REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 15, 2016

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2016, at 6:07 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. Brookes, Mrs. Chabala, Mrs. Chirico, Mrs. Maluszczak, Mrs. Salny and Dr. Kurland.

Also present were Dr. Greg McGann, Superintendent of Schools and Jacqueline Storts, Assistant Superintendent.

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 "Open Public Meeting Act." No Board Member objected to the conduct of the meeting as advertised.

Motion made by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mr. Babcock 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 6:07 PM.

Motion made by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mr. Babcock 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 7:36 PM. Present were 9 visitors and no members of the press.

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

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

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

Dr. Monchar commented on individual pay negotiations.

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

John Lombardo Re: Tenure Question?

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chirico to approve the minutes of February 1 , 2016.

Roll Call Vote on above, Mr. Babcock abstained, all remaining present voting yes, motion so carried.

The following information was presented by the Superintendent in his report:

1. PARCC Presentation

2. Dr. McGann report there was 1 new HIB investigation Case #120 as confirmed.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak to affirm HIB Case #115 as confirmed, #116 as unconfirmed, #117 as unconfirmed, #118 as unconfirmed and #119 as unconfirmed.

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

3. Informational Items:
    - January Nurses Report
    - Field Trips for Approval

Dr. McGann Reported on the following:

- PARCC results
- Dr. Gene Pollis the interim principal visited KDM – The district received 86 applications and a committee will be picked to begin interview process.
- CST Director interview process will begin soon.
- RICE notification expands current law to require rice notices be distributed for any action taken regarding personnel on agenda. Staff will be alerted and will begin next meeting.
- Board Priorities
- Student teacher videotaping update - state requirement
- Nancy Reeves retirement-wished her all the best.

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

Mrs. Palmiere reported the following:

- Copland Middle School and Catherine A. Dwyer School libraries are complete.

Committee Reports

Education Committee-Discussed:

- Science and Social Studies Texts- Looking at online purchases'
- Grade 1 –Writers Workshop
- World Language K-4 – Working on a plan to enhance program
- Middle School sports – Mr. Gonnella wants to add cross country team next year.
- Move IRLA up into 4th & 5th grade next year
- Preliminary PARCC info
- Next meeting March 7 @ 5:30 pm

Policy Committee – meeting rescheduled for 2/21 @ 5 in CMS

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 Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak to approve the following personnel recommendations.

1. **Employment**

    Approve the courses, instructors and the individual rate of pay per quarter, indicated on th attached list, for the After School Programs, to be held at the Copeland Middle School, for the 2016-2017 school year.

    Explanation – These are activities that are paid per the RTEA contract.

2. **Increase in Hours/Salary Adjustment**

Approve the increase in hours/salary adjustment for Stacy Fremeth, a part-time Resource Room Teacher, at the Stony Brook School, from 19.50 hours per week to 26 hours per week, effective January 16, 2017 through June 30, 2017. The annual prorated salary will be $43,332.00 BA (Step 2).

3. **Leave Replacement Assignment**

Approve a leave replacement assignment for Stephanie Conway, replacing Yin Lam, a full-time School Psychologist, at the Dennis B. O'Brien and Copeland Middle Schools, effective February 16, 2016 through March 31, 2017. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

Approve a leave replacement assignment for Mavia Hankala, replacing Heather Allen, a full-time Art Teacher, at the Copeland Middle School, effective February 16, 2016 through April 7, 2017. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

4. **Resignation**

Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Nancy Reeves, a full-time Grade 4 Teacher, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective July 1, 2017.

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

Leave of Absence

Approve a leave of absence for Amy Olsen, a part-time office staff assistant, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, with pay, effective February 17, 2017 through March 3, 2017. (Ms. Olsen is expected to return to work on March 6, 2017).

Perfect Attendance

Approve payments for perfect attendance for the 2016-2017 school year, per the attached list for the bus drivers.

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

Curriculum/Instruction

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

1. Approve Ann Marie Arico and Nicole Parzero to present a Kindergarten Parent Information Night, to be held on an evening in April, for three (3) hours each, at the current RTEA contracted rate.

No Public comment.

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

Administration

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

Out of District Placement-2016-17 School Year

1. Authorize revision of student in the following out-of-district placement for the 2016-2017 School Year:

Student	School	Location	Tuition Rate
#184	Garden Academy	West Orange	1:1 aide $12,166.18 (73 days)

Bedside Instruction

2. Authorize a contract between Brookfield Schools/Summit Oaks Program and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide bedside instruction to district students for the 2016/2017 school year, on an as needed basis. The fee for tutorial services is $45.00 per hour. General education students are entitled to 5 hours per week of instruction and 10 hours per week for special education students.

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. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chirico 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).

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

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

   Authorize payment of the February Student Activity bills, as approved by the Finance Committ

   Authorize payment of the January & February unemployment bill, 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.

3. Approve Change Order #003 for a credit in the amount of $5,180.00 for the Partial Roof Replacement at Katharine D. Malone Elementary School.

   Explanation: Close out of project.

4. Approve Change Order #007 for demolition of piping and re-piping for the pumps in the south wing in the amount of $8,030.00 for the HVAC Upgrades at Birchwood Elementary School.

No Public comment

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

Policy

None

No Public comment.

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

Old Business

Mrs. Maluszczak asked when the 1/31 Superintendent Chat will be rescheduled?
LED Sign
Board Section of the Website needs updating
PARCC presentation needed an announcement

New Business

Mrs. Chirico and Mrs. Salny attended a NJSBA meeting with about 250 other board members and found some good ideas – presentations and discussions that led to reflections on how the board was being run and new possibilities for improvement.
Student achievement and how boards are showcasing student achievements.
Can we incorporate teachers and students into our board meetings?
What did we do in our board meeting to help our students?
Suggestions for meeting ideas (15-20 min presentation limit):

- Highlighting Curriculum
- Autism Awareness
- Novice Teacher
- Ukulele Presentation
- RTEA to come in
- Board Tour- travel to each school

Showcase Idea – all members agree and include curriculum piece
Meeting Formats – rotating locations every other month starting in September.
2 meetings a month one work session and one voting meeting.
Missions and Visions – more consistent quarterly update of goals and show public how things are going as it relates to goals and how they have been addressed.
Public participation-people were surprised at how many times we open to the public

Budget work session date -3/1/17 after regular business meeting.

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

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

Dr. Monchar commented the RTEA requests for new innovative programs.
Motion by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak to close the public session of the meeting.

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

Meeting moved into the Board Budget Workshop

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Babcock that the meeting stand adjourned at 10:33 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

DONNAMARIE PALMIERE
Board Secretary