REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 21, 2013

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2013, at 6:15 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Mrs. Chabala, Dr. Friedberger, Dr. Kurland, Mrs. Maluszczak, Mr. Puzio, Mrs. Salny, and Mr. Giarratano.

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 Dr. Friedberger, seconded by Mrs. Chabala 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 6:17 PM.

Motion made by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Dr. Kurland that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 6:37 PM
Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 6:37 PM. Also present were 8 visitors and no members of the press.

Mr. Giarratano reopened the regular business meeting of the Board with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Dr. Kurland, 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 wanted assurance that a security plan for the district is in place.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Dr. Kurland to close the public session of the meeting.

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

COMMUNICATIONS — **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence received for the Board since the last meeting.

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

Dr. Grefe discussed the following:
District Goals.
Demographic Study
Dr. Grefe reviewed a listing for the Instructional Coordinator Position.
There will be a meeting on August 28 at 6:00 PM with the Township on Shared Services.
There was no HIB report this evening.
This is the last year for the Calendar/Parent Handbook. Next year it will be available online.

Informational Item:
Fire Drills – Summer **(Addendum 6a)**

The following was presented by the Business Administrator in her report:
Mrs. Palmiere had no report this evening.

The following actions were taken during the Regular Meeting of the Board:
Personnel

The Superintendent of Schools recommends actions on the following certificated personnel: **Separate Motions**
Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Puzio to separate motion #5.

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

Motion by Dr. Friedberger, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to separate motion #4.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Puzio to approve the following personnel recommendations.

1. **Employment** **Employment**
Approve the employment of Sarah Herzenberg, as a full-time School Psychologist, for the district, effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The annual salary will be $56,267.00 BA+30 (Step 4). (Ms. Herzenberg holds a Standard Certificate as a School Psychologist). (Ms. Herzenberg is replacing Mrs. Serviss).

2. **Leave Replacement Assignments** **Leave Replacements**
Approve the leave replacement assignment for Holly Bracken, replacing Kerry Cron, a full-time Speech Language Specialist, at the Birchwood School, effective September 3, 2013 through November 22, 2013. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

Approve the leave replacement assignment for Emanuela Carannante, replacing Kimberly Landers, a full-time Grade 3 Inclusion Teacher, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective October 1, 2013 through March 7, 2014. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

Approve the leave replacement assignment for Ashley DeCicco, replacing Marie Varcadipane for Patricia Laiacona, a full-time Grade 7 Language Arts Teacher, at the Copeland Middle School, effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The salary will be $53,217.00 BA (Step 1).

3. **Reemployment** **Reemployment**
Approve the reemployment of Colleen Sweeney, as a part-time Resource Room Teacher, for Grades K-2, at 19.50 hours per week, at the Stony Brook School, effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The annual salary will be $31,094.00 BA (Step 2). (This is a new position).

6. **Stipend Positions** **Stipends**
Approve the stipend positions on the attached list of certificated staff for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

Employment **Employment**
Approve the employment of Patrick Andrews, as a contractual Bus Driver, for the Transportation Department, effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The rate of pay is $18.00 per hour. (Mr. Andrews is replacing Mrs. Ferfecki).

Approve the employment of James Del Greco, as a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, as a l.1 for the morning session, in Grade 2, per the student's IEP, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The rate of pay is $16.16 (Step 1) per hour. (Mr. Del Greco is replacing Ms. Grilk).

Approve the employment of Jennifer Hantis, as a full-time Staff Assistant, in the autistic class, per the student's IEP, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The annual salary will be $16,750.00 (Step 1). (Ms. Hantis is replacing Mr. Conlon).

Approve the employment of Armando Ramirez, as a contractual Bus Driver, for the Transportation Department, effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The rate of pay is $18.00 per hour. (Mr. Ramirez is replacing Mrs. Ackerman).

Job Reassignment — **Job Reassignment**

Approve the job reassignment of Andrea DeFilippo, a part-time 10 month (22 hour per week), Clerk Typist (Grade II), at the Catherine A. Dwyer School to a full-time 12 month Administrative Assistant (Grade VII), at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The annual prorated salary will be $47,880.00. (Mrs. DeFilippo is replacing Mrs. Bruseo).

Revised Salary — **Revised Salary**

Approve the revised salary for the following non-certificated staff member:

	From	To
Judite Wallin	$42,000.00 (Prorated)	$47,103.00 (Prorated)
Effective January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013.		
Judite Wallin	$42,819.00	$48,021.00

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

Motion by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to approve the following personnel recommendation.

5. **Revised Job Description** — **Revised Job Description**

Approve the attached revised job description entitled, "Instructional Coordinator," D-24.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendation, Mrs. Salny voting no, all others present voting yes, motion so carried.

Motion by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to approve the following personnel recommendation.

4. **Reemployment/Substitute Teachers** — **Reemployment Subs**

Approve the reemployment of the county and state certified Substitute Teachers for the 2013-2014 school year as per the attached lists.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendation, Dr. Friedberger abstaining, all others present voting yes, motion so carried.

Administration

Motion made by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mr. Puzio to approve the following administrative recommendations.

1. Authorize a parental contract for non-aided subscription busing for the following students, for the 2013-2014 school year: — **Subscription Busing**

   #182 - $442.00 (one-way)
   #132 - $442.00 (one-way)

   Explanation: Drop off out of home school's district not entitled to busing.

2. Rescind the acceptance of the following tuition student into our special education program for the 2013-2014 school year: — **Rescind Sp Ed Into District**

	Pupil/BOE	Class Enrolled	Tuition Rate
#1012	Hanover	Autistic	$24,663.00

   Explanation: Sending district found a placement closer to home.

Finance

Motion made by Dr. Kurland, seconded by Mrs. Salny 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 August bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

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

   Authorize payment of August Student Activity bills, as approved by the Finance Committee.

   Authorize payment of August 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.

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

NJSBA Bd Self-Evaluation, District Goals

Mary Ann Friedman and Robynn Meehan from New Jersey School Boards Association met with the Board to facilitate the review of the compiled Board Self-Evaluation, develop Board Goals for the upcoming year and review the Strategic Plan calendar.

Old Business

Old Business

Dr. Kurland questioned the capacity from prior years on the Demographic Study. There will be a PDF on the website.

New Business

New Business

Mrs. Salny suggested at Back-To-School night the Principals need to mention to close the door behind and not let anyone in the schools.

Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Puzio that the meeting stand adjourned at 9:40 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 Mr. Puzio that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere

DONNAMARIE PALMIERE
Board Secretary