**REGULAR MEETING**
**ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**
**July 12, 2017**

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at 6:04 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Mrs. Brookes, Mrs. Chirico, Mrs. Maluszczak, Mrs. Salny (arrived at 6:15) and Dr. Kurland (left at 6:08).

Mr. Babcock and Mrs. Chabala were absent.

Also present were Dr. Greg McGann, Superintendent of Schools and Jacqueline Storts, Assistant Superintendent. Paul Kalac the Board Attorney arrived at 7:04.

Motion by Mrs. Chirico, seconded by Mrs. Brookes to waive pledge salute, public announcement and public notice until the meeting is reopened.

Public announcement was read regarding the ñOpen Public Meeting Act.ò No Board Member objected to the conduct of the meeting as advertised.

Motion made by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Brookes to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED,** that in accordance with the ñOpen Public Meetings Actò 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 6:05 PM.

Motion made by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Brookes that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:35 PM Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM. Present were 24 visitors and no members of the press.

Mrs. Salny reopened the regular business meeting of the Board with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

- A member of the public commented on a board mail that she sent today concerning: notification of methodologies included in IEP; Agenda attachments; SEPAC website use for the dissemination of information; and new concerns about the DARE program, Math Strategies program, and the Cross Country program.
- A member of the public commented on the changes in special education staffing and class size.
- A member of the public commented on the changes in special education staffing.

Motion by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Chirico to close the public session of the meeting.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS** **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received for the Board since the last regular meeting:

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| Gene Myers | Re: Questions for the Record |
| Lori Jones | Re. Concerns |

## APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Brookes, seconded by Mrs. Chirico to approve the minutes of June 28, 2017.

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

**The following information was presented by the Superintendent in his report:**
Dr. McGann report there was one new HIB investigations Case #134 as unconfirmed.

Motion by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Chirico to affirm HIB Case #133 as confirmed.

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

Dr. McGann reported on the following:

- Back to School nights will be posted on the website.
- The district received a nice letter from the Township Dept. of Health.
- Setting up a LEAD (DARE replacement program) presentation for 8/23 board meeting.
- PRISE Books will be available in all the schools.
- School Safety Team information will be posted also.

2. Informational Items:

- Monday, July 3rd, Shelter in Place Drill at Stony Brook School. The drill was from 9:58 a.m. - 10:03 a.m.

**The following information was present by the Business Administrator in her report:**

No report

**Committee Reports**

None

**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. Chirico, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak to approve the following personnel recommendations.

1. **Employment**
   Approve the employment of the following staff members to conduct summer evaluations for the 2017 Summer Child Study Team. Child Study Team members (School Psychologists, School Social Workers, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultants) will receive a flat rate of $500.00 per evaluation. Included in this rate is Student Observation (if applicable), parent/teacher interview (if applicable), review of existing data (if applicable), standardized testing, and written report. General case management duties, including the development of goals and objectives will be paid at a rate of $46.00 per hour for a maximum of 3 hours, per case. Case Managers are assigned on a ñround robinò basis within each team and are responsible for developing the IEP. Attendance at Identification Meetings (planning evaluation meetings) and Eligibility Conferences/IEP Meetings will be paid at the rate of $90/meeting and $30/meeting for any additional meetings held on the same day. Meetings attended by a non-evaluating CST member, will be paid at the rate of $90/meeting and $30/meeting for any additional meetings held on the same day.

   Beth Dailey Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant

   Explanation: Staff needed to conduct summer evaluations.

Approve the employment of Claudine Porracchio, a part-time School Social Worker, at 19.50 hours per week, at the Copeland Middle School and Stony Brook School, effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The annual prorated salary will be $34,348.00 MA (Step 1). (Ms. Porracchio holds a Standard Certificate as a School Social Worker).

2. **Leave Replacement Assignment**

Approve a leave replacement assignment for Emily Krzysik, replacing Diana Langevin, a full-time Grade 2 Teacher, at the Stony Brook School, effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The annual salary will be $55,384.00 BA (Step 1). (Miss Krzysik holds Certificates of Eligibility with Advanced Standing as an Elementary School Teacher for Grades K-6 and as a Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3).

3. **Reassignment/Reemployment**

Approve the reassignment/reemployment of Erin Bootes-King, a part-time Academic Intervention Teacher, at 27.50 hours per week, at the Copeland Middle School, to a full-time Science (STEAM) Teacher, at the Copeland Middle School, effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The annual salary will be $56,009.00 (BA+15 Step 1).

Approve the reassignment/reemployment of Samantha Kopp, a full-time Resource Room/Inclusion Teacher, at the Birchwood School, to a full-time Behavioral Disabilities Teacher, for Kindergarten and Grade 1, at the Stony Brook School, effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The annual salary will be $59,689.00 (BA+15 Step 4).

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

**Employment**

Approve the employment of Dennis Vodarsky, as a Temporary Summer Maintenance Worker for the Buildings and Grounds Department, effective July 10, 2017 through September 1, 2017. The rate of pay is $11.00 per hour.

**Perfect Attendance**

Approve payments of perfect attendance for the 2016-2017 school year, per the attached lists.

**Reassignment**

Approve the reassignment of Alvaro Gomez, a full-time Floating Night Custodian to a full-time Night Custodian at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Approve the reassignment of Fausto Rossy, a full-time Night Custodian at the Copeland Middle School to a full-time Night Custodian at the Catherine A. Dywer School, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Approve the reassignment of Joseph Runyans, a full-time Night Custodian at the Copeland Middle School to a full-time Night Custodian at the Dennis B. OôBrien School, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Approve the reassignment of Linda Szollosy, a full-time Bus Driver for the Transportation Department to a full-time Transportation Assistant Coordinator/Dispatcher for the Transportation Department, effective July 15, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The annual prorated salary will be $40,000.00 plus a $2,000.00 stipend for am dispatcher. (Mrs. Szollosy is replacing Mrs. Blume).

Approve the reassignment of Enrique Valdebenito, a full-time Floating Night Custodian for the district to a full-time Night Custodian at the Stony Brook School, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Approve the reassignment of James Vazquez, a full-time Head Custodian at the Katharine D. Malone School to a full-time Head Custodian at the Dennis B. OôBrien School, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

**Reassignment/Reemployment**

Approve the reassignment/reemployment of MaryAnn Rosellini, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, in the Kindergarten class, at the Katharine D. Malone School, to a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, for office/lunch/copy duties, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The rate of pay will be $18.55 (Step 4) per hour. (Mrs. Rosellini is replacing Ms. McMahon).

**Reassignment/Salary Adjustment**

Approve the job reassignment/salary adjustment of Anthony Fiorentino, a full-time Head Custodian, at the Copeland Middle School to a full-time Head Custodian at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The annual salary is as follows:

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| Base Salary (Step 18) | $46,765.00 |
| Head Custodian Stipend | 2,500.00 |
| Boiler License Stipend | 1,250.00 |
| Asbestos Stipend | 1,000.00 |
| Total Salary | $51,515.00 |

Approve the job reassignment/salary adjustment of Curtis McCall, a full-time Head Custodian, at the Dennis B. OôBrien School to a full-time Head Custodian at the Copeland Middle School, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The annual salary is as follows:

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| Base Salary (Step 3) | $38,340.00 |
| Head Custodian Stipend | 3,200.00 |
| Boiler License Stipend | 1,250.00 |
| Total Salary | $42,790.00 |

**Resignation**

Approve the resignation of Daniela Lato, a part-time special education Staff Assistant, at the Dennis B. OôBrien School, effective July 1, 2017.

Approve the resignation of Claudine Porracchio, a part-time special education Staff Assistant, at the Copeland Middle School, effective July 1, 2017.

Approve the resignation of Stephanie Wright, a part-time office Staff Assistant, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective July 1, 2017.

**Summer School Employment**

Approve the employment of Samantha Kopp, as a Staff Assistant, for the Autism Program, for the Summer School Program, effective June 23, 2017 through August 4, 2017. The salary will be $1,808.63.

Approve the employment of David Koenig, as a Teacher for the Autism Program, for the Summer School Program, effective June 23, 2017 through August 4, 2017. The salary will be $4,140.00.

Approve the employment of Lauren OôNeill, as a Substitute Staff Assistant, for the Summer School Program, effective June 23, 2017 through August 4, 2017. The rate of pay will be $18.55 (Step 4) per hour.

Approve the employment of Jennifer Storer, as a Substitute Nurse, for the Summer School Program, effective July 5, 2017 through August 4, 2017. The rate of pay will be $46.00 per hour.

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

**Curriculum/Instruction**

Motion made by Mrs. Brookes, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak to approve the following curriculum/instruction recommendations.

1. Approve the following Curriculum Committee members to write the new curricula indicated below, at $500 each, per the current RTEA contracted rate. This new curricula is to be written in preparation for implementation in September.

| Committee Member | Curriculum |
|---|---|
| Dominique Brock & Marie Varcadipane | ELA Skills, Gr. 8 |
| Michael Bernstein | Math Skills, Gr. 7 |
| Michael Bernstein | Math Skills, Gr. 8 |
| Erin Bootes-King | MS Steam, Gr. 6 |
| Erin Bootes-King | MS Steam, Gr. 7 |
| Erin Bootes-King | MS Steam, Gr. 8 |
| Vanessa Waxman | TV Studio, Gr. 8 |

2. Approve Teresa Chapman to teach preparatory components of Algebra I, this flipped classroom for incoming 7th grade students will take place this summer, for no more than 50 hours, at the current contracted rate, per RTEA contract.

3. Approve Elizabeth Clayton, a University of Delaware student, to shadow Marjory Hansen during the 2017 Extended School Year at Stony Brook School.

   **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 Mrs. Chirico, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak to approve the following administrative recommendations.

**De-enrollment**

1. Rescind the de-enrollment of the following students: #315 and #516

**ESC Transportation 2017-18**

2. Authorize Educational Service Commission of Morris County to transport the following Rockaway Township out-of-district placement students for the 2017-18 School Year:

| Student # | School | Location |
|---|---|---|
| #184 | Garden Academy | West Orange |
| #1923 | Windsor Academy | Pompton Lakes |
| #313 | Lakeland Andover School | Lafayette |

**Commission for the Blind**

3. Authorize a contract with Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for four (4) Rockaway Township special education students for the 2017-2018 school year, as follows:

   2 - Level 1 Students at the annual cost of $1,900.00 each
   1 - Level 3 Student at the annual cost of $12,600.00 each

**Bedside instruction**

4. Authorize a contract between Education Inc. and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide bedside instruction to district students for the 2017/2018 school year, on an as needed basis. The fee for tutorial services is $46.50 per hour.

   **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. Brookes, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak to approve the following finance recommendations.

**Financials and Bills**

1. Authorize payment of the July bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

   Authorize payment of the Summer Savings bill, as approved by the Finance Committee.

   Authorize payment of the July Student Activities bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

   Authorize payment of the July After School bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

   Authorize payment of the July Summer Enrichment 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.

2. WHEREAS the following property is not needed for school purposes; there exists a need for all available space at the various schools; and, the NJ Public School Contracts Law, 18A: 18A-45, requires a resolution authorizing the disposition/sale of surplus property.

   NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rockaway Township Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to dispose of this surplus property. The items that are in saleable condition will be listed on GovDeals.com, per state contract 83453. Items not sold within 15 days of listing may be removed from district premises at no cost to the district. Items listed as salvage will be removed from school property.

**Change Order**

3. Approve Change Order #001 for a credit in the amount of $50,000.00 as part of an unused allowance for the HVAC upgrade at Catherine A Dwyer Elementary School.

**Change Order**

4. Approve Change Order #001 for snow guards along the rear courtyard in the amount of $11,140.08 as part of a $50,000.00 allowance for the Partial Roof Replacement at Dennis B. OôBrien Elementary School.

**Legal Transfer**

5. Motion to authorize an increase in maximum dollar limit for legal services to $250,000 and to transfer $50,000 into Legal expense account #11-000-230-331-47-000. The district will exceed the 2016-2017 budget that was approved on April 27, 2016 with the original limit of $100,000 for legal services.

No Public comment

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

**Old Business**
None

**New Business**
Committee meeting dates: Policy still needed, July 27@5:30 @ CMS, 6:30 Education
Board Retreat- July 26th closed session.

No Public comment.

Motion made by Mrs. Brookes, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:24 PM and to return to Executive Session for Personnel issues.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Brookes, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:37 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere
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Board Secretary