REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 19, 2011

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at 6:09 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. Kurland, Mr. Puzio, and Mrs. Salny. Mr. Jackson, Mr. West and Dr. Friedberger were 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 Mr. Puzio, 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, litigation, acquisition of real property, security, negotiations, receipt of governmental funds), 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. Puzio, seconded by Mr. Kurland that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:04 PM
Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:04 PM. Also present were 12 visitors and no members of the press.

Mrs. Salny opened the regular business meeting of the Board.

Motion by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mr. Kurland 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 raised a question on opening of meeting procedures.

Resident addressed reports of effluent issues at Katharine D. Malone.

Resident addressed advisor/adviser terminology.

Motion by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mr. Kurland to close the public session of the meeting at 7:07 PM.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence

Mrs. Salny advised those in attendance on the general topics for the correspondence.

Education Intelligence, Inc.	Re: October 5, 2011
Copeland Staff	Re: October 5, 2011
Copeland Staff	Re: October 14, 2011
Michele DiSanza & Jodi Grillo	Re: October 18, 2011

APPROVE MINUTES

Approve Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Kurland, seconded by Mr. Puzio to approve the minutes of October 5, 2011, as amended.

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

The following information was presented by the Superintendent in his report: **Supt Report**
Dr. Vitta reported on HIB occurrences since last meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mr. Kurland to approve the Superintendent's HIB report, as per the attached.

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

Dr. Vitta addressed the Superintendent Candidate interviews/tour.

Informational Items:
Enrollment – September
Fire/Security/Evacuation Drills – September
Nurses' Report – September
Substance Abuse Alliance Committee Minutes – September

BA Report

The following was presented by the Business Administrator in his report:
Dr. Verbist reported on the residency issues.

Dr. Verbist reported on the Stony Brook/Copeland Middle School solar project.

Board Communications Committee **Board Communications Committee**
Mr. Giarratano reported on the Board Blast for the Superintendent Candidacy Night.

Resident offered suggestions on improving the process.

Mr. Giarratano thanked the Public for their comments.

Mrs. Salny provided additional background to the process.

Negotiations Committee **Negotiations Committee**
RTEA mediation November 15, 2011.

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. Giarratano, seconded by Mr. Kurland to approve the following personnel recommendations.

Employment **Employment**
Approve the employment of Heather Miller, as the Assistant D.A.R.E. Day coordinator for the 2011-2012 school year. The stipend will be $400.00.

Approve the employment of the following staff member as a Home Instructor, on an "as needed" basis for the 2011-2012 school year, per contractual rate of pay:

Christine Ciampi

Explanation: Instructional staff necessary to provide Home Instruction, where needed.

Approve the employment of David Koenig to provide ABA Home Instruction to a special education student, per the student's IEP, from October 24, 2011 through February 24, 2012, for a total of 6 hours per week, plus 2 hours per week of ABA based family training with the student's parents. The rate of pay is per the contractual rate of pay.

Approve the continuation of employment of Kenneth Welsh, School Psychologist, for the Birchwood, Katharine D. Malone and Stony Brook Schools, on an "as needed" basis, effective November 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. The rate of pay is $220.00 per evaluation, $90.00 for the first meeting on any given day and an additional $30.00 per meeting on the same day. (Mr. Welsh is covering Mrs. Lam on her leave of absence).

Employ Subs

Employment/Substitute Teachers

Approve the employment of the following county and state certified Substitute Teachers indicated below for the 2011-2012 school year:

Christina Murden Denville, NJ	County College of Morris, NJ (61 Credits) Certification: Effective Date:	 County October 20, 2011
Jaime Napurano Blairstown, NJ	University of New Hampshire, NH (64 Credits) Certification: Effective Date:	 County October 20, 2011
Jason Rauschberg Rockaway, NJ	New Jersey City University, NJ (BS) Certification: Effective Date:	 State October 20, 2011
Tamara Severenuk Rockaway, NJ	William Paterson University, NJ (BS) Certification: Effective Date:	 State October 20, 2011
Chantelle Wood Hackettstown, NJ	University of South Florida, FL (BA) Certification: Effective Date:	 State October 20, 2011

Job Reassignment

Job Reassignment

Approve the job reassignment of Christine Graham, from a Speech Language Specialist on an "as needed" basis at $65.00 per hour for the District, to a full-time Speech Language Specialist for the District, effective November 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The annual prorated salary will be *$54,440.00 (MA Step 1).

*(2011-2012 salary will be determined after the ratification of successor contract).

Explanation: The above is due to increased enrollment of special education students.

Leave

Leave of Absence

Approve a leave of absence for Yin Lam, full-time Psychologist for the District, without pay, effective October 6, 2011 through November 9, 2011. (Mrs. Lam is expected to return to work on November 14, 2011).

Resignations

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Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Janet Bogusat, full-time Grade 3 Teacher at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective October 1, 2012.

Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Pamela Leanza, full-time Grade 2 Teacher at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective July 1, 2012.

Revised Job Reassignment

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Approve a revised job reassignment of Amy Feld, from a State Certified Substitute Teacher for the District, to Leave Replacement for Lisa Solomon, Resource Room Teacher at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective September 6, 2011 through September 28, 2011. The rate of pay is $100.00 per diem.

Revised Leave

Revised Leave of Absence

Approve a revised leave of absence for Lisa Solomon, full-time Resource Room Teacher at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, with pay, effective September 1, 2011 through September 28, 2011. (Mrs. Solomon is expected to return to work on October 3, 2011).

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

Employment

Employment

Approve the employment of Linda Thomson, as a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.5 hours per week, for Resource Room, Grades 1 and 2, at the Stony Brook School, effective October 17, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The rate of pay is *$15.53 (Prorated) (Step 1) per hour.

Approve the employment of Maria Tencza, as a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the student's IEP, in the pre-school disabled class, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective October 17, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The rate of pay is *$15.53 (Prorated) (Step 1) per hour.

Explanation: Due to increased special education enrollment.

*(2011-2012 salary will be determined after the ratification of successor contract).

Increase in Hours

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Approve an increase in hours for Noreen Baruti, part-time Staff Assistant for the Transportation Department, from 25 hours per week to 25 hours and 50 minutes per week, effective November 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Job Reassignments

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Approve the job reassignment of Paula Hanright, from part-time Staff Assistant, per the student's IEP, in the autistic class, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Katharine D. Malone School, to a full-time Staff Assistant, per the student's IEP, in the autistic class, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective November 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The prorated annual salary will be *$15,975.00 (Step 1). (Mrs. Hanright is replacing Ms. Bezeg).

*(2011-2012 salary will be determined after the ratification of successor contract).

Approve the job reassignment of Ellen Schmitt, from part-time Staff Assistant, in the Resource Room, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, to part-time Staff Assistant, per the student's IEP, in the LLD class, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Birchwood School, effective October 17, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Resignation

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Approve the resignation of Kelly Bezeg, full-time Staff Assistant for the Autistic Class at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective October 24, 2011.

Approve the resignation of Edison Panchana, full-time Custodian at the Birchwood School, effective October 31, 2011.

Revised Leave

Revised Leave of Absence

Approve a revised leave of absence for Anthony Fiorentino, full-time Custodian at the Katharine D. Malone School, with pay, effective August 3, 2011 through September 30, 2011. (Mr. Fiorentino is expected to return to work on October 3, 2011).

Salary Adjustments

Salary Adjustments/Contract Rider

Approve the salary adjustment for Marjorie Kennedy, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, effective November 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 as indicated below:

From: $32,630.00 To: $33,595.00

Approve the salary adjustment for Francesca Russo, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, effective November 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 as indicated below:

From: $16,090.00 To: $16,774.00

Approve the salary adjustment for Carole Scherr, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, effective November 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 as indicated below:

From: $27,030.00 To: $27,865.00

Approve the salary adjustment for Karen Walsh, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, effective November 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 as indicated below:

From: $29,739.00 To: $33,060.00

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

Curriculum/Instruction

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

EnVision Math

Approve the new Common Core enVision Math Series ©2012 Pearson-Scott Foresman Addison Wesley Publishers for Grades K-2.

Explanation: Due to the implementation of the new New Jersey Common Core Content Standards

Student Observation

Approve Claire Olszewski, staff member and graduate student at Centenary College, to observe in a classroom setting on or about October 19, 2011 at Stony Brook School.

Explanation: Requirement for completion of her graduate level work.

Standards Solution

Authorize a contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Standards Solution for the 2011-2012 school year, at the rate of $14,500.00.

Explanation: Company will provide professional development workshops to familiarize instructors with the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts.

NCLB Stipends

Approve salary and stipends funded with NCLB FY11-12 Grant as follows:

TEACHER	GRADE/POSITION	LOCATION	STIPEND/ SALARY	% FUNDED
Deborah Grefe	Assistant Superintendent	Central Office	$36,000	27% Title IIA
Jeri Hurley	ESL Summer Teacher	Lincoln	2,200	100% Title III
Eugene Budd	Title I After School Teacher (1QTR)	BW	950	100% Title I
Marcello Monte	Title I After School Teacher (1QTR)	BW	950	100% Title I
Amy Prisco	Title I After School Teacher (1QTR)	BW	950	100% Title I
Susan Culleny-Peer	Title I After School Teacher (1QTR)	BW	950	100% Title I
Shauna Banta	Title I After School Teacher (1QTR)	BW	950	100% Title I
Christine Garabrant	Title I After School Teacher (1QTR)	CAD	950	100% Title I
Colleen Flannery	Title I After School Teacher (1QTR)	CAD	950	100% Title I
Sandra Struble	Title I After School Teacher (1QTR)	CAD	950	100% Title I
Judith Johnson	Title I After School Teacher (1QTR)	DBO	950	100% Title I
Cherry Wnek	Title I After School Teacher (1QTR)	DBO	950	100% Title I
Kimberly Landers	Title I After School Teacher (1QTR)	DBO	650	100% Title I
Gail Roughgarden	Title I After School Substitute	CAD	$45.24/46.43hr	100% Title I
Heather Miller	Title I After School Substitute	BW	$45.24/46.43hr	100% Title I

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

Student Teacher

Approve Amanda Appleby, from Caldwell College, for Field Observation/Teacher Intern at Copeland Middle School from January 2012-May 2012

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

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

Administration

Suspend Resolution

Mrs. Salny addressed the rationale for suspending the Nursing Services Plan resolution.

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Kurland to suspend the Nursing Services Plan resolution.

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

Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mr. Kurland to approve the following administrative recommendation.

Sussex Jointure

Authorize a joint transportation agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and the Sussex County Regional Cooperative, for a special education student attending the Horizon Lower School, for the 2011-2012 school year.

Explanation: To reduce a lengthy ride time (90 min) at a comparable cost.

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

Finance

Motion made by Mr. Kurland, seconded by Mr. Giarratano to approve the following finance recommendations.

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.

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 September 30, 2011, 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 September 30, 2011.

Transfers

Authorize account transfers as submitted.

Bills

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

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

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

Authorize payment of October 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.

Safety Grant

Be It Resolved the Rockaway Township Board of Education accept the NJSBAIG 2011 Safety Grant in the amount of $25,600.00.

Explanation: The NJSBAIG Insurance Pool provides the grant to assist members to make safety, security and educational related purchases toward loss prevention at the district level.

PAL Donation

Approve a donation of $275.00 to the Rockaway Township Police Athletic League towards their 2011 Fund Drive (1/2 page ad).

Parent Donation

Be It Resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education accepts three books donated to the district's Special Education Parent Library by Amy Servidio.

Explanation: The items will be used in the SEPAC Special Education Parent Library located in the Special Education Department at Central Office.

Leasing Agreement

Authorize the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute any and all agreements related to the participation in the Morris County Improvement Authority 2011 County Guaranteed Leasing Program including, but limited to, lease agreements with the MCIA and/or TD Bank their agent, as per the attached.

Explanation: Finance and refinance school equipment as a lower interest rate than commercially available.

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

Policy

Resident addressed File Code: 1200 spelling.

Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mr. Kurland to approve the following policy recommendation.

Policy 2nd Reading

Approve the second reading of the following policy:

File Code 1200 – Participation by the Public

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

Old Business

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Mrs. Salny addressed Communications subject titles. The Board in attendance agreed to add the subject titles.

Mrs. Salny addressed the Superintendent Search process. She announced the Board will meet on November 2, 2011at 5:00 PM to discuss Superintendent Candidates.

New Business

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Mrs. Salny thanked Dr. Vitta and Dr. Verbist for their assistance in the Superintendent Search.

Adjourn to Ex Session

Motion made by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mr. Kurland that the meeting stand adjourned at 7:36 PM and return to Executive Session for personnel issues.

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

Adjourn Ex Session

Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mr. Puzio that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 8:46 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,



DR. JAMES P. VERBIST
Board Secretary