REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 5, 2015

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, 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: Mr. Babcock, Mrs. Chirico, Mrs. Helbourg, Mrs. Maluszczak, Mrs. Salny, and Dr. Kurland. Mrs. Chabala was absent.

Motion by Mrs. Chirico, 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. Salny, 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 6:08 PM.

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:45 PM Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:46 PM. Present were 7 visitors and 1 member of the press.

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

Motion by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Chirico to open the public session of the meeting.

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

Member of the public had busing issue questions.

Motion by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mr. Babcock , 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:

James Haag	Re: Middle School Sports
John Hong	Re: Registration in School District
Jessica Taylor	Re: Available Positions

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Chirico, seconded by Mrs. Salny, to approve the minutes of July 11, 2015.

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

Motion by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Salny, to approve the minutes of July 15, 2015.

Roll Call Vote on above, Mrs. Chirico abstained, all others present voting yes, motion so carried.

The following information was presented by the Superintendent in his report: **Supt. Report**
Dr. McGann reported there were no new HIB investigations.

Dr. McGann continues to fill open staff positions. New teacher orientation to be held on August 26, 2015.
The 2015-16 school calendar was revised due to PARCC testing, to be approved August 5, 2015.

The following information was present by the Business Administrator in her report: **BA Report**
Mrs. Palmiere gave an update on district projects.

Committee Reports

Communications/ Technology **Comm./ Tech. Committee**
Mr. Graber is evaluating infrastructure, inventory, and new technology options.

Negotiations
RTEA has reached a tentative agreement; memorandum of agreement has been signed. **Negotiations Committee**
Mrs. Salny extended a thank you to the RTEA negotiations team.

Special Education
Committee meeting will be scheduled shortly.

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 Mrs. Chirico, to approve the following personnel recommendations.

1. **Employment** **Employment**
Approve the employment of the following staff member to attend 2015 summer Child Study Team meetings, on an as needed basis. Attendance at Identification Meetings (planning evaluation meetings) and Eligibility Conferences/IEP Meetings (counted as one meeting when held back to back on the same day) will be paid at the rate of $90.00 for the first meeting attended on any given day and $30.00 for any subsequent meetings on the same day.

Denise Glew

Explanation: The NJ Administrative Code (6A:14-2.3 (k) (2) requires the attendance of general and/or special education teachers at IEP meetings. Staff member was required to attend mediation meeting for student #210.

Approve the employment of Kaitlin Jarvie, as a full-time Learning/Language Disabled Teacher, at the Birchwood School, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The annual salary will be *$54,470.00 BA (Step 2). (Miss Jarvie holds Standard Certificates as an Elementary School Teacher in Grades K through 6 and as a Teacher of Students with Disabilities). (Miss Jarvie is replacing Mrs. Di-Paolo-Hack).

Approve the employment of Cheryl Verchinski, as a part-time Academic Intervention Teacher, at 19.50 hours per week, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The annual prorated salary will be *$36,671.00 MA (Step 9). (Mrs. Verchinski holds Standard Certificates as an Elementary School Teacher and as a Teacher of Spanish). (Mrs. Verchinski is replacing Mrs. Bornemann).

*(Salary is frozen at the 2014-2015 level until ratification of the 2015-2016 contract).

2. **Job Description**
Approve the revised job description entitled, "District Articulator," D-15.

Job Description

3. **Leave Replacement Assignment**
Approve a leave replacement assignment for Kathleen Gallagher, replacing Tara Rinko, a full-time Art Teacher, at the Catherine A. Dwyer and Stony Brook Schools, effective September 1, 2015 through October 30, 2015. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

Leave Replacement

4. **Reassignments**
Approve the reassignment of Michael Bernstein, a leave replacement assignment for Kathleen Adams, at the Copeland Middle School to a full-time Grade 7 Math Teacher, at the Copeland Middle School, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The annual salary will be *$55,720.00 BA+30 (Step 1). (Mr. Bernstein holds Certificates of Eligibility with Advance Standing as an Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6, as an Elementary School Teacher with Subject Matter Specialization: Social Studies in Grades 5-8 and as an Elementary School Teacher with Subject Matter Specialization: Mathematics in Grades 5-8). (Mr. Bernstein is replacing Mrs. Ollo).

Reassignments

Approve the reassignment of Christina Murden, a part-time Resource Room/Pull Out Teacher, for Grades 1 and 2, at the Stony Brook School to a full-time Grade 4 Inclusion Teacher at the Stony Brook School, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The annual salary will be *$54,470.00 BA (Step 1). (Miss Murden holds Provisional Certificates as a Teacher of Students with Disabilities and as an Elementary School Teacher for Grades K-6). (Ms. Murden is replacing Ms. Sylvester).

*(Salary is frozen at the 2014-2015 level until ratification of the 2015-2016 contract).

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

Employment

Approve the employment of Rebecca Burrows, as a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the student's IEP, in Grade 5, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The rate of pay is *$16.51 (Step 1) per hour. (Miss Burrows is replacing Mrs. Doran).

Approve the employment of Trelane Clark, as a part-time Staff Assistant, at 18.50 hours per week, in the Resource Room, in Grade 5, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The rate of pay is *$16.51 (Step 1) per hour.

Approve the employment of Alexandra Major, as a full-time Staff Assistant, per the student's IEP, in Grade 2, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The annual salary will be *$17,140.00 (Step 1). (Miss Major is replacing Mr. Fratella).

*(Salary is frozen at the 2014-2015 level until ratification of the 2015-2016 contract).

Employment

Leave of Absence

Approve a leave of absence for Diane Fusco, a full-time Guidance Secretary, at the Copeland Middle School, with pay, effective August 11, 2015 through August 18, 2015. (Mrs. Fusco is expected to return to work on August 19, 2015).

Leave

Reassignments

Approve the reassignment of Michelle Grilk, a part-time Receptionist, at the Central Office to a part-time general Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The rate of pay will be *$16.91 (Step 2) per hour. (Mrs. Grilk is replacing Mrs. Gobran).

Reassignments

Approve the reassignment of Susan Ritz, as a part-time Staff Assistant, per the student's IEP, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School to a part-time Staff Assistant, per the student's IEP, in the Multiple Disabilities Class, at the Copeland Middle School, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Approve the reassignment of Stephanie Tobias, as a part-time Staff Assistant, per the student's IEP, at the Stony Brook School to a part-time Staff Assistant, per the student's IEP, in the Autistic Class, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

*(Salary is frozen at the 2014-2015 level until ratification of the 2015-2016 contract).

Resignation

Approve the resignation, of Vincent Czachorowski, a Bus Driver, for the Transportation Department, effective July 1, 2015.

Salaries

Approve the salaries for the staff under the Miscellaneous Unit, for the 2015-2016 school year, as per the attached list.

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

Curriculum/Instruction

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

1. Approve the annual renewal contract with Interactive Achievement to provide the web based student assessment program "onTrac" for students at Copeland Middle School, at a fee of $14,212.00.

2. Approve salary and stipends funded with NCLB FY15-16 Grant as follows:

TEACHER	GRADE/POSITION	LOCATION	STIPEND	% FUNDED
Barbara McFadden	Title III Family Literacy Tchr	CAD	$44.00 pr hr	100%TitleIII
Bryon Pinajan	Title III Family Literacy Tchr	CAD	$44.00 pr hr	100%TitleIII
Jerelyn Hurley	Title III Summer School Tchr	Lincoln	$3,520.00	100%TitleIII

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

3. Approve Mandy Thomas to conduct TREX² Parent Nights to be held on two separate evenings, not to exceed a total of five (5) hours, at the contracted rate.

Explanation: Per RTEA contract.

4. Approve the Kindergarten English Language Arts Curriculum.

Explanation: As aligned to the 2015 NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards.

5. Approve the Kindergarten Math Curriculum.

Explanation: As aligned to the 2015 NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards.

6. Approve the Kindergarten Science Curriculum.

Explanation: As aligned to the 2015 NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards.

7. Approve the Kindergarten Social Studies Curriculum.

Explanation: As aligned to the 2015 NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards.

8. Approve Scott Credido and Cynthia Trisuzzi as instructors for the summer Safety Town Program which ran from July 6th to July 17th, for an additional 10 hours each, at the current contracted rate.

Explanation: Amendment to June 22nd approval.

No Public comment.

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

Resignation

Salaries

"onTrac"program

NCLB Grant Salaries/Stipends

TREX Parent Nights

Curriculum Approvals

Safety Town

Administration

Motion by Dr. Kurland, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak to separate the following motion.

9. Approve the purchase of IRLA (Independent Reading Level Assessment) at a cost of $102,400.00 from American Reading Company to serve as the reading program for Kindergarten and Grade One. **IRLA**

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

1. Authorize a contract between Learning Tree Multicultural/Multilingual Evaluation and Consulting, Inc. and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct bi-lingual Hindi Educational, Psychological and Speech/Language Evaluations, on an as needed basis, for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of $750.00 per evaluation. **Learning Tree Contracts**

   Explanation: The Rockaway Township Child Study team does not provide this service

2. Authorize a contract between Learning Tree Multicultural/Multilingual Evaluation and Consulting, Inc. and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct bi-lingual Spanish Educational, Psychological and Speech/Language Evaluations, on an as needed basis, for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of $700.00 per evaluation.

   Explanation: The Rockaway Township Child Study team does not provide this service

3. Authorize a contract between Tiny Tots Therapy, Inc. and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide Occupational Therapy or Physical Therapy services at a rate of $88.00 per hour or Speech Services at a rate of $90.00 per hour, on an as needed basis, for the 2015-2016 school year. **Tiny Tots Therapy Contracts**

   Explanation: To provide professional support services for students that cannot be provided by district personnel, as per student's IEP.

4. Authorize a contract between Tiny Tots Therapy, Inc. and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct the following independent evaluations, on an as needed basis, for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of:

   $300.00 per Educational or Psychological evaluation
   $275.00 per Occupational Therapy evaluation or Physical Therapy evaluation
   $325.00 per Speech evaluation
   $400.00 per Bi-lingual Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy or Psychological evaluation.

   Explanation: For provision of independent evaluations, when necessary.

5. Authorize a contract between The Calais School and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct the following independent evaluations, on an as needed basis, for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of $500.00 per educational evaluation, $500.00 per psychological evaluation, $475.00 per social evaluation, $475.00 per speech/language evaluation, and $350.00 per occupational therapy evaluation. **Calais School Contract**

   Explanation: For provision of independent evaluations, when necessary.

6. Rescind registration authorizing the Rockaway Township Board of Education to be the lead agency in the Central Morris Cooperative Pricing System (32-CENMCP), effective May 31, 2016. **Central Morris Coop**

   Explanation: Due to fuel pricing district will get their fuel through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council.

7. Approve the revised 2015-2016 School Year Calendar. **Calendar**

   Explanation: Revised PARCC testing dates and Catherine A. Dwyer Back-to-School Night.

8. Authorize a contract with the Rockaway Township Board of Education and Melissa Donofrio, M.A.,BCBA, a.k.a Partners In Development, LLC. to create a behavioral intervention plan for a special education student at a rate of $450.00 and to provide a 3-hour (minimum) on-site training session for an additional $350.00 per session. If additional training sessions are needed, the rate will be $125.00 per hour. Additional services, on an as needed basis, including but not limited to plan revision, program writing, attendance at IEP meetings, off site supervision, assessments, etc., at a rate of $125.00 per hour.

Spec. Ed. Contract

Explanation: As needed per Students' IEPs.

10. **Be It Resolved** that the Board approves the Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims in the matter of OAL Docket no: EDS 3903-2015 and 10258-2015

Legal Settlement

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

Finance

Motion made by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Salny 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. **Be It Resolved** that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the preliminary Report of the Secretary and Report of Appropriations, and Report of the Treasurer, for the period ending June 30, 2015, and

Board Secr. Report

Be It Further Resolved that this Budget does not include any unapproved appropriations or moneys.

Be It Resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education acknowledges that Donnamarie Palmiere, Board Secretary, certifies the following statement:

Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)(3) and (4), I, Donnamarie Palmiere, Board Secretary, certify that no budgetary line items accounts are over appropriated nor over expended for the period ending June 30, 2015

Authorize June account transfers as submitted.

No Public comment

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

Policy

Motion made by Mrs. Helbourg, seconded by Mr. Babcock to approve the following policy recommendations.

1. Approve the second reading of the following amended policies:

Second Readings

5305	Health Services Personnel
5306	Health Services to Nonpublic Schools
5308	Student Health Records
5310	Health Services
5339	Screening for Dyslexia
8462	Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children

First Readings

2. Approve the first reading of the following policies:

0134	Board Self Evaluation
0152	Board Officers
2622	Student Assessment
3218	Substance Abuse
4218	Substance Abuse
8630	Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility

No Public comment.

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

Old Business

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None.

New Business

New Business

The following committee meetings were scheduled:
Policy - September 8, October 6, and November 2, 2015 at 6:00pm.
Communications/Technology - September 10, 2015 at 6:00

Mrs. Salny requested that an alert be sent that the calendar has changed.

Suggestion that a Technology section be added to the website for new ideas – and possibly a presentation at Board Meeting on website navigations.

No Public comment.

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chirico that the meeting stand adjourned at 9:00 PM and to return to Executive Session for personnel issues, action may be taken following Executive Session.

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

Return to Public Session at 10:00pm.

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by. Mr. Babcock to approve the following administrative recommendation.

IRLA

9. Approve the purchase of IRLA (Independent Reading Level Assessment) at a cost of $102,400.00 from American Reading Company to serve as the reading program for Kindergarten and Grade One.

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

Public Comment

Public Comment
Staff member wanted to know when IRLA will be offered to second grade and when will professional development be offered?

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chirico that the meeting stand adjourned at 10:30 PM. and to return to Executive Session for personnel issues.

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chirico that the meeting stand adjourned at 11:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DONNAMARIE PALMIERE
Board Secretary