REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 7, 2010

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at 6:12 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Mr. Giarratano, Mrs. Power, Mrs. Salny, Mr. West and Dr. Friedberger. Mr. Puzio arrived at 6:14 PM and Mr. Jackson was absent.

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 Mr. West 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 legal and negotiations, 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 Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mrs. Salny 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 were10 visitors and no members of the press.

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

Motion by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mr. West 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 discussed the tuition student. Dr. Verbist responded with the response.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Power to close the public session of the meeting 7:07 PM.

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

COMMUNICATIONS — **Correspondence**

Ted Doty	Re: Goals/Self-Evaluation
Save the Children	Re: Thank you
Ted Doty	Re: Writing Policy
Steve Gottlieb	Re: Thank you to Mr. Craig Wilson

APPROVE MINUTES — **Approve Minutes**

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Power to approve the minutes of August 25, 2010.

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

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

Dr. Vitta addressed the opening of school.

Dr. Vitta highlighted the newspaper articles in regard to our schools.

Dr. Grefe indicated that a TV station expressed interest in highlighting our district.

Dr. Grefe addressed the volunteerism program we are running to stimulate volunteering.

Informational Items:
Parent-To-Parent – September

The following was presented by the Business Administrator in his report: **BA Report**
Dr. Verbist reported on the non-residency.

Dr. Verbist recognized the Custodial/Maintenance Staff for an outstanding job this summer.

Dr. Verbist asked Mr. Giarratano to report on the Facilities Meeting and the Shared Services Committee Meeting.

Mr. Giarratano reviewed the options for solar at Copeland Middle School/Stony Brook School and reviewed the financial ramifications of the plan. Various Board Members discussed the concept. The Board as a whole was interested in the concept.

Mr. Giarratano addressed the joint Shared Services Committee meeting with the Township. He outlined the existing and proposed savings. Various Board Members addressed the concept.

Board Communications Committee **Communication Committee**
Mr. Giarratano addressed the Communication Committee Meeting scheduled for September 14, 2010.

Mr. Giarratano outlined the general goals of the Committee.

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. Power to approve the following personnel recommendations.

Job Reassignments **Job Reassignments**
Approve the job reassignments for certificated staff as per the attached list, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Leave of Absence **Leave of Absence**
Approve a leave of absence for Emily Basile, full-time 7th Grade Special Education Teacher at the Copeland Middle School, with pay, effective September 1, 2010 through October 13, 2010. (Mrs. Basile is expected to return to work on October 14, 2010).

Leave Replacement Assignment **Leave Replacement**
Approve a leave replacement assignment for Mary Ledyard, replacing Emily Basile, full-time 7th Grade Special Education Teacher at the Copeland Middle School, effective September 2, 2010 through October 13, 2010. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

Salary Adjustments **Salary Adjustments**
Approve a salary adjustment for the certificated staff indicated below effective September 1, 2010:

	From	To
Heather Bopp	$54,447.00 (BA Step 7)	$55,022.00 (BA+15 Step 7)
Ardith Collins	$55,597.00 (BA+30 Step 7)	$58,760.00 (MA+15 Step 7)
Dina Valente	$56,292.00 (BA+15 Step 8)	$59,455.00 (MA Step 8)

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

Employment/Bus Duty — **Employ Bus Duty**

Approve the employment of the Staff Assistants, indicated on the attached list, for working morning Bus Duty, held at the Copeland Middle School, to assist special education students, on an "as needed" basis, effective September 3, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay will be at the regular hourly rate.

Job Reassignments — **Job Reassignments**

Approve the job reassignment of Stephanie Pierce, from State Certified Substitute Teacher for the District to full-time Staff Assistant in the Resource Room, per the student's IEP, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective September 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The annual salary is $15,975.00 (Step 1). (Mrs. Pierce is replacing Mrs. Rafanelli).

Approve the job reassignment of Michelle Rafanelli, from full-time Staff Assistant in the Resource Room, per the student's IEP, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, to full-time Staff Assistant in the Pre-School Disabilities Class at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective September 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The annual salary is $16,075.00 (Step 2). (This is a new position due to increased enrollment).

Resignation — **Resignation**

Approve the resignation of Lori Leana as the Substitute Teacher Service (Coordinator) for the District, effective October 1, 2010. (Mrs. Leana will continue in her present position as a part-time Staff Assistant, in the office, at 17.50 hours per week, for the Copeland Middle School, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $16.73 (Step 4) per hour).

Revised Reemployment List — **Revised Reemployment**

Approve the revised reemployment list of the following non-certificated staff for the 2010-2011 school year as per the attached list:

Staff Assistants

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

Curriculum/Instruction

Mrs. Salny asked for clarification on staff sharing presentation fees. Dr. Grefe responded.

Mr. Giarratano asked questions on SRI & ETTC and Standards Solution, LLC. Dr. Grefe responded.

Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mr. West to approve the following curriculum/instruction recommendations.

Approve Lindsay Kania, Fairleigh Dickinson University, for field observation with Educational Support Specialist at Dennis O'Brien School for September 2010. — **Student Teachers**

Explanation: Requirement of degree.

Approve Amanda Appleby, Caldwell College, for Field Observation/Teacher Assistant September 13, 2010-November 30, 2010.

Explanation: Requirement of degree.

Approve Southern Regional Institute and Educational Technology Training Center (SRI & ETTC) to provide one (1) day of training for I&RS Team members at of fee for onsite services of $1,200.00. Fee will be covered by Title II Grant money. — **SRI & ETTC**

Explanation: As per the New Jersey Department of Education.

Approve Standards Solution, LLC for Professional Development for 2010-2011 school year for five (5) days Elementary Product Review and two (2) days Special Education Product Review. All fees will be covered by Title II Grant money — **Solution, LLC**

Explanation: As per the New Jersey Department of Education.

Presentation Hrs

Approve preparation time only for staff members for workshop presentations for Staff Development Days at the current rate, as per the attached list.

Explanation: As per RTEA contract.

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

Administration

Board raised questions on the tuition student. Dr. Verbist responded.

Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mrs. Power to approve the following administrative recommendations.

Tuition Student

Authorize placement of a Wharton Board of Education student in the autistic program at a tuition rate of $40,035.00 plus a one-to-one aide, for the 2010-2011 school year.

Explanation: Salary and benefits of aide to be paid by sending district.

Rescind De-enrollment

Rescind the de-enrollment of the following students: B.C, B.D., B.V., and D.Q.

Sp Ed Placements

Authorize placement of out-of-district tuition students in the following schools for the 2010-2011school year:

# of Pupils/School	Tuition Rate
1 Parks Lake School	$56,200.00
1 Regional Day school	$57,400.00 + F/T Aide $25,600.00 + OT, PT & Speech $96.00 per hr.

Rescind the placement and transportation of an out of district student to the Windsor School, for the 2010-2011 school year.

Explanation: Student has moved out of district.

Dr. Vogt

Approve Kimberly Vogt, Ph.D, BCBA-D to provide parent training/home based programming for a special education student for four (4) hours per week, at a rate of $150.00 per hour from September 14, 2010-February 14, 2011.

Explanation: Per student's IEP and Rockaway Township Child Student Team does not provide this service.

Amend Sp Ed Placement

Amend placement of an out-of-district tuition student from the Daytop School to Lakeland-Andover School, at a tuition rate of $49,500.00 or $275.00 per diem (to be prorated) for the 2010-2011 school year.

Explanation: Per student's IEP.

Subscription Busing

Authorize parental contract for non-aided subscription busing for the following students:

Zainab Dauda	$442.00 (PM only)
Nicholas and Julia Baranello	$884.00 (PM only)

Explanation: Students who reside within walking distance have an option to pay for busing by the district Transportation Department.

Amend Transportation

Amend transportation for an out-of-district student from Dayton School in Mendham to Lakeland-Andover School in Lafayette.

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

Finance

Dr. Friedberger noted Dr. Vitta's donation to Birchwood School.

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

Bd Secy Report

Be It Resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the Report of the Secretary and Report of Appropriations, and Report of the Treasurer, for the period ending July 31, 2010, and

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 Dr. James P. Verbist, Board Secretary, certifies the following statement:

Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)(3) and (4), I, Dr. James P. Verbist, Board Secretary, certify that no budgetary line items accounts are over appropriated nor over expended for the period ending July 31, 2010.

Transfers

Authorize account transfers as submitted.

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.

Donation

Approve the donation of furniture and accessories from Dr. Gary J. Vitta to be used in the district.

Explanation: Some of the donated furniture will be used in the Faculty Room at Birchwood School.

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

Policy

Dr. Friedberger highlighted the changes in the policies.

Suspend Policy

Dr. Friedberger addressed Policy 3517.5R1 and the suggestions to suspend the policy.

Motion by Dr. Friedberger, seconded by Mr. West to suspend Policy 3517.5.R1, Active Shooter Response.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Puzio to approve the following policy recommendation.

Policies

Approve the second reading of the following policies:

File Code: 3280	Gifts, Grants, Donations
File Code: 9326.1	Recording and Photographing of Public Meetings

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

Old Business

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Mrs. Salny addressed the Pay-for-Play concept. She encourages the Copeland Middle School Administration to address the fee schedule.

Mr. West attended the opening of school teacher meeting and he felt the staff was upbeat and a positive start was seen.

New Business

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Dr. Friedberger addressed a request from a local church to use a school for services while they build a church.

Dr. Verbist provided further information on the request, Board Policy and legal opinion.

Dr. Vitta addressed his concern regarding the request. Various Board Members addressed the request.

Dr. Friedberger recognized Dr. Grefe's birthday. The Board and Public sang "Happy Birthday" to Dr. Grefe.

Mr. West reported that Saturday is the Morris Hills/Morris Knolls game.

Public Discussion

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Motion by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Puzio to open the Public Session of the meeting at 8:06 PM.

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

Resident raised concerns over the financing of the solar plan.

Resident asked about wind turbine use in our schools.

Resident asked a question on Standard Solution, LLC. Dr. Grefe responded to the question.

Resident suggested that we interface with the Principal in Montville on the Active Shooter Policy.

Resident raised a question on five-year payback for solar.

Resident suggested parents transport students for the clubs to save money. Mrs. Salny responded to the question.

Motion by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Salny to close the Public Session of the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Show of hands Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mr. Puzio that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:26 PM

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

DR. JAMES P. VERBIST
Board Secretary