REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 17, 2010

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at 6:10 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, Mr. Puzio, Mrs. Salny, Mr. West and Dr. Friedberger. 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 Mrs. Power 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 students and legal, 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. West 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 were 16 visitors and no members of the press.

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

Motion by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Salny 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 addressed Catherine A. Dwyer electric outage. She indicated the emergency systems process works. She acknowledged the outstanding job the staff did under the circumstances.

Resident asked questions regarding upcoming collective bargaining sessions. He rendered his personal opinion on the collective bargaining contracts. He asked about the various board negotiations teams.

Resident asked questions on the Copeland Middle School dress code and a need for enforcing the code. Dr. Vitta and various Board Members responded.

Motion by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Power to close the public session of the meeting 7:11 PM.

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:

Michele Di Sanza	Re: NJ ASK Presentation
Michael Puzio	Re: NJ ASK Presentation
Dr. Friedberger	Re: NJ ASK Presentation
Michele Di Sanza	Re: NJ ASK Presentation
Ted Doty	Re: Curriculum Committee
Regina Swierc	Re: Testing Curriculum/Instruction
Ted Doty	Re: The audit report
Michele Di Sanza	Re: Testing Curriculum/Instruction
Ted Doty	Re: Revised blog
Ted Doty	Re: 2010 CAFR, September minutes and audit info
Ted Doty/Dr. Verbist	Re: OPRA 2010-21
Ted Doty	Re: Friedberger
Ted Doty/Dr. Verbist	Re: TD and James
Ted Doty	Re: OPRA 2101-2011
Ted Doty	Re: Also Requested
Ted Doty/Dr. Verbist	Re: OPRA Request & Friedberger What were you thinking
Regina Swierc	Re: Family Outreach Program
Ted Doty	Re: My Latest Blog Post
Ted Doty	Re: "RTBOE champagne dreams"
Ted Doty	Re: One final post before tomorrow's meeting

APPROVE MINUTES — **Approve Minutes**

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Puzio to approve the minutes of November 3, 2010.

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 addressed the Catherine A. Dwyer power outage and the professionalism of the Staff in handling the situation. He also thanked the PTA Presidents.

The following was presented by the Business Administrator in his report: — **BA Report**

Dr. Friedberger addressed the geneses of the presentation this evening. Dr. Verbist provided a general overview of this evening's presentation. Dr. Verbist introduced Mr. Moore, of Armm Associates and Mr. Weisman, of Green Alternative, Inc. who provided a detailed presentation on the project, SREC's and SACP's and the economic theories behind the funding process. — **Solar Presentation**

Dr. Verbist, Mr. Giarratano, Mr. Puzio and Dr. Friedberger addressed public questions.

Dr. Vitta addressed the public on the project. Various Board Members asked questions and commented.

Dr. Verbist reported on the non residency.

Dr. Verbist addressed the audit and contention that the Board moved $600,000.00 into Capital Reserve.

Other Reports

Dr. Friedberger indicated the Curriculum Committee met on November 17, 2010 to discuss the NJ ASK Test Scores and prepare for a December 8, 2010 presentation on the test scores. — **Facilities 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 Mr. West to approve the following personnel recommendations.

Employment/After School Program — **Employ After School**

Approve the courses, instructors and the individual rates per quarter, indicated on the attached lists, for the After School Program for the 2010-2011 school year.

Employment/Chaperones — **Employ Chaperones**

Approve the employment of the individuals indicated on the attached lists to be Chaperones, on an "as needed" basis, for evening activities held at the Copeland Middle School, effective September 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $44.00 per hour. Individual(s) and number of hours worked will be determined based upon the event scheduled.

Employment/Substitute Teacher — **Employ Sub**

Approve the employment of the following state certified Substitute Teacher indicated below for the 2010-2011 school year:

Cynthia Stepowyj	Montclair State University (BA)	
Rockaway, NJ	Certification:	State
	Effective Date:	November 18, 2010

Job Reassignments — **Job Reassignments**

Approve the job reassignment of Stephen Hare, from Leave Replacement Assignment at the Stony Brook School to State Certified Substitute Teacher for the District, effective November 18, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $75.00 per diem.

Approve the job reassignment of Karen Mattessich, from State Certified Substitute Teacher for the District to a Leave Replacement for Pamela Leanza, Grade 2 Teacher at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective November 8, 2010 through December 17, 2010. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem. (Ms. Leanza is expected to return to work on December 20, 2010).

Job Reemployment — **Job Reemployment**

Approve the reemployment of the following Occupational Therapist and the Physical Therapists on an "as needed" basis, at $75.00 per hour, effective November 17, 2010 through December 7, 2010:

Mary Ann Loreng

Jill Budd
Denise Glew
Charlotte Kalb

Approve the reemployment of Ann Hayden, as a Substitute School Nurse for the District, effective November 18, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $150.00 per day.

Leave of Absence — **Leave**

Approve a leave of absence for Pamela Leanza, full-time Grade 2 Teacher at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, with pay, effective November 8, 2010 through December 17, 2010. (Ms. Leanza is expected to return to work on December 20, 2010).

Resignations — **Resignations**

Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Harold Conover, full-time Educational Support Technologist, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, Dennis B. O'Brien School, and the Stony Brook School, effective July 1, 2011.

Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of John Griffiths, full-time Grade 5 Teacher at the Birchwood School, effective July 1, 2011.

Revised Leave Replacement Assignment — **Revised Leave**

Approve a revised leave replacement assignment for Cecilia Isenberg, as a Grade 7 Social Studies Teacher for Rachel Isler, at the Copeland Middle School, effective September 1, 2010 through November 18, 2010. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem. (Mrs. Isler is expected to return on November 18, 2010).

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

Employment

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Approve the employment of Daniel Tidridge, as a Substitute Non-Contractual Bus Driver on an "as needed" basis, for the Transportation Department, effective November 8, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $18.00 per hour.

Increase in Hours

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Approve an increase in hours for Gregory Ackerman, part-time Staff Assistant for the Transportation Department, from 19 hours and 10 minutes per week to 20 hours per week, effective December 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $16.73 (Step 4) per hour.

Approve an increase in hours for Rane Wortendyke-Garcia, part-time Staff Assistant for the Transportation Department, from 24 hours and 10 minutes per week to 26 hours and 15 minutes per week, effective November 16, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $16.33 (Step 3) per hour.

Job Reassignment

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Approve the job reassignment of Daniel Tidridge, from non-contractual to contractual Bus Driver, for the Transportation Department, effective December 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The annual prorated salary will be $11,449.00. (Mr. Tidridge is replacing Mrs. Howell).

Salary Adjustments/Contract Rider

Salary Adjustments

Approve the salary adjustment for Donna Czerkas, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, effective December 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year as indicated below:

From: $20,651.00 To: $21,463.00 (Prorated)

Approve the salary adjustment for Margaretha Decker, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, effective November 16, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year as indicated below:

From: $21,083.00 To: $21,736.00 (Prorated)

Approve the salary adjustment for Kathryn Heller, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, effective November 16, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year as indicated below:

From: $27,395.00 To: $29,966.00 (Prorated)

Approve the salary adjustment for Betty Hessler, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, effective December 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year as indicated below:

From: $22,639.00 To: $24,299.00 (Prorated)

Approve the salary adjustment for Marjorie Kennedy, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, effective December 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year as indicated below:

From: $33,083.00 To: $34,048.00 (Prorated)

Explanation: All the above is due to bus route changes.

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

Curriculum/Instruction

Motion made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Salny to approve the following curriculum/instruction recommendations.

Approve Stephanie Miller, a Fairleigh Dickinson University student, for classroom observation at the Copeland Middle School beginning January 2011.

Student Teachers

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Approve Nicolette Guerra, a Rider University student, to observe in an inclusive special education classroom at the Stony Brook School on October 29, 2010.

Explanation: Requirement for completion of a sophomore level introductory course.

Approve Claire Olszewski, a Centenary College student, to complete a total of two 30-minute (minimum) observations at the Stony Brook School on November 22nd and 23rd, 2010.

Explanation: Requirement for completion of a graduate level course.

Approve Kaitlyn Buonocore, a Fairleigh Dickinson University student, for classroom observation at the Dennis B. O'Brien School in January 2011.

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Approve Lisa Iuorio, a Caldwell College student, for observation at the Catherine A. Dwyer School.

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Approve the use of ARRA grant funds to pay additional hours of staff assistants to attend a two-day workshop entitled "Non-Violent Crisis Intervention," on December 3 & 10, 2010. **Workshop Staff Assts**

Katherine Klinger	Dwyer School	$81.65	100% paid by grant
Patricia Stalter	Dwyer School	$83.65	100% paid by grant
Sue Stanulis	KDM School	$81.65	100% paid by grant
Robert Giblock	Transportation	$79.65	100% paid by grant
Michele Campbell	Transportation	$83.65	100% paid by grant

Explanation: Grants require that any stipend paid with grant monies needs board approval.

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

Administration

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

Approve out of district placement for a special education student at Children's Specialized Hospital from October 25, 2010 through June 30, 2010, at a tuition rate of $610.00 per week. **Sp Ed Placement**

Explanation: Union County Educational Services Commission to provide instruction.

Approve the transportation for an out of district student to Children's Specialized Hospital in Fanwood, NJ, at a per diem rate of $208.00, effective November 17, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. **Sp Ed Transport**

Explanation: Educational Services Commission of Morris County will transport student.

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

Finance

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

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 October 31, 2010, and **Bd Secy Report**

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 October 31, 2010.

Authorize account transfers as submitted. **Transfers**

Authorize payment of the November bills, as approved by the Finance Committee. **Bills**

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

Authorize payment of November 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.

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). **Travel**

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.

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

Old Business

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Dr. Friedberger discussed the request on additional time for Public Comment. The Board as a whole agreed to keep to process as is.

Dr. Friedberger addressed a request on tenure situation. Dr. Friedberger indicated tenure changes are a State issue, Board has no real impact.

Mrs. Power reported on the Morris County Municipal Utility Authority Dinner and the award Dennis B. O'Brien School won for "green" schools initiatives.

Mrs. Salny discussed the Pay-to-Play and requested a 1st Quarter Report on the program and any suggested changes.

New Business

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Mr. West addressed the Rockaway Township 7th Grade football team won the championship. He reported that the 8th Grade came in second.

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Power that the meeting stand adjourned at 9:27 PM. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

DR. JAMES P. VERBIST
Board Secretary