REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 5, 2011

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at 6:31 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, and Dr. Friedberger. Mr. Jackson, Mr. Puzio and Mr. West 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 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 (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 Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Power 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 14 visitors and no members of the press.

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

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Power 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 board minutes and need for recording of meetings for accuracy. Resident addressed error in the 2008-2009 school year audit – Board President name.

Resident addressed several other items including salaries, contracts and Board Negotiations Committee.

Resident addressed the communications section and the lack of information. Suggestion was made to have a synopsis on the website.

Dr. Friedberger responded to the question on which Board Members were on which negotiation committee.

Motion by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mrs. Power to close the public session of the meeting 7:12 PM.

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

Correspondence

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Ted Doty	Re: The December 8 Meeting
Ted Doty	Re: "Oh what tangled webs"
Ted Doty	Re: "RTBOE Deserves better anlysis"
Ted Doty	Re: NCLB/ standardized test results
Ardith Collins	Re: Upcoming Copeland Performances
Steve Beckman	Re: Donations
Lisa Guariglia	Re: Calendar

APPROVE MINUTES — **Approve Minutes**

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mr. Giarratano to approve the minutes of December 8, 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 three principal vacancies.

Dr. Vitta addressed the 2011-2012 School Year Calendar, which will become available shortly.

Informational Item:
Stony Brook Outlook – December 2010

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

Dr. Verbist reported on the two ongoing investigations.

Dr. Verbist addressed the various facility projects present and future. Various Board Members asked questions on a varied number of topics.

Board Communications Committee — **Board Communications Committee**

Mr. Giarratano addressed the "Roundup" communications. He addressed the protocol for submission and distribution.

Mr. Giarratano thanked Mr. Valle, Dr. Grefe and Mrs. Ferranti for their work on the "Roundup."

Curriculum Instruction Committee — **Curriculum Instruction Committee**

Dr. Friedberger addressed the Curriculum/Instruction Committee meeting of January 5, 2011. He provided an overview of the meeting.

Curriculum/ Instruction

The following teachers will be the Montclair State University Network for Educational Renewal District Coordinators (MSUNER): Corie Lopes and Gina Parisi. Stipend to be paid by Montclair State University.

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 Mrs. Power to approve the following personnel recommendations.

Employment/Home Instructor — **Employ Home Instructor**

Approve the employment of the staff member listed below as Home Instructor, on an "as needed" basis, effective September 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $44.00 per hour:

Theresa Mills

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

Employment/Interim Vice Principal — **Employ Interim Vice Principal**

Approve the employment of Marvin Fietelson, Interim Vice Principal at the Copeland Middle School, effective January 3, 2011 through May 6, 2011. The salary will be $150.00 for a four-hour day. (Mr. Fietelson is replacing Mrs. Cohen).

Employment/Substitute Teachers **Employ Subs**

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

Katharina DiPaolo-Hack West Milford, NJ	Rutgers University, NJ (BA) Certification: State Effective Date: January 6, 2011
Kathy Gentile Randolph, NJ	Kutztown University, PA (BS) Certification: State Effective Date: January 6, 2011
Linda Lang Cedar Knolls, NJ	Kean University, NJ (BA) Certification: State Effective Date: January 6, 2011
Lorin Pontelandolfo Randolph, NJ	University of Delaware, DE (BS) Certification: State Effective Date: January 6, 2011

Approve the employment of Tara Toohey as a state certified Substitute Teacher for the District, on an "as needed" basis, (afternoon session only) effective December 6, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $57.00 per diem. (Mrs. Toohey is currently employed as a part-time Academic Intervention Teacher, for the morning session, for the District, at 19.50 hours per week for the 2010-2011 school year).

Job Reassignments **Job Reassignments**

Approve the job reassignment of Kelly Bezeg, from state certified Substitute Teacher for the District to part-time Resource Room Teacher for the morning session, Grade 2 and Grade 3, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, at 19.50 hours per week, effective January 3, 2011, for the 2010-2011 school year. The prorated annual salary will be $32,890.00 (MA Step 5).

Explanation: Due to increased enrollment in the resource room class.

Approve the job reassignment of Sharon Cohen, from part-time Resource Room Teacher for the morning session, Grade 2 and Grade 3, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, to part-time Academic Intervention Teacher at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective January 3, 2011, for the 2010-2011 school year.

Approve the job reassignment of Mary Ledyard, from state certified Substitute Teacher for the District to part-time Resource Room Teacher for the morning session, Grade 1 and Grade 2, at the Stony Brook School, at 19.50 hours per week, effective January 3, 2011, for the 2010-2011 school year. The prorated annual salary will be $30,670.00 (BA+30 Step 3).

Explanation: Due to increased enrollment in the resource room class.

Approve the job reassignment of Susan Pedersen, from state certified Substitute Teacher for the District to leave replacement assignment for Kimberly Wettstein, Grade 7 Math Teacher at the Copeland Middle School, effective February 15, 2011 through May 6, 2011. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

Approve the job reassignment of Kimberly Wettstein, from full-time Grade 7 Math Teacher at the Copeland Middle School, to full-time Vice Principal at the Copeland Middle School, effective May 9, 2011 through June 30, 2011. The annual prorated salary will be $75,000.00. (Mrs. Wettstein is replacing Mrs. Cohen).

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 January 5, 2011 through June 30, 2011:

Mary Ann Loreng

Jill Budd
Denise Glew
Charlotte Kalb

Approve the reemployment of Kimberly Wettstein, full-time Vice Principal at the Copeland Middle School, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The annual salary will be $75,000.00.

Leaves of Absence — **Leaves**

Approve a leave of absence for Kirsten Insinga, full-time Grade 5 Teacher at the Katharine D. Malone School, with pay, effective April 11, 2011 through May 27, 2011, the leave will continue, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective May 30, 2011 through June 17, 2011. (Mrs. Insinga is expected to return to work on September 1, 2011).

Approve a leave of absence for Oswaldo Sein, full-time Spanish Teacher at the Copeland Middle School, with pay, effective December 14, 2010 through ½ day on December 15, 2010, the leave will continue, without pay, under the Twelve Week Federal Family Act, effective ½ day on December 15, 2010 through February 1, 2011. (Mr. Sein is expected to return to work on February 2, 2011).

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

Employment — **Employment**

Approve the employment of Meghan Elias as a part-time Staff Assistant, for the morning session, in the Kindergarten class, per the student's IEP, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Stony Brook School, effective December 14, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $15.53 (Step 1) per hour.

Increase in Hours — **Increase in Hours**

Approve an increase in hours for Michele Campbell, part-time Staff Assistant for the Transportation Department, from 17.50 hours per week to 23 hours and 20 minutes per week, effective January 1, 2011, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $16.73 (Step 4) per hour.

Job Reassignment — **Job Reassignment**

Approve the job reassignment of Allison Friedel, from a county certified Substitute Teacher for the District, to a part-time Staff Assistant, for the morning session, in the Preschool Disabilities Class, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective December 13, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $15.53 (Step 1) per hour.

Explanation: Due to increased enrollment in special education.

Job Reemployment — **Job Reemployment**

Approve the reemployment of Colleen Conover, as a part-time Staff Assistant, for the morning session, in the Preschool Disabilities Class, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective January 3, 2011, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $15.53 (Step 1) per hour.

Approve the reemployment of Diane Volpe, as a part-time Staff Assistant, for the afternoon session, in the Preschool Disabilities Class, at 17.50 hours per week, at the Dennis B. O'Brien School, effective December 13, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. The rate of pay is $15.53 (Step 1) per hour.

Explanation: Due to increased enrollment in special education.

Leaves of Absence — **Leaves**

Approve a leave of absence for Margaretha Decker, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, without pay, effective November 22, 2010, until further notice.

Approve a leave of absence for James Pringle, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, with pay, effective December 1, 2010 through January 14, 2011. (Mr. Pringle is expected to return to work on January 18, 2011).

Salary Adjustment/Contract Rider — **Salary Adjustment**

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

From: $24,299.00 To: $30,588.00 (Prorated)

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

Curriculum/Instruction

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

Student Teachers

Approve Vinny Gencarelli, from County College of Morris, for five (5) hours of observation at the Copeland Middle School beginning in January.

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Approve Sara Krsulic, from Misericordia University, to observe for two (2) days at the Catherine A. Dwyer School beginning in January.

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

Approve the following students from Montclair State University as student teachers for the spring semester.

Mathew Diglio
Christina LaSala
Holly Bollinger
Michelle Dickens
Lynette Welsh
Diann Cornell
Lauren Elwell
Jose Gutierrez

Explanation: Requirement for degree.

ARRA Workshop

Approve the use of ARRA grant funds to pay additional hours of staff assistants to attend the two-day workshop, "Non-Violent Crisis Intervention" on January 26 and 31, 2011:

Rosemarie Corbo	Copeland School	$81.65	100% paid by grant
Donna Sikoral	KDM School	$83.65	100% paid by grant
Gurneeta Singh	Copeland School	$77.65	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.

Dr. Vogt

Approve an amendment for Kimberly Vogt, Ph.D, BCBA to provide ABA-based parent training for a parent of a special education student for a total of twelve (one-hour) sessions at a rate of $150.00 per hour commencing on or about October 21, 2010 - June 10, 2011. Services originally were to end March 4, 2011. Total number of session will remain the same (12).

Explanation: Services are being amended to accommodate the provider's schedule. Per student's IEP and Rockaway Township Child Study Team does not provide this service.

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

Finance

Mrs. Power raised a question on the pergolas. Dr. Friedberger asked about the pergolas. Dr. Verbist provided a very detailed report on the rationale for the resolution.

Motion made by Mr. Giarratano, seconded by Mrs. Salny 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 November 30, 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 November 30, 2010.

Authorize account transfers as submitted.

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.

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

Accept a donation of ten (10) $100.00 gift cards from Walmart to the teachers of Birchwood School, who were recognized for their commitment and dedication to their students.

Explanation: The gift certificates will be used to purchase school supplies for teachers' classrooms.

DOE Submission Pergolas

Approve Parette Somjen Architects to prepare and submit an application to the New Jersey Department of Education for two pergolas, one at Copeland Middle School and one at Stony Brook School. The Board of Education is not seeking any state funding for these projects. As part of this application, the Board authorizes amendments to the District's Long Range Facility plan to reflect the scope of work for these projects.

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

Old Business

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Mrs. Salny asked about the Volunteer Program. Dr. Grefe responded on the program's operation and systemic value.

Mrs. Salny addressed the collective bargaining process with the RTAA.

Dr. Friedberger read into the record the Board Negotiations Committees.

Mrs. Salny announced that the Copeland Middle School music students performed and provided continuous music prior to the holiday break.

New Business

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Dr. Friedberger and Board congratulated Kim Wettstein on her Vice Principal appointment.

Dr. Vitta announced the new Interim Vice Principal at Copeland Middle School until Ms. Wettstein returns.

The Board wished Dr. Vitta a Happy Birthday.

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Power that the meeting stand adjourned at 7:54 PM

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

DR. JAMES P. VERBIST
Board Secretary