REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 20, 2014

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, October 20, 2014, 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: Mrs. Chabala, Mrs. Chirico, Mr. Giarratano, Mrs. Maluszczak, Mr. Press, Mrs. Salny, and Dr. Kurland.

Also present was Nathanya G. Simon, Board Counsel.

Motion by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mr. Press 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. Chirico, seconded by Mr. Press 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. Chabala, seconded by Mrs. Salny that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:30 PM
Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:31 PM. Present were approximately 100 visitors and one member of the press.

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

Dr. Kurland conducted a presentation on State Mandate/State Pay.

Resident of the district, who is a teacher in Morris Plains, thanked the Board for spearheading this initiative for the County. Representatives from approximately 10 districts and about 80 staff members joined us.

Dr. Kurland read emails from other districts and answered questions from the audience.

Dr. Kurland thanked the public, the Board, teachers, administrators, legislators and the NJEA for attending tonight's meeting. The next step is to file a complaint with the Council on Local Mandates.

There was a short break before the meeting resumed and 19 visitors stayed for the voting meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mrs. Salny to open the public session of the meeting at 8:15 PM.

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

Resident questioned the omission of full-day kindergarten in the presentation and illegal passing of school buses.

Motion by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mr. Press 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 Quattrocchi	Re: State Mandate Support
Alison McGeary-Stella	Re: Special Education Issue
Jodi Grillo	Re: Transportation Issue
Catherine Martell	Re: Full-day Kindergarten
Regina Swierc	Re: Family Outreach Program
David Bishop	Re: Share911 Agreement
Elisabeth Ginsburg – Glen Ridge BOE	Re: State Mandate/State Pay

APPROVE MINUTES — **Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Press, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to separate the vote on the minutes.

Motion made by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mrs. Salny to approve the minutes of September 29, 2014.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mrs. Salny to approve the minutes of October 1, 2014.

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

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

Dr Grefe reported there were no new HIB investigations.

Motion by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mr. Press to affirm HIB Case #79 as unconfirmed and Case #80 as confirmed.

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

Dr. Grefe, Ms. Storts and Mrs. Wettstein conducted a presentation on NJASK.

The following was presented by the Business Administrator in her report:

Mrs. Palmiere had not report this evening.

Special Education Committee — **Sp Ed Committee**

Committee reported they discussed district goals and made a few recommendations. They also discussed the IEP Direct district conversion. Sample reports to show progress from IEP Direct. SEPAC attended back to school nights and have acquired a few new members.

Board-to-Board — **Board-to-Board**

Meeting was hosted at Copeland Middle School. Discussions on: merging Gifted and Talented from all districts on a Saturday or weeknight, security in different districts, entrance requirement for Algebra I to get credit for High School course, STEM related programs.

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. Chabala to approve the following personnel recommendations.

1. **Employment** — **Employment**

Approve the courses, instructors and the individual rate of pay per quarter, indicated on the attached list, for the After School Programs, to be held at the Copeland Middle School, for the 2014-2015 school year.

Explanation: These are "Pay to Play" programs.

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Explanation: These are activities that are paid by the board per the contract.

Approve the employment of the certificated staff members indicated on the attached lists to be Chaperones, on an "as needed" basis, for evening activities at the Copeland Middle School, for the 2014-2015 school year. The rate of pay is $44.00 per hour.

Approve the employment of the staff members for the after school programs at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, for the 2014-2015 school year, as per the attached list.

Approve the employment of the staff members for the after school programs at the Katharine D. Malone School, for the 2014-2015 school year, as per the attached list.

Explanation: These are "Pay for Play" programs.

Approve the employment of Ginger Train, as an Occupational Therapist, on an "as needed" basis, for the district, effective October 21, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The rate of pay is $65.00 per hour.

2. **Employment/Substitute Teachers** — **Employ Subs**

Approve the employment of the following county and state certified Substitute Teachers indicated below for the 2014-2015 school year:

Dimple Kapadia-Carallo Dover, NJ	Manhattan College, NY (BS) Certification: County Effective Date: October 21, 2014
Amanda Gentile Randolph, NJ	Montclair State University, NJ (127 credits) Certification: County Effective Date: October 21, 2014
Gianna Parisi Rockaway, NJ	Rider University, NJ (78 Credits) Certification: County Effective Date: October 21, 2014

3. **Extended Leave of Absence** — **Extended Leave**

Approve an extended leave of absence for Dawn Marchese, a full-time Resource Room Teacher for Grades 1, 2 and 3, at the Birchwood School, with pay, effective November 3, 2014 through December 1, 2014. (Mrs. Marchese is expected to return to work on December 2, 2014).

4. **Leaves of Absence** — **Leaves**

Approve a leave of absence for Paula Schul, a full-time Grade 2 Teacher, at the Katharine D. Malone School, with pay, effective October 23, 2014 through December 5, 2014. (Mrs. Schul is expected to return to work on December 8, 2014).

Approve a leave of absence for Marie Varcadipane, a full-time Grade 7 Language Arts Teacher, at the Copeland Middle School, with pay, effective March 2, 2015 through April 14, 2015, the leave will continue, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective April 15, 2015 through June 5, 2015. (Mrs. Varcadipane is expected to return to work on June 8, 2015).

5. **Leave Replacement Assignment** — **Leave Replacement**

Approve a leave replacement assignment for Suzanne Barkawi, replacing Cynthia Dodge, a full-time Grade 6 Language Arts Teacher, at the Copeland Middle School, effective February 2, 2015 through June 30, 2015. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

6. **Reemployment** — **Reemployment**

Approve the reemployment of Suzanne Barkawi, as a State Certified Substitute Teacher, for the District, effective October 21, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

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

Employment — **Employment**

Approve the employment of the non-certificated staff members indicated on the attached list for working the After School Programs held at the Copeland Middle School, to assist special education students, on an "as needed" basis, for the 2014-2015 school year. The rate of pay is $20.00 per hour.

Approve the employment of the non-certificated staff members indicated on the attached list to be Chaperones, on an "as needed" basis for evening activities at the Copeland Middle School, for the 2014-2015 school year. The rate of pay is $20.00 per hour.

Approve the employment of Beth Massey, as a Substitute Staff Assistant, on an "as needed" basis, for the Transportation Department, effective October 21, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The rate of pay will be $16.51 (Step 1) per hour.

Approve the employment of Melanie Zuravnsky, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the student's IEP, at the Copeland Middle School, effective October 16, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The rate of pay is $16.51 (Step 1) per hour. (Mrs. Zuravnsky is replacing Mrs. Devine).

Leave of Absence — **Leave**

Approve a leave of absence for Sally Giblock, a Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, with pay, effective October 6, 2014 through January 30, 2015. (Mrs. Giblock is expected to return to work on February 2, 2015).

Reemployment — **Reemployment**

Approve the reemployment of Neil Svendsen, as a Substitute Bus Driver, on an "as needed" basis, for the Transportation Department, effective October 21, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The rate of pay will be $18.00 per hour.

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

Curriculum/Instruction

Motion made by Mrs. Press, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to approve the following curriculum/instruction recommendations.

Bilingual/ESL Plan

1. Approve the updated Bilingual/ESLThree-Year Program Plan.

Student Teachers

2. Approve Thea Arico, a Misericordia University student, to observe at the Stony Book School.

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Internship Program

3. Approve Jennifer Weltner, Morris Knolls High School, to observe at the Katharine D. Malone School in the spring.

Explanation: Morris Hills/Morris Knolls Student Internship Program.

Storytelling Arts

4. Authorize a contract between Storytelling Arts and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide two residency days with ELL Students and one ELL Parent Night presentation in October, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School. The total cost of $1530.00 is to be covered by NCLB Title III Grant funds.

Home Instruction

5. Approve home instruction for the following students: #313, #713, #2516, #12, #193, and #1419.

No Public comment.

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

Administration

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

Budget Timelines

1. Approve the 2015-2016 school year proposed Budget Timelines.

Sp Ed Placement

2. Amend a 2014-2015 special education placement as follows:

Student	School	Location	Tuition Rate
#313	The Shepard School	Kinnelon	From: $51,466.92 + Aide @ $26,392.26 To: $25,347.33 + Aide @ $12,490.60

Explanation: Full-time to part time student.

Dynamic Therapeutic

3. Authorize a contract between Dynamic Therapeutic Services and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide Occupational Therapy Services, Speech Services or Physical Therapy services at a rate of $95.00 per hour and Speech Evaluations, Occupational Therapy Evaluations and Physical Therapy Evaluations at a rate of $525.00 per evaluation, on an as needed basis, for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

Subscription Busing

4. Authorize a parental contract for non-aided subscription busing for the following student for the 2014-2015 school year:

Student #	
238	$844.00

Computer Lab

5. Approve conversion of Room 109 at Copeland Middle School to an additional computer lab.

Explanation: To accommodate PARCC testing.

Nursing Service Plan

6. Approve the Nursing Services Plan for 2014-2015.

Explanation: Annual update of the plan for the current school year.

No Public comment.

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

Finance

Motion made by Mr. Press, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak 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.

Bd Secy Report

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 September 30, 2014 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 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 September 30, 2014.

Transfers

   Authorize the September account transfers as submitted.

Bills

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

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

   Authorize payment of the October Student Activity 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.

Disposals

3. Authorize disposal of the obsolete equipment, not bid upon at equipment sale, as per the attached.

NJSIG Safety Grant

4. Authorize receipt of a check in the amount of $27,000.00 for the 2013-2014 New Jersey Schools Insurance Group Safety Grant to be appropriated to Transportation Supplies and Materials (11-000-270-615-46-000). Money will be used to purchase bus cameras.

Donation

5. **Be It Resolved** that the Rockaway Township Board of Education accept a donation of the following equipment, to be used for the 8th Grade Science Department at the Copeland Middle School from Mr. Doug McClure.

QTY.	ITEM
2	1000 ml beakers
2	600 ml beakers
10	400 ml beakers
10	250 ml beakers
10	100 ml beakers
16	250 ml flasks
10	125 ml flasks
16	50 ml grad cylinders
12	100 ml grad cylinders

V flasks
9 - 100
4 - 250
2 - 500
2 - 1000

No Public comment.

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

1st Reading

Policy

Motion made by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to approve the following policy recommendations.

1. Approve the first reading of the following policies:

2412	- Home Instruction Due to Health Condition
2417	- Student Intervention and Referral Services
8690	- Monitoring Devices on School Vehicles

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Press to open for Public comments.

Mrs. Grillo asked if the entire fleet will have cameras.

Dr. Monchar questioned camera's picture quality.

Mr. Dunckley asked if pictures would be black and white or color. The camera's picture would be in color.
Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Press to close Public comments.

Old Business

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

Old Business
Dates for Shared Services meeting November 25th or December 9th.

New Business

New Business
Security meeting, Mrs. Chabala, Mr. Press, Mr. Giarratano and Dr. Kurland is alternate.

Policy Meeting November 12th at 6:00 PM

SPEAC Bylaws were reviewed and had some new faces.

No Public comment.

Adjourn to Ex Session

Motion made by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mrs. Salny that the meeting stand adjourned at 9:57 PM and return to Executive Session for personnel issues.

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

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Press, seconded by Mrs. Chabala that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 10:50 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere

DONNAMARIE PALMIERE
Board Secretary