REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 27, 2013

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on February 27, 2013, 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: Mrs. Chabala, Dr. Kurland, Mrs. Maluszczak, Mr. Puzio, Mrs. Salny, and Mr. Giarratano. Dr. Friedberger was absent.

Motion by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mrs. Salny 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 Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mrs. Salny 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 6:08 PM.

Motion made by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mrs. Chabala 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 7:40 PM. Also present were 18 visitors and one (1) member of the press.

Mr. Giarratano reopened the regular business meeting of the Board with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

RTEA member asked to look into policy manual for 3516.3R School Safety and 4147 Employee Safety because he could not find them.

Resident wanted to know cost impact of what was presented September 6 on the budget.

Resident stated meetings are starting later and asked as a courtesy to the Public the meeting start when they should.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak to close the public session of the meeting.

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

PRESENTATION

Dr. Judith Ferguson of Centennium Consultants, LLC gave a presentation on the overview of the Strategic Plan.

COMMUNICATIONS — **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received for the Board since the last regular meeting:

Lori Pfarrer	Full-day Kindergarten
Regina M. Swierc	Family Outreach Program
Dana Taboadela	Newspaper Article

APPROVE MINUTES — **Minutes**

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak to approve the minutes of February 6 and 12, 2013.

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

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

Case #46 reported as possible HIB, did not constitute a violation.

Motion by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to report HIB case #46 as unconfirmed.

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

Dr. Grefe reported on today's DEAC meeting. Dr. Grefe was asked to speak at various meeting. More information next week on requirements.

The school calendar has been updated and will be put on the website tomorrow. Graduation next year will be June 19, 2014.

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

Mrs. Palmiere had no report this evening.

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. Puzio to approve the following personnel recommendations.

Employment/After School Program

Approve the staff members and the individual rate of pay, indicated on the attached list for the 2012-2013 school year, as amended. — **Employ After School**

Explanation: Attached list are programs that will be paid through "Title One Funds."

Employment/Substitute Teachers

Approve the employment of the following county and state certified Substitute Teachers indicated below for the 2012-2013 school year: — **Employ Subs**

Pamela Banks	Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ (MA)	
Dover, NJ	Certification:	County
	Effective Date:	February 28, 2013
Laura Evans	Montclair State University, NJ (BS)	
Blairstown, NJ	Certification:	State
	Effective Date:	February 28, 2013
Courtney Hartnett	County College of Morris, NJ (120 Credits)	
Denville, NJ	Certification:	County
	Effective Date:	February 28, 2013
Kelly Kilanowski	Kean University, NJ (BA)	
Union, NJ	Certification:	State
	Effective Date:	February 4, 2013
Brittany O'Neill	Loyola University, MD (62 Credits)	
Green Pond, NJ	Certification:	County
	Effective Date:	February 28, 2013

Employment/Summer School — **Employ Summer**
Approve the employment of David Bishop, Summer Programs Supervisor for the 2013-2014 Summer School Program, effective July 3, 2013 through August 2, 2013. The annual stipend is $3,696.00.

Extended Leave of Absence — **Extended Leave**
Approve an extended leave of absence for Donna Friedberger, a full-time Academic Intervention Teacher for Grades 6, 7 and 8, at the Copeland Middle School, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective February 11, 2013 through March 8, 2013. (Mrs. Friedberger is expected to return to work on March 11, 2013).

Leaves of Absence — **Leaves**
Approve a leave of absence for Heather Allen, a full-time Art Teacher, for Grades 6, 7, 8 at the Copeland Middle School, with pay, effective March 1, 2013 through March 8, 2013. (Mrs. Allen is expected to return to work on March 11, 2013).

Approve a leave of absence for Amy Semeniuk, a full-time Grade 5 Teacher, at the Birchwood School, with pay, effective April 11, 2013 through June 7, 2013, the leave will continue, without pay, effective June 10, 2013 through November 8, 2013. (Mrs. Semeniuk is expected to return to work on November 11, 2013).

Approve a leave of absence for Diana Wagoner, a full-time Teacher for the Behavioral Disabled Class, at the Stony Brook School, with pay, effective March 6, 2013 through March 22, 2103. (Mrs. Wagoner is expected to return to work on April 1, 2013).

Leave Replacement Assignments — **Leave Replacements**
Approve the leave replacement assignment for Gurneeta Singh, replacing Susan Culleny-Peer, full-time Resource Room Teacher, at the Birchwood School, effective February 11, 2013 through May 14, 2013. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

Approve the leave replacement assignment for Kenneth Welsh, replacing Larissa Longberg, full-time School Psychologist, at the Katharine D. Malone and Stony Brook Schools, for two days per week, effective April 1, 2013 through May 24, 2013. The rate of pay is $100.00 per diem.

Resignation — **Resignation**
Approve the resignation of Anthony Benjamin, Principal of Dennis B. O'Brien School, for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Benjamin will be placed on paid administrative leave until June 30, 2013.

Termination — **Termination**
Approve the termination of Employee Number 5691, full-time Teacher, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, for good cause, effective up to 60 days.

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

Employment — **Employment**
Approve the employment of Kristina Howansky, as a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the student's IEP, in the Preschool Disabled Class, morning session, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective February 19, 2013 through June 30, 2013. The rate of pay is $15.83 (Step 1) per hour.

Approve the employment of Jessie Scherr, as a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the student's IEP, in the Preschool Disabled Class, afternoon session, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective February 19, 2013 through June 30, 2013. The rate of pay is $15.83 (Step 1) per hour.

Explanation: Due to increased enrollment.

Approve the employment of Kristen Shinnick, as a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the student's IEP, as a 1:1 to a student, afternoon session, at the Birchwood School, effective March 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013. The rate of pay is $15.83 (Step 1) per hour. (Mrs. Shinnick is replacing Mrs. McClure).

Extended Leaves of Absence — **Extended Leaves**
Approve an extended leave of absence for Diane Boykow, a full-time Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, with pay, effective February 14, 2013 through March 8, 2013. (Mrs. Boykow is expected to return to work on March 11, 2013).

Approve an extended leave of absence for Robert Shaw, a full-time Custodian for the Catherine A. Dwyer School, with pay, effective February 4, 2013 through April 12, 2013. (Mr. Shaw is expected to return to work on April 15, 2013).

Job Reassignments

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Approve the job reassignment of Dawn Crocetti, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, 1:1 to a student, in the Transitional Kindergarten Class, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, to a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, in the Resource Room, in Grade 3, at the Catherine A. Dwyer School, effective February 11, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

Approve the job reassignment of Pamela McClure, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, 1:1 to a student, per the student's IEP, in the afternoon session, at the Birchwood School, to a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, for office/lunch/play duties, for the afternoon session, at the Birchwood School, effective March 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013. (Mrs. McClure is replacing Mrs. Reed).

Approve the job reassignment of Barbara Rosen, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the student's IEP, in Grade 1, at the Stony Brook School, to a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the student's IEP, in the Behavioral Disabilities Class, at the Stony Brook School, effective February 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

Resignations

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Approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Janet Ott, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, effective March 1, 2013.

Approve the resignation of David Pickett, a full-time Custodian for the District, effective March 1, 2013.

Superior Attendance Stipend

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Approve the appropriate stipend indicated on the attached list for the Bus Drivers that have had superior attendance for the period of September 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013.

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

Curriculum/Instruction

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

Approve Daryl Behm and Judith Johnson, staff members, as instructors for the summer Safety Town Program for 80 hours each, at the current rate.

Safety Town

Explanation: Program runs August 5 through August 16, 2013.

Approve Sharon Serviss for two (2) hours, preparation time only, for presentation of Creative Curriculum workshop on January 21st Staff Professional Development Day, at the current rate.

Wk Shop Hrs

Approve Standards Solution to present the following workshops for $2,000.00 per day:

Standards Solution

March 8th	Strategies for Success - NJASK 2013	Grades 6-8
March 12th	Strategies for Success - NJASK 2013	Grades 3 -5 AM Session
	Reading & Writing Informational Text	Grades 3-5 PM Session
April 4th	Understanding & Applying Text Complexity	Grades 2-5 AM Session
	Understanding & Applying Text Complexity	Grades 6-8 PM Session

Approve Taryn Rogalsky, from Montclair State University, for 35 hours of observation at the Catherine A. Dwyer School beginning February 2013.

Student Teacher

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

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

Administration

Motion by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mrs. Salny to table the motion on a Strategic Planning Process Facilitator. **Table Motion**

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

Motion made by Dr. Kurland, seconded by Mr. Puzio to approve the following administrative recommendations.

Approve the Rockaway Township Three-Year Technology Plan, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016. **3 Yr Tech Plan**

Explanation: The plan which is required by the county and state must be first approved by the Board and then sent for county approval.

Approve agreement between the Rockaway Township Board of Education and the Morris Hills Regional District for the following students to participate in the Morris Hills/Morris Knolls Student Internship Program for the 2012-2013 school year: **Internship Program**

Morris Hills Students	School	Teacher
Brittany DeZao	Stony Brook School	Karen Yacavino
Alyssa Lombardi	Stony Brook School	Karen Yacavino

Explanation: Purpose of the internship program is to have students observe and learn about education from their cooperating teacher.

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

Finance

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

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.

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 January 31, 2013, 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 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 January 31, 2013.

Authorize account transfers as submitted. **Transfers**

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

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

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

Authorize payment of Family Outreach 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.

Donation

Approve a donation of $2,000.00 from Holy Cross Church, in the name of Gina Trucillo Pintar, to be used in the District's autism program.

Explanation: Church conducted a fundraiser to secure funds for donation.

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

Policy

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

Policy 1st Reading

Approve the first reading of the following policies:

2360	Use of Technology
2361	Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/Computers and Resources
2363	Pupil Use Privately-Owned Technology
3322.1	Use of School District Telephones (Non-Wireless and Wireless), Telephone Lines, Facsimile Machines and Computers for Reasons Other than Official School District Business

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

The following policies will be revisited:

2460 Special Education
3282 Use of Social Networking Sites (Teachers)
4282 Use of Social Networking Sites (Support Staff)

Old Business

None

New Business

New Business

PTA no longer making phone calls if there is an early dismissal. Mrs. Chabala commented that some parents are unable to receive E-Blasts. Mrs. Salny suggested Principals alert population for parents to request phone calls, if needed.

Copeland graduation on June 21, 2013 at Morris Knolls.

There will be a HIB presentation on March 6th, KDM presentation on March 20th and Public Budget Hearing on March 21st.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Puzio, seconded by Mrs. Salny that the meeting stand adjourned at 10:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere

DONNAMARIE PALMIERE
Board Secretary