

Rochelle Park Board of Education
Executive 6:30 P.M. Regular Meeting 7:30 P.M.
January 24, 2023

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

| Board Member | Present | Absent |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Mr. Scott Kral, Vice President | | |
| Mrs. Teresa Judge-Cravello | | |
| Mr. Joseph Marolda | | |
| Mr. Jorge Martinez Jr. | | |
| Ms. Elaine Grace Rainone | | |
| Mr. Charles Schaadt | | |
| Mr. Matthew Trawinski, President | | |

Others Present:

Dr. Sue DeNobile, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. James Riley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mrs. Cara Hurd, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Michael Alberta, Principal
Mrs. Rebecca Garcia, Director of Special Services
Mrs. Ellen Kobylarz, Board Recording Secretary

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education will convene in Executive Session to discuss confidential matters which include Contracts and Safety Matters.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VI. Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 Announcement-by Board President

In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, I wish to announce that “The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of bodies at which any business affecting their interests discussed or acted Upon. Notices announcing the date, time and place for this Regular Meeting were sent to all concerned individuals, associations and sent to the, The Record, and The Our Town, in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975” posted on the District website, at least 48 hours prior to the time of this meeting.

VI. Honors and Awards

Teacher of The Year

WHEREAS, The Board of Education recognizes the outstanding qualities of its staff and commends them for their dedication to Rochelle Park; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education wishes to commemorate Justin Kemp’s superior service by publicly acknowledging him as a recipient of the Educator of the Year in Teaching Award for 2022-2023; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education congratulates Mr. Kemp and takes official notice of his individual accomplishment.

Motion by _____ seconded by _____
Roll Call

Educational Service Professional of the Year

WHEREAS, The Board of Education recognizes the outstanding qualities of its staff and commends them for their dedication to Rochelle Park; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education wishes to commemorate Ellen Lender's superior service by publicly acknowledging her as a recipient of the Educational Service Professional of the Year Award for 2022-2023; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education congratulates Ms. Lender and takes official notice of her individual accomplishment.

Motion by _____ seconded by _____
Roll Call

VII. REPORTS

- A. Superintendent
- B. Business Administrator
- C. Director of Curriculum and Instruction – 2022 Fall Start Strong Assessment State Testing Results
- D. Principal
- E. Director of Special Services

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

The Board of Education reserves the right to hold public comment on agenda items, at its discretion, at its regular monthly public meetings. Public comment will be limited to three minutes per person. Citizens should give their name and address when recognized to speak.

IX. Items for Board Action-Resolutions

New Jersey School Board Recognition Month

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Board of Education, which adopts the administrative code to implement state education law, has established rigorous standards through its promulgation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, which set the expectations of academic achievement for nearly 1.4 million public school children; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's locally elected and appointed boards of education play a vital role in ensuring that their local school districts meet state standards and adhere to state and federal education statute and regulations, with the goal of preparing all students for college and the workplace, thereby enabling them to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s 5,000 non-partisan local board of education members and charter school trustees are public servants who dedicate their time, without pay or benefit, to the oversight of school district operations, sound financial practices, comprehensive policies, curriculum, staffing, and the well-being and academic achievement of all students in the district; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of local boards of education, in conjunction with state education officials and local educators, have built a foundation of success that has led to New Jersey’s status as a leader in student achievement, as evidenced by the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores; and

WHEREAS, the National School Boards Association and the New Jersey School Boards Association have declared January 2023 to be School Board Recognition Month; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education recognizes the contributions of our state’s local boards of education to the academic success of its public-school students and expresses its sincere appreciation to local board of education members for their continued focus on the achievement of children throughout New Jersey; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education encourages qualified New Jersey citizens to consider serving as members on their local school boards.

Motion by _____, second by _____,
Roll Call

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES B1

B1. Standing Committees:

The acknowledgement of all Standing Committees for 2023 as follows:

Board President is part of all committees.

2023 School Year

| Committees | Chairperson | Member |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Curriculum | Ms. Rainone | Mr. Marolda |
| Finance | Mr. Martinez Jr. | Mrs. Judge Cravello |
| Facilities | Mr. Kral | Mr. Martinez Jr. |
| Personnel | Mr. Kral | Mr. Schaadt |
| Policy | Mrs. Judge Cravello | Ms. Rainone |
| Negotiations | Mrs. Judge Cravello | Mr. Schaadt |

Appointments:

Joint Boards HHS- Ms. Rainone/ Mrs. Judge Cravello

NJ/BCSBD School Boards- Mr. Martinez Jr./Mr. Marolda/Mrs. Judge Cravello

Liaison to Township Committee: Mr. Kral

B1.

Motion _____ Second _____

Roll call

Routine Matters Resolutions R1-R20

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R1. Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, Upon the recommendation of the

Superintendent approves the minutes of the following meetings.

- a) December 13, 2022 Regular & Executive
- b) January 3, 2023 Annual Reorganization Meeting, Regular Meeting & Executive

ATTENDANCE

R2. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the attendance report for the month of December 2022 as listed:

Enrollment

Midland School 493
Hackensack H.S. 134
Academies/Technical Schools 44
Totals 671

Pupil Attendance

Possible Days 8255
Days Present 7526
Days Absent 729
% Present 91.1%
% Absent 8.9%

Teacher Attendance

Possible Days 928
Days Present 975.5
Days Absent 52.5
% Present 94.3%
% Absent 5.7%

POLICY #8420 EMERGENCY & CRISIS SITUATIONS

R3. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following Fire and Security drills held in the month of December 2022 for the Rochelle Park School District.

Fire Drill – December 8, 2022
Security Drill- December 21, 2022

POLICY #5512.01 HARRASSMENT INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING

R4. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following HIB Report for December 2022 on behalf of the Rochelle Park School District.

December 2022

Reported Cases: 1
Number of Cases open: 0
Number of Cases closed: 1
Number of Incidents determined to be HIB: 0
Suspensions: 1

PARAPROFESSIONAL STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE

R5. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the submission of the Statement of Assurance regarding the use of paraprofessional Staff for the 2022-2023 school year, to the New Jersey Department of Education.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES

R6. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the travel reimbursement expense for CST #2005 from dates 09/13-10/19 for a total of \$74.75.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES

R7. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves a Developmental Pediatric Evaluation for CST # 2301 at a rate of \$700.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES

R8. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves a Developmental Pediatric Evaluation for CST # 2301 at a rate of \$325.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES

R9. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves a Neurological Evaluation for CST # 2214 at a rate of \$650.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES

R10. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Region V related services for CST #0789 for a total of \$545.70.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES

R11. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the purchase of Goldman Fristo (GFTA-3) protocols through Pearson Q-global. At a cost of \$125.82.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES

R12. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the revision of tuition for Reed Academy for CST #2117 from \$121,682.40 to \$135,135.00 a daily rate change from \$579.44 to \$643.50 for the 2022-2023 school year as of January 3, 2023.

BYLAWS & POLICIES

R13. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves an update to the following Regulation:

- a) Regulation 7440- School District Security

TITLE I PART A PERFORMANCE REPORT

R14. RESOLVED; Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the submission of the Title 1 Part A Performance Report to the New Jersey Dept. Of Education.

PRE- K TUITION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

R15. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the tuition rate of \$6,500.00 for the integrated preschool program.

UMPIRE FEES

R16. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the basketball referees' fees as \$65.00 per game for the 2022-2023 season.

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM

R17. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Extended School Year program from July 5, 2023 through July 27, 2023. Days of service to include Wednesday July 5, 2023 to Friday, July 7, 2023, Mondays through Thursdays, July 10, 2023 to July 27, 2023 8:30AM to 11:30 AM.

SUMMER TRANSITION PROGRAM

R18. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Summer Transition Program from July 5, 2023 through July 27, 2023. Days of service to include Wednesday July 5, 2023 to Friday, July 7, 2023, Mondays through Thursdays, July 10, 2023 to July 27, 2023 8:30AM to 11:30 AM.

FUNDRAISING

R19. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a Midland School Music/Arts program Spring 2023 fundraiser to include T-Shirts/Clothing that could be worn on school trips or at school functions.

FUNDRAISING

R20. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Midland School Music/Arts program to fundraise through Snap Raise, an Organized Fundraising Company. Runs for 4 (four) weeks and is an online program. This is also a Music Dept event. Fund helps to offset the costs of the dept activities.

R1-R20

Motion _____ Second _____
Roll call

Personnel Resolutions P1-P21

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

P1. Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the participation of the persons named at the following workshops/conferences.

| Name | Workshop/Conference | Date | Cost |
|---------------------|---|--------------|--|
| a) Rex Leka | NJSBGA EXPO | 3/19-22/2023 | \$325.00 Travel in accordance with NJ DOE waiver and OMB guidelines |
| b) Rex Leka | Indoor Air Quality | 1/6/2023 | \$00 |
| c) Jessica DiCori | Providing Support to Classroom Teachers | 3/10/2023 | \$00 |
| d) Savanah Orta | Explaining your reports to Parents & Teachers and Writing recommendations that they can understand. | 2/10/2023 | \$00 |
| e) Katie Leithauser | Practical & Effective Strategies to Improve Self-Regulation and Executive Functioning | 1/30/2023 | \$189.00 (Title II funds) |
| f) Mike Alberta | Law Enforcement Against Drugs (LEAD) Conference | 3/19-20/2023 | \$00 |

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

P2. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves (pending official transcripts) the first half of tuition reimbursement for courses taken during the fall of 2022-2023 school year as follows:

- a) Stephanie Fernandez 3 credits \$1,145.05
- b) Allison Hilla 6 credits \$825.00
- c) Keri Izzo 3 credits \$1,145.05

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|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| d) Justin Kemp | 6 credits | \$845.00 |
| e) Alison Sparaga | 3 credits | \$1,145.05 |

SUMMER TRANSITION PROGRAM 2023

P3. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following hourly rates for the Summer Transition Program for 2023.

- a) Lead Teacher \$75.00 per hour
- b) Teacher \$50.00 per hour
- c) School Nurse \$70.00 per hour
- d) Paraprofessional \$22.00 per hour
- e) Substitutes \$50.00 per hour
- f) Related Services \$50.00 per hour

EXTENDED YEAR PROGRAM 2023

P4. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following hourly rates for the Extended Year Program for 2023.

- a) Lead Teacher \$75.00 per hour
- b) Teacher \$50.00 per hour
- c) School Nurse \$70.00 per hour
- d) Paraprofessional \$22.00 per hour
- e) Substitutes \$50.00 per hour
- f) Related Services \$50.00 per hour

HIRES- NON -CERTIFICATED

P5. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Nancy D'Addezio-Gomez to the position paraprofessional as of January 17, 2023 to June 30, 2023, at the rate of \$22.30 per hour, pending background checks.

HIRES- NON -CERTIFICATED

P6. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Thomas Schmidt to the position paraprofessional as of February 14, 2023 to June 30, 2023, at the rate of \$22.30 per hour, pending background checks.

HIRES- NON -CERTIFICATED

P7. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Jack O'Brien to the position full time custodian as of January 16, 2023 to June 30, 2023, at the prorated salary of \$46,381.00 Step 2.

RECINDS APPOINTMENT

P8. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education rescinds the appointment of Vincent Occhino as Interim Business Administrator /Board Secretary for January 16, 2023 through February 12, 2023.

RESIGNATION

P9. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Polum Veliu of as full-time custodian as of January 6, 2023.

EXTRA CURRICULAR POSITIONS

P10. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education appoints the following teachers to the extra-curricular positions stated for the 2022-2023 school year, stipend in accordance with the union contract.

- a) Allison Hilla, Spelling Bee Coordinator

HIRING CERTIFICATED STAFF

P11. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Beverly Martin as a substitute to fill in for a Family Leave Replacement for employee#85393916 from March 6, 2023 through the end of the 2022/2023 school year at the Substitute rate of \$120.00 per day for the first 20 consecutive days worked in the same position. The rate will increase to \$132.50 and remain until there is a break in the consecutive days or the leave has ended.

HIRING CERTIFICATED STAFF

P12. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Maria Suzanne Melis as a substitute to fill in for a Family Leave Replacement for employee#45859485 for 20 days beginning on February 1, 2023 at the Substitute rate of \$120.00 per day.

HIRES-CERTIFICATED

P13. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following teachers for the Extended School Day Program at \$50 per hour, Monday thru Thursday from 2/13/2023 to 4/6/2023. These appointments are conditional subject to student enrollment for classes scheduled to run. The Extended School Day Program is funded under Title I Grant. Total amount not to exceed \$9,500.00.

- a. Amanda Bellagamba
- b. Laurel Barriento
- c. Kristin Colucci
- d. Kaitlin Gallagher
- e. Laura Giglio
- f. Allison Hilla
- g. Donna Johnson
- h. Tracy Kaminski
- i. Hannah Kertesz
- j. Denise McCormick
- k. Tara Mizzoni
- l. Christine Raimondi
- m. Danielle Sinclair

RESIGNATION

P14. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Kaitlyn Boylan's from the position of Paraprofessional effective January 15, 2023.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

P15. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Kaitlyn Boylan to be added to the Substitute Paraprofessional list effective January 16, 2022 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

HIRES- NON -CERTIFICATED

P16. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following individuals to the list of Substitute Teachers as of January 24, 2023, for the 2022-2023 school year at the rate of \$120.00 per day as needed.

- (a) Faith Keener

HIRES- NON -CERTIFICATED

P17. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following individuals to the list of Cafeteria/Playground Substitute's as of January 24, 2023, for the 2022-2023 school year.

- (a) Patricia Daubner

HIRES- CERTIFICATED

P18. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following individuals to the list of Breakfast Duty staff as of January 24, 2023, for the 2022-2023 school year.

- (a) Christopher Pezzuti

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERNSHIP

P19. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Suzanne Zilvetti for an administrative internship for fifty (50) hours between January 30, 2023 – May 30, 2023. The internship is with Seton Hall's Educational Leadership Management and Policy program.

APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT

P20. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education appoints LAN Associates, as architect of record for the period of January 24, 2023 until the next reorganization meeting.

AMMENDENT OF RESOLUTION

P21. RESOLVED, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education amends resolution P7 from the November 29, 2022 agenda to include that the Substitute rate of pay will increase to \$132.50 per day after 20 consecutive days of working in the same position.

P1-P21

Motion _____ Second _____

Roll call

Finance Resolutions F1-F7

BILLS LIST

F1. Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the second December 2022 bill list attached and listed below.

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| A. General Funds- Fund 10& 11 | \$127,968.28 |
| B. Federal Grant – Fund 20 | \$8,282.91 |
| C. Referendum Account-Fund 30 | \$.00 |
| D. Cafeteria- Fund 60 | \$15,839.22 |
| E. Afterschool Program- Fund 61 | \$3,428.46 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR December | \$155,518.87 |

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

ATTACHEMENT 1

BILLS LIST

F2. Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the January 2023 bill list attached and listed below.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| A. General Funds- Fund 10& 11 &12 | \$281,591.09 |
| B. Federal Grant – Fund 20 | \$27,973.64 |
| C. Referendum Account-Fund 30 | \$0.00 |
| D. Cafeteria- Fund 60 | \$13,882.29 |
| E. Afterschool Program- Fund 61 | \$5,033.97 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR January | \$328,455.99 |

ATTACHEMENT 2

CHECK RUN

F3. Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes a check run for the month of January 2023 with the amounts to be approved at the February 2023 meeting.

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

F4. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the payroll for December 2022 as follows:

| December 2022 | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Fund Gross Payroll | |
| Fund 10 | \$616,969.84 |
| Fund 20 | \$6,095.84 |
| Fund 61 | \$9,985.04 |
| Fund 62 | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$633,050.72 |

NESBIG

F5. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the annual appointment of James Riley, Business Administrator as the representative for the Board of Education to the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group, (NESBIG) until the next reorganization meeting.

SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE

F6. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the appointment of Sue DeNobile as the representative Board of Education member to the South Bergen Jointure Commission until the next reorganization meeting.

2023-2024 BUDGET CALENDAR

F7. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education approves the Budget Calendar for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

F1-F7

Motion _____ Second _____

Roll call

X. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda and non-agenda items)

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XI. ANNOUNCEMENT: The next regular meeting of the Rochelle Park Board of Education will be held on February 21, 2023 in the Midland School Gymnasium at 7:30 PM. Executive Session will be held before at 6:30 PM

XII. ADJOURMENT:

Motion_____ Second_____

Roll Call