SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 29, 2014

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at 5:55 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, Dr. Kurland, Mrs. Maluszczak, Mr. Press, Mrs. Salny, and Dr. Kurland.

Motion by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mrs. Salny 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 Mr. Press 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 5:56 PM.

Motion made by Mrs. Chabala seconded by Mrs. Salny that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:00 PM
Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:07 PM. Present were 40 visitors, one member of the press and Mrs. Simon, Board Attorney.

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

Presentations

Presentation

Administrators' presentation to Board.

Public Comments

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 wanted to know how the number of 194 incoming kindergarten students was developed and were walkers and bus children taken into account.

Resident asked if additional cost for materials could be paid for by the PTA's, pay for material AM and PM combined and how delayed openings would work. Resident feels there is money and questions why it would not work.

Resident was disappointed in the way the meeting was held and questioned the way teachers would be paid. He feels there will be a problem with half-day students and full-day students going into Grade 1 together.

Another resident was disappointed in the lack of suggestions for full-day kindergarten in three schools. Felt that no solutions offered.

Resident was disappointed in the fact there were no solid numbers. PARCC being rolled out next year and has district included keyboard instruction currently in the budget for next year. Mr. Valle responded part of computer literacy practice has already started.

A Resident expressed his pleasure at what is happening at Birchwood School and shared the details with the Public.

Resident feels estimated cost for inclusion is misleading because all grades may not need inclusion. He feels it would be better to start small.

Resident felt a lot of discussion is held regarding next year and not in future years. This would be determined after redistricting.

A Resident wanted to know how the recommendations were made; it's hard to understand whose agenda is being followed.

Resident feels missing were the assumptions and restructuring/redistricting should be a first priority.

Motion by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mrs. Salny to close the public session of the meeting.

Dr. Kurland thanked the Public for all their participation.

Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mrs. Chabala that the meeting stand adjourned at 10:10 PM and return to Executive Session for personnel and legal issues. **Adjourn to Ex Session**

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

Motion made Dr. Kurland, seconded by Mrs. Chabala that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 11:15 PM. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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