

**Rochelle Park Board of Education  
Special Joint Meeting 7:00 P.M.  
February 13, 2019**

- I. Call to Order and Flag Salute**
- II. Roll Call**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mr. Matt Trawinski, Vice President	X	
Mr. Adib Abboud	X	
Ms. Christina Holz	X	
Mr. Scott Kral	X	
Mr. Gerard Sorrentino		X
Ms. Layla Wuthrick	X	
Mrs. Teresa Judge Cravello, President	X	

Others present:

- Dr. Richard Brockel., Interim Superintendent of Schools
- Mrs. Cheryl Jiosi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Mr. Michael Alberta, Principal
- Mrs. Ellen Kobylarz, Board Recording Secretary

**III. Open Public Meetings 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 is 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”

**IV. Work Session Discussion regarding Joint issues with Township**

- 1) Mr. Warren asked what the long and short term School Goals- Dr. Brockel mentioned the expansion/renovations that the board is planning for extra classrooms including a STEM/STEAM room.
- 2) Mr. Warren & Mrs. LiBassi were mystery readers; they added that was a pleasure to do. Mr. Warren received thank you cards from the class he read to.
- 3) Mr. Warren mentioned a new program the township called Start Healthy Stay Healthy, Rochelle Park Moves. Promoting exercising, participants can register, win prizes, they are planning community walks, fun, games etc. Ms. Wuthrick would like to see unhealthy snacks removed from the school cafeteria.
- 4) President Judge Cravello brought up Williams St. parking lot. The Board Attorney and the Township attorney have been in talks regarding parking in the lot overnight.
- 5) Mr. Trawinski talked about wanting to see more shared purchasing/services between the board and the township.

6) Mr. Kral mentioned better security connectivity from the school to the police station.

**V. Open Public Forum** (Pursuant to Board Policy 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings)

During this portion of the meeting, district residents and staff are invited to address the Board of Education on any topics specifically addressed to the cooperative working relationship between the school district and the municipality. The Board requests that individuals identify themselves by name and address, and asks that all remarks be directed to the Board as a whole (not to individuals). The Board wishes to remind all attendees at its meetings that while it subscribes without reservation to the principle of keeping the community completely informed, it cannot respond to or discuss personnel matters. If a matter concerning a district staff member is of interest or concern to a resident, the matter should be referred to the Building Principal, Superintendent of Schools, or the Board of Education, either by telephone, letter, or email. Each speaker's statement will be limited to three (3) minutes in duration. This Public Forum will be limited to thirty (30) minutes in duration.

Motion by Mr. Kral, seconded by Mr. Trawinski, to open public comment at 7:34 P.M.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

Mrs. Leakas-Powell, encouraged the Board while they were exploring new construction not to forget about other projects that have not been completed such as new flooring in the remaining third floor classrooms, work on the third stairwell and, parking lot re-pavement. She would like to see fencing on the William St. side of the property. Mrs. Leakas would like to see more Superintendents' roundtables held. *President Judge Cravello explained that the Board is still looking at that project and would like to get a bigger grant if possible.*

Mrs. Ross – stated there have been cars parked in the fire zone when she has picked up her children from school. Inquired as to why the flag is flying at half-staff and shouldn't it be lit up at night.

Mr. Scully Marinus St. - encouraged the Township not to overstep but to pay attention to what is going on at the school, if the school is good then the town is good. He referenced the number of changes at the school recently. He would like to see taxes not go up.

*Dr. Brockel replied that in his experience the two boards do work together. He understands it's a good thing when they do. Ms. Boniface added that she ran on fiscal responsibility and agreed that many of the students stay in town. She doesn't want taxes to go up either. President Judge Cravello stated the board is fiscally responsible adding they do the best that they can this is a very hard working board. Mr. Trawinski noted previous board members is why the litigation expense is so high.*

Mrs. Leakas inquired about the timing of the reregistration and where it was at, and questioned what documents were required.

*President Judge Cravello stated that a good majority of parents responded and they are still working towards getting everyone to comply.*

*Mrs. Jiosi explained that the state dictates what documents are required. Discussion followed.*

Motion by Mr. Kral, seconded by Ms. Holz, to close public comment at 7:57 P.M.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

**IV. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Kral, seconded by Ms. Holz to adjourn meeting at 7:57 P.M.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

