REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 15, 2014

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 6:05 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 Mrs. Salny 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 6:06 PM.

Motion made by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Chabala that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:32 PM Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM. Present were nine visitors and one members of the press.

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

Motion by Mr. Press, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to open the public session of the meeting.

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

Resident commented the Morris Commons Development would add approximately 300 new homes off Green Pond Road.

Resident commented on the Demographic Study and the Strategic Plan timelines.

Resident requested attachments be added to the website for the Public.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Giarratano 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:

Michelle Cromwell	Re: Evening Meetings
Lynn Cheng	Re: 2014-2015 School Calendar
Dr. Philip Monchar	Re: Request for Annual Notice Change
Melissa Spadanuda	Re: National Survey

APPROVE MINUTES **Minutes**

Motion made by Mrs. Chabla, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak to approve the minutes of December 18, 2014.

Roll Call Vote on above, Mrs. Chirico and Mr. Press abstaining, all others present voting yes, motion so carried.

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

There were no new HIB reports.

Motion by Mr. Chabala, seconded by Mrs. Salny to affirm HIB case #67 as unconfirmed.

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

Dr. Grefe reported that Administrators will have a work session with the Board to share thoughts and research that they are collecting on January 29, 2014.

Informational Items:

Nurses' Report – December
Instructional Council – December
Field Trip Report – December
Substance Abuse Alliance Minutes – December

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

Mrs. Palmiere had no report this evening.

Curriculum Committee

Committee assignments were read to the Public. Please have Committee Chair take the lead.

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. Giarratano to approve the following personnel recommendations.

1. **Employment** **Employment**

Approve the courses, instructors and the individual rate of pay per quarter, indicated on the attached list, for the After School Program, to be held at the Copeland Middle School, for the 2013-2014 school year.

Explanation: This is a "Pay-to-Play" program.

Approve the course, instructor and the individual rate of pay per quarter, indicated on the attached list, for the After School Program, to be held at the Katharine D. Malone School, for the 2013-2014 school year.

Explanation: This is a "Pay-to-Play" program.

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

Approve the employment of the following county and state certified Substitute Teachers indicated below for the 2013-2014 school year:

Joan Goble Rockaway, NJ	County College of Morris, NJ (61 Credits) Certification: County Effective Date: January 16, 2014
Stephanie Perez Rockaway, NJ	Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ (MA) Certification: State Effective Date: January 16, 2014

3. **Revised Resignation** — **Revised Resignation**
Approve the revised resignation date of Jennifer Arends, a full-time Autistic Teacher for Grades 2 and 3, at the Katharine D. Malone School, from effective January 23, 2014 to revised effective February 19, 2014.

4. **Salary Adjustment** — **Salary Adjustment**
Approve the salary adjustment for the certificated staff indicated below, effective January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 (Prorated):

From	To
Danielle Schmidt $53,217.00 (BA Step 1)	$54,467.00 (BA+30 Step 1)

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

Employment — **Employment**
Approve the employment of Alina Escobar, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, in the full day Preschool Disabled Class, in the morning session, per the student's IEP, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective January 21, 2014 through June 30, 2014. The rate of pay is $16.16 (Step 1) per hour.

Approve the employment of Milton Figueroa, as a contractual Bus Driver, for the Transportation Department, effective February 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014. The annual prorated salary will be $12,033.00. (Mr. Figueroa is replacing Mrs. Coppa).

Approve the employment of Deanna Palmiere, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, in the Autistic Class, per the student's IEP, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective January 21, 2014 through June 30, 2014. The rate of pay is $16.16 (Step 1) per hour.

Approve the employment of Jill Roth, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, in the full day Preschool Disabled Class, in the afternoon session, per the student's IEP, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective January 21, 2014 through June 30, 2014. The rate of pay is $16.16 (Step 1) per hour.

Approve the employment of Veronica Sefchick, as a Substitute Clerk Typist, on an "as needed" basis, at the Central Office, effective January 16, 2014 through June 30, 2014. The rate of pay is $20.00 per hour.

Approve the employment of Natalie Senatore, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, in the full day Preschool Disabled Class, in the morning session, per the student's IEP, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective January 21, 2014 through June 30, 2014. The rate of pay is $16.16 (Step 1) per hour.

Job Reassignment — **Job Reassignment**
Approve the reassignment of Luz Doran, a full-time Staff Assistant, as a l:1, in Grade 4, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School to a full-time Staff Assistant, as a 1:1, per the student's IEP, in Grade 3, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective January 2, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

Superior Attendance Stipend — **Superior Attendance**
Approve the appropriate stipend indicated on the attached list for the Mechanics that have had superior attendance for the period of July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

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

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

1. **Be It Resolved** the Rockaway Township Board of Education adopts the district curriculum and textbooks, as per the attached, per the most recent published Core Curriculum Standards for the 2014-2015 school year. — **Curriculum & Textbooks**

2. **Be It Resolved** the Rockaway Township Board of Education adopts the district Five-Year Curriculum Cycle, as per the attached, for the 2014-2015 school year. **5-Yr Curriculum**

3. Approve Vanessa Waxman, CMS Educational Technologist, to prepare and present two workshops in the afterschool Teacher Academy for a total of 12 hours at the current rate: **Wk Shop Presenter**

   - Welcome BlendSpace Workshop on February 19, 2014
   - Preparing for PARCC Assessments While Integrating Technology Workshop on February 26, 2014

   Explanation: As per the RTEA Contract.

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

Administration

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

1. Authorize acceptance of tuition students from other districts into our special education program for the 2013-2014 school year: **Incoming Sp Ed**

Pupils/BOE	Class Enrolled	Tuition Rate
#1018 Denville	Autistic	$24,663.00 + (2) PT Aides
#142 Montville	Preschool Disabilities (full-day program)	$17,412.00 + (2) PT Aides & (1) extra speech

   Explanation: Cost of aides and additional services to be paid by sending district.

2. Authorize student in the following out-of-district placement for the 2013-2014 school year: **Outgoing Sp Ed**

Pupil/School	Tuition Rate
#197 Calais School	$38,275.00 ($306.20 per diem)

3. Authorize an aide for student #18, attending Children's Therapy Center, at $100.00 per diem for the 2013-2014 school year. **Sp Ed Aide**

   Explanation: Beginning January through June 2014, actual start date TBD.

4. Approve the Update to the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials. **MOM**

   Explanation: Agreement between the Board of Education and Law Enforcement to work together as co-equal partners to address school safety, security, alcohol and drug problems, bullying, and other crimes, as they relate to school-age children.

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

Finance

Mrs. Maluszczak commented when she was reviewing invoices the Auditor add on's to original contract stood out. She is happy we are going out for an RFP (Request for Proposals).

Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mr. Press to approve the following finance recommendations.

Travel

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).

   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.

Bills

2. Authorize payment of the January bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

   Authorize payment of the January Cafeteria bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

   Authorize payment of the January Student Activity 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.

Grants

3. Accept a grant of $500.00 from Montcair State University Network for Educational Renewal.

   Explanation: Teachers Jennifer Carpenter, Kathleen Nangle, Tara Van Orden, Elyse Webster, and Maria Whelan received their grant for a Teacher Study Group Proposal titled "C.O.R.E. Classroom."

4. Accept a grant of $500.00 from Montcair State University Network for Educational Renewal.

   Explanation: Gina Parisi and Carole Abilo received their grant to conduct a Teacher Study Group, "Conversation Matters." They are expected to present their work at the 2014 MSUNER Summer Conference on June 27, 2014.

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

Old Business

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Mrs. Salny reported that the Demographer has not returned calls and what do we do? Dr. Kurland will try reaching out to him. Consider adding Morris Commons, how much will this cost?

Mrs. Chabala question if information was gathered regarding Kindergarten – 1st Grade transfers in-students.

Mr. Giarratano suggested after work session to discuss options and then allow the Public to make comments at end of work session and reminded everyone that there are four (4) goals and twenty-two (22) initiatives and they all need to be reviewed. Post on website with details of what will occur, email people on Superintendent's list.

New Business

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Mr. Chabala reported from Council meeting there will be a special showing at AMC Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00 PM of "Monuments Men." For WWII veterans tickets call 973-983-2848 must be brought in.

Mrs. Salny attended the Copeland concert and it was very well attended, it was a great concert. Copeland is one of three middle schools in New Jersey that has a steel band.

There was a change in the Annual Notice for October. The October 15th meeting is changed to Monday, October 20th.

Parent Academies to continue January 21st at 9:00 AM and January 28th at 7:00 PM. Each elementary school will do their own "Family Life" presentation in February.

Family Outreach program on January 23rd by Debbie Cramer.

Mr. Giarratano thanked Dr. Kurland for being President and Mrs. Maluszczak for being Vice President, Dr. Kurland is ready and he will be a great leader of the Board. He listens, does not dismiss and always remains objective. Thank you.

Adjourn to Ex Session

Motion made by Frank, seconded by Mr. Press that the meeting stand adjourned at 9:25 PM and return to Executive Session for personnel issues.

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

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chabala that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 11:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere

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Board Secretary