-560-50-000 – Other Purchased Services (Tuition)
$ 898.00 20-250-200-320-50-000 – Prof & Tech Services (Non-public)

IDEA Basic $ 563,886.00
$557,926.00 20-250-100-560-50-000 – Other Purchased Services (Tuition)
$ 4,750.00 20-250-200-320-50-000 – Prof & Tech Services
$ 1,210.00 20-250-200-320-50-000 – Prof & Tech Services (Non-public)

Grand Total - $ 595,219.00

Explanation: Grant submission needs Board approval.

No Public comment.

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

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Parent of a Katharine D. Malone student questioned the status of a Resource Room with eight students and a possible ninth student entering. **Public Comment**

Motion made by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mr. Press that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:09 PM and return to Executive Session for Personnel issues. **Adjourn to Executive Session**

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

Motion made by Mr. Press, seconded by Mr. Chabala that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 10:51 PM. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere

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Board Secretary