REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 14, 2011

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at 4:40 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Mr. Giarratano, Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Power, Mrs. Salny, Mr. West arrived at 5:30 PM, Mr. Puzio arrived at 5:55 PM and Dr. Friedberger arrived at 6:10 PM.

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. Power, seconded by Mr. Giarratano 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 and legal 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 Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Jackson that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:03 PM
Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:04 PM Also present were 16 visitors and no members of the press.

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

Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Puzio to open the public session of the meeting at 7:05 PM.

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

Resident pointed out one non-sitting Board Candidate present at the meeting.

Resident addressed parking at the Administration Building and Administration Building staff attendance on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday last week. Dr. Vitta and Dr. Verbist responded to the Resident's question.

Resident addressed budget presentation addressed staff reductions. Dr. Vitta addressed projected class sizes and staff redistribution.

Motion by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Salny to close the public session of the meeting at 7:14 PM.

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

Correspondence

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Friedberger addressed the GRC ruling on the Thomas E. Doty vs. Rockaway Township Board of Education GRC Case 2011-37. He read the GRC response into the record.

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

Dana Taboadela	Re: March 29, 2011
Alicia	Re: March 29, 2011
Nicholas Sultzbach	Re: March 31, 2011
RTSEPAC	Re: April 1, 2011
Holly Lenhardt	Re: April 4, 2011
Richard l. Oller	Re: April 14, 2011

Approve Minutes

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Giarratano to approve the minutes of March 28, 2011.
Mr. Giarratano abstained because he had a question on the minutes.

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

Supt Report

The following information was presented by the Superintendent in his report:
Dr. Vitta addressed the 2011-2012 budget presented to the Public. He addressed the economic impact on the Community. He addressed the negative impact of a defeated budget.

Dr. Friedberger addressed comments from the Public on cutting too much.

Dr. Vitta addressed the PTA budget presentations.

Informational Items:

- Enrollment – March
- Fire/Security/Evacuation Drills – March
- Nurses' Report – March
- Stony Brook Outlook – March
- Parent-To-Parent – April

BA Report

The following was presented by the Business Administrator in his report:
Dr. Verbist provided a report on the facilities – solar, roof repairs, and security cameras.

Dr. Vitta reviewed the various projects that Administration has accomplished over the past few years.

Mr. Giarratano thanked Mrs. Power for continuing to push for solar in our schools.

Committee Reports

Board Communications Committee

Mr. Giarratano addressed the communications and addressed the next document.

Mr. Giarratano asked why the Communications Committee is the only identified report. Dr. Friedberger addressed the rationale.

Negotiations Committee
Mr. Jackson indicated that the Negotiation Committee has nothing to report.

Curriculum Committee
Dr. Friedberger reported on the agenda items which came out of the last Curriculum Committee report. He highlighted student portfolio process.

Mrs. Salny addressed the Spanish program curriculum.

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. West to approve the following personnel recommendations.

Extended Leave

Extended Leave of Absence
Approve an extended leave of absence for Judith Faulkner, full-time Academic Intervention Teacher at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, with pay, effective April 11, 2011 through April 19, 2011. (Mrs. Faulkner is expected to return to work on April 20, 2011).

Extended Leave Replacement

Extended Leave Replacement Assignment
Approve an extended leave replacement assignment for Sandra Bornemann, replacing Judith Faulkner, full-time Academic Intervention Teacher, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective April 11, 2011 through April 19, 2011. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

Leave

Leave of Absence
Approve a leave of absence for Lisa Solomon, full-time Resource Room Teacher, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, with pay, effective May 16, 2011 through June 22, 2011. (Mrs. Solomon is expected to return to work on September 1, 2011).

Leave Replacement

Leave Replacement Assignment
Approve a leave replacement assignment for Katie Serraino, replacing Kimberly Manriquez, full-time Behavioral Disabilities Teacher, at the Stony Brook School, effective April 18, 2011 through June 22, 2011. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

Summer CST

Reemployment/2011 Summer Child Study Teams
Approve the reemployment of the following individual to conduct summer evaluations for the 2011 Summer Child Study Team:

Tracey Webb Speech Language Specialist

The rate of pay per the February 24, 2011 vacancy notice is as follows:

Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists and Speech/Language Specialists will receive $176.00 per evaluation, $90.00 for attending first eligibility and IEP meeting, $30.00 for subsequent meetings on the same date.

Note – Rates subject to change due to possible 2011-2012 contract ratification.

Resignation

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Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Paula Ast, full-time Grade 7 Guidance Counselor at the Copeland Middle School, effective July 1, 2011.

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

Job Reassignments

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Approve the job reassignment of Lata Chawla, from a part-time Staff Assistant in the Pre-School Disabilities Class, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, to a full-time Staff Assistant in the Pre-School Disabilities Class, in the morning and afternoon sessions, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective April 11, 2011, for the 2010-2011 school year. The prorated annual salary will be $16,665.00 (Step 8).

Approve the job reassignment of Maida Davidson, from a part-time Staff Assistant in the Pre-School Disabilities Class, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, to a full-time Staff Assistant in the Pre-School Disabilities Class, in the morning and afternoon sessions, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective April 11, 2011, for the 2010-2011 school year. The prorated annual salary will be $19,245.00 (Step 14).

Approve the job reassignment of Allison Friedel, from a part-time Staff Assistant in the Pre-School Disabilities Class, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, to a full-time Staff Assistant in the Pre-School Disabilities Class, in the morning and afternoon sessions, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective April 11, 2011, for the 2010-2011 school year. The prorated annual salary will be $15,975.00 (Step 1).

Approve the job reassignment of Carol Longfellow, from a part-time Staff Assistant in the Pre-School Disabilities Class, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, to a full-time Staff Assistant in the Pre-School Disabilities Class, in the morning and afternoon sessions, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective April 11, 2011, for the 2010-2011 school year. The prorated annual salary will be $16,175.00 (Step 4).

Approve the job reassignment of Cynthia Wassmuth, from a part-time Staff Assistant in the Resource Room, Grade 2, per the student's IEP, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, to a full-time Staff Assistant, in the Pre-School Disabilities Class, in the morning session, per the student's IEP, and the afternoon session, in the Resource Room, per the student's IEP, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective April 11, 2011, for the 2010-2011 school year. The prorated annual salary will be $15,975.00 (Step 1).

Explanation: Increased enrollment.

Leave

Leave of Absence
Approve a leave of absence for Lynn Schoner, full-time Staff Assistant in the Multiply Disabled Class at the Katharine D. Malone School, without pay, effective April 11, 2011 through April 21, 2011. (Mrs. Schoner is expected to return to work on April 25, 2011).

Resignations

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Approve the resignation of Pam Melyan-Bratton, part-time Staff Assistant for the Resource Room, per the student's IEP at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective May 9, 2011.

Approve the resignation of Danielle Schmidt, part-time Staff Assistant for the Resource Room, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective April 18, 2011.

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

Curriculum/Instruction

Mrs. Salny asked questions on film and asked Dr.Grefe to report on the film "Race To Nowhere The Dark Side of America's Achievement Culture." Dr. Friedberger thanked Mrs. Taboadela for her email review of the movie. Mrs. Salny suggested opening it up to all sending districts in the Regional. Various Board Members provided comments and suggestions. Various Members of the Public commented on the film and the process.

Revised/Updated Curricula

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

Approve the following *revised/updated* curricula:

Spanish I Curriculum Grades 6, 7 & 8
Art Curriculum Grades 6, 7 & 8
Writing Portfolios *Procedures* Grades K-8

Explanation: As per the districts Five-Year Curriculum Cycle.

In-service Credits

Approve one (1) in-service credit to the following staff members who completed "Discovery Education in the Elementary Classroom," March 2011:

Dawn Frauenpreis
Patricia Glikman
Vanessa Greenwald
Janet Moran
Gina Parisi
Suzanne Pollack Fox
Wendy Masterbone
Kathleen Nangle
Katherine Rasmussen
Terry Suleski
Pamela Tanner

$100.00 Line of Incentive

Patricia Ochs
Joanne Straut

Student Teachers

Approve Cindy Soto, Montclair State University as a student teacher at the Catherine A. Dwyer School April thru May 2011.

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Approve Stephanie Vaglio graduate student at William Patterson internship with LDTC summer staff.

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Approve Melissa Burrows, East Stroudsburg student to observe at the Birchwood School.

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Approve Kristin A. Wilhelm, Montclair State as student teacher in Dwyer for September 2011.

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Approve Ashley Marsden, a Seton Hall University student, to observe Michele Ruff, School Nurse, at Birchwood School on April 18, 2011.

Explanation: Requirement for completion of her BSN Nursing Degree.

Race to Nowhere

Approve Reel Link Films LLC "Licensor" to view the film "Race To Nowhere The Dark Side of America's Achievement Culture at Copeland Middle School on May 16th at 7:00 PM.

Explanation: As per the district's Parent Outreach Programs

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

Finance

Mr. Jackson asked about why the car bid is being rescinded. Dr. Verbist responded.

Motion made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Puzio to approve the following finance recommendations.

Bills

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

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

Authorize payment of the April 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.

Travel

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).

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.

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

Old Business

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Mrs. Salny and Dr. Friedberger commented on the Middle School play.

New Business

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Mr. Giarratano addressed an issue with healthcare company responses. Dr. Vitta addressed the process/procedures to appeal.

Mr. Giarratano addressed questions on High School articulation. He asked Dr. Grefe to respond on articulation. Dr. Grefe provided a brief overview of the articulation in Literature. Dr. Vitta provided additional comments on the process. Mrs. Salny provided additional comments on the process and the needs of the communities in the region.

Mrs. Salny addressed security on Election Day. Dr. Verbist addressed the procedures.

Dr. Friedberger addressed a letter from the President of the Rockaway Township Girls Softball Program asking for permission to install a fence along the first base line. The Board asked Dr. Verbist to look into the request and report back to the Board.

Mrs. Salny addressed the Morris Commons project. She highlighted the Board's strong letter to the Adjustment Board. Dr. Friedberger read into the record a letter sent by Dr. Verbist to the Rockaway Township Adjustment Board. Dr. Verbist provided additional information on the proposed development. Mr. Giarratano reported on the April 12, 2011 Adjustment meeting.

Dr. Vitta discussed testing in New Jersey Schools.

Dr. Friedberger acknowledged Mrs. Power's contributions to the Board and Community. The Board members presented Mrs. Power with flowers and a gift. Mrs. Power addressed the Public and thanked the Board and Public for the recognition.

Dr. Friedberger encouraged people to vote on April 27, 2011.

The Board reorganization will be on May 4, 2011.

Motion made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Salny that the meeting stand adjourned at

Adjournment

8:24 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,



DR. JAMES P. VERBIST
Board Secretary