

**Rochelle Park Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes– 7:30 P.M.
March 10, 2016**

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

Board Members	Present	Absent
Mr. Sam Allos, Vice President	X	
Mrs. Shirley Abraham	X	
Mrs. Arlene Ciliento Buyck	X	
Mrs. Teresa Judge Cravello	X	
Mrs. Maria Lauerman	X	
Mr. Mark Scully	X	
Mrs. Dimitria Leakas, President	X	

Others present:

- Dr. Geoffrey W. Zoeller Jr. Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools
- Mrs. Cara Hurd, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Mr. Brian R. Cannici, Principal
- Mr. Kevin Woods, Building and Grounds Supervisor
- Mrs. Ellen Kobylarz, Board 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. Items for Board Action - Resolutions

Note: Resolutions marked with an asterisk are as a result of Executive Session Discussion.

At this time the meeting was turned over to Mr. Cannici.

Ms. Barbieri (PreK Teacher) spoke of Mrs. Scarpa’s role in her classroom. The compassion Mrs. Scarpa has for the students, always putting the students first.

Educational 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 Mrs. Scarpa superior service by publicly acknowledging her as a recipient of the Governor’s Educational Service Professional of the year Award for 2015-2016; now therefore be it

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

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Lauerma
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

Mr. Cannici spoke of the time he met Mr. Ramirez, back in 1979, Mr. Ramirez as the teacher Mr. Cannici as the student. Throughout Mr. Ramirez's time at Midland he has filled many roles, teacher, coach, mentor, disciplinarian, and advisor. He has dedicated his life to the help of others. Mr. Cannici recounted many times when Mr. Ramirez saw a struggling student and would go out of his way to help that student.

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 Mr. Ramirez's superior service by publicly acknowledging him as a recipient of the Governor's Educator of the Year in Teaching Award for 2015-2016; now therefore be it

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

Motion by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, seconded by Mrs. Lauerma
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

Mr. Ramirez thanked everyone for this honor, he considers himself the luckiest man on earth. There is no higher honor than to be selected among so many dedicated professionals. Teachers create all other professions. He has two great women in his life, his wife Patti, tower of strength, reason, and stabilizing force in his life, Katherine his daughter whom of which his life revolves around. Katherine gave up many things to follow her dreams and he was lucky to get to watch her. Mr. Ramirez spoke of his mother Lucy who sacrificed things in her own life for him. He quoted JFK by stating "ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your county". He always wanted to be a teacher, again thanked everyone for honoring him in such a manner, quoting Coach Lombardo "I'm the richest man in town... "Keep your head up, keep doing what you are doing, he ended his speech with a quote from Star Trek "I have always been your friend" live long and prosper.

Dr. Zoeller congratulated both Mrs. Scarpa and Mr. Ramirez, adding that beyond the obvious example of our student's, that the faculty and staff are the strength of the school.

President Leakas spoke on behalf of the Board of Education congratulated both Mrs. Scarpa and Mr. Ramirez on their accomplishments.

2nd MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

Mr. Cannici will announce the names of the students who achieved Honor Roll status for the 2nd marking period.

V. The Board will briefly recess following the distribution of awards, and reconvene in the Media Center.

President Leakas suspended the meeting at 8:05 P.M. for refreshments; all Board of Education members were in favor. The meeting resumed in the Media Center at 8:15 P.M.

VI. Superintendent's Report Dr. Zoeller reported on the following:

- There are a number of workshops/conference requests being approved this evening.
- The board will be approving the baseball/softball schedule.
- A number of field trips will be approved tonight, including several to the Township library.
- Kindergarten registration is ongoing for next year Mr. Cannici will talk about that in more detail.
- The 2016-2017 school calendar will be approved tonight along with a revised calendar for this year. To date we have not used any of our snow days, therefore the end of the school year will be moved up to June 21st. The other two days will be taken on the Friday/Tuesday of Memorial Day weekend. If a snow day/emergency day is needed between now and Memorial Day, we will use those two days to cover.
- We have a number of policies up for a final reading and adoption, two revised policies, job description change.
- Finally, we will approve the district's Comprehensive Equity Plan, thank you to Mr. Cannici and his committee for putting together the Comprehensive Equity Plan.

VII. Director of Curriculum & Instruction's Report Mrs. Hurd reported on the following:

- Curriculum update- Mrs. Hurd met with the ELA teachers discussed creating a core group of teachers to discuss the current curriculum and the direction in which she would like to go when writing the ELA curriculum next year. Mrs. Hurd would like to have brain storming sessions which include teachers from Maywood, and Hackensack. Curriculum writing will take a break during the upcoming testing period.
- PARCC/NJASK – the testing schedule has been posted on the website. Mrs. Hurd mapped out what testing will take place.
- Mrs. Hurd met with the Rochelle Park Library Director, Julia Perrotta. Their goal was to discuss ways to increase the communication between the RP Library and Midland School. The novels and educational resources the teachers and students use here at Midland throughout the year were shared with Ms. Perrotta. Ms. Perrotta is interested in purchasing some of those materials to have them available for the students. Also with assistance from Mr. Cannici, trips to the library were arranged. They will keep in touch regarding summer reading lists to ensure that extra copies of books are available to our students.

VIII. Principal's Report Mr. Cannici reported the following:

- Mr. Cannici acknowledged the presences of Mr. Grossman's students and welcomed them to the meeting.
- Today the district hosted students from Hackensack High School as part of the "Careers in Education Day." Students observed various teachers and grade levels to give them exposure to the field of education. The program headed by Dr. Tara Jakubik, is a former student of Midland School who is now teaches at Hackensack High School in addition to coaching at the high school. Mr. Cannici is proud to say that this is the second year the school has participated in the program, it is a great success.
- Mr. Cannici touched on the trips to the Library that the grades 3-5 will be taking. It is a great opportunity to visit the facilities and learn about the programs and resources that are available to them.
- Midland School is again participating in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Pennies for patients program. A service learning program that gives students the unique experience of working together to help raise awareness and funds in honor of thousands of children and adults fighting against blood cancers. He hopes to raise a lot of funds for this program.

- Cultural Arts Assembly “Prismatic Magic Laser Show” will be held in the school on March 18th
- Kindergarten registration dates are on the website.
- PTA Report- no report

IX. Building & Grounds Supervisor’s Report Mr. Woods reported the following:

- The bids for the bathrooms will be going out shortly.
- Materials for the door project have been ordered.
- Referendum work will continue during the week of spring break.

X. 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 in this agenda or on any other questions, comments, or concerns that may be in respect to the operation of their schools. The Board requests that individuals sign the speakers’ list giving name and address, and asks that all remarks be directed to the Board as a whole (not to individuals). The public is reminded that their remarks are being recorded.

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 five (5) minutes in duration. The Public Forum will be limited to one (1) hour in duration.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to open public comment at 8:25 P.M.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

Mrs. Leakas welcomed Mr. Grossman’s 8th grade students.

Mrs. Pardo- W. Oldis St. On the curriculum guides posted on line, she’s not seeing separate curriculums for regular and advanced language arts.

Mrs. Hurd responded that the curriculums are not different. Advanced uses different books, content is the same, but higher order level thinking.

Mr. Trawinski- Forest Pl. Asked for an explanation of F13, and which room that it pertains to.

Dr. Zoeller explained the temporary waiver is for one period, once a week where the number of students exceeds the allotted amount, by one student. Could have taken out the bookcases, which would have given us the allotted square footage in the media center.

Mr. Trawinski reiterated one student, and asked if the 6th grade students, will they be getting textbooks this year for science.

Dr. Zoeller stated no, the instructor will be using what she has, nothing has gone missing, Due to the state changing the standards, and the district not knowing what direction the state will be going in.

Mrs. Hurd interjected that it’s not just Rochelle Park there are no textbooks that are aligned to the new standards, added that she has researched textbooks, as well as reached out to the different textbook companies. In the meantime samples have been ordered that can be utilized along with online resources.

Mr. Seymour Marinus St. Expressed concerns over the one student over the max occupancy limit, asked how that was established. Are you certain it's only one student?

Dr. Zoeller explained that the district knows how many students are in the room, plans were sent to the state, smaller tables were ordered. Plans were reviewed by the Department of Education, Executive County Business Administrator. If the bookcases and cabinets were removed we would be ok but that throws off the footage. Lost free available footage, due to the additional furniture the teacher brought with her.

Mr. Seymour clarified, either we get a waiver or pull the stuff out. Was the teacher involved, other solutions?

Dr. Zoeller explained that the schedule cannot accommodate it. There are only 2 sections, the student moved into the district in January to redo the entire schedule impacts everything else, music, art, PE, speech therapy etc. Impacts so many other things, not a feasible alternative. It's one period out of the 45 in a week and that would be chaos for everyone else.

Mr. Seymour asked if we get a waiver what impact does that have on the ability of students to learn. Looked at the plans of the room at the town hall, he believes with the long table's kids can't see the smart board. In his option, 5 to 7 kids who can't participate in instruction. There should be other solutions to getting these kids to see the smartboard, look at the plans, any way more than 26 kids can get instruction. He calculates the room is max 5 over and questions if we are in compliance. What about the students that can't see the smartboard. He feels there should be some collaboration between Mrs. Hurd and the teacher, addressing her concerns.

Motion by Mrs. Abraham, second by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, to close public comment at 8:40 P.M.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

XI. Items for Board Action - Resolutions

Note: Resolutions marked with an asterisk are as a result of Executive Session Discussion.

ROUTINE MATTERS RESOLUTIONS 1-12

POLICY #0168 – APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

R1. Resolved, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the minutes of the following meetings:

February 12, 2015 Regular Meeting & Executive Meeting

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

POLICY #5200 - ATTENDANCE

R2. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the attendance report for the month of February 2016 as listed:

<u>Enrollment</u>		<u>Left</u>	<u>Entered</u>
Midland School	500	1-5 th Grader	2-2 nd Graders
Hackensack H.S.	146.5	1-6 th Grader	1-Kndg
Academies/ Technical Schools	17		

Total 663.5

Pupil Attendance

Possible Days 9497
Days Present 8964
Days Absent 533
% Present 94.3%
% Absent 5.7%

Teacher Attendance

Possible Days 960
Days Present 921
Days Absent 39
% Present 95.9%
% Absent 4.1%

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

POLICY #2431 – ATHLETIC COMPETITION

R3. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the 2016 Baseball and Softball Schedules as presented.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

POLICY #8210 - SCHOOL YEAR

R4. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the School Calendar for the 2016-2017 school year as submitted.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

Mrs. Judge Cravello questioned the two religious observance days in the beginning of the school year added. Cost effectively how does this work.

Dr. Zoeller explained that Region V puts out consensus calendars. When the area schools are closing that effects transportation, in response to that the area schools try to coordinate the days off in the calendar. If we are the only district open, we are the only one who needs transportation, food delivery that week for the cafeteria and so on. We also try to align our calendar with Hackensack due to our send-receive relationship; it benefits our families when both schools are off on the same days. Our out of district Special Education students follow our calendar, we are responsible for paying the entire amount instead of sharing the fees if we follow everyone else with the same days. It is the right thing to do.

R5. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the revisions to the School Calendar for the 2015-2016 school year as submitted.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

Policy #8420 – EMERGENCY & CRISIS SITUATIONS

R6. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following Fire and Security drills held in the month of February 2016 for the Rochelle Park School District:

Fire Drill – February 25, 2016
Security Drill- February 29, 2016

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

Policy #5512.01 – HARASSMENT- INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING

***R7. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following HIB, Incident and Suspension Report for February 2016 on behalf of the Rochelle Park School District.**

February 2016

Reported Cases: 0
Number cases open: 0
Number cases closed: 0
Number cases determined to be HIB: 0
Suspensions:

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

POLICY #2340 – FIELD TRIPS

R8. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following field trip request:

Mrs. Meyers to replace Mrs. Fletcher on the 8th grade Trip to the State House in Trenton and the Old Barracks Museum on March 29, 2016.

Mrs. Cherello, Ms. Sherry, and Mr. Calabro to accompany the 5th Grade students to Medieval Times on April 29, 2016 at a cost of \$50.00 per student to the borne by the parents.

Mrs. Calderone, Mr. Hornes, Mrs. Hamilton, and Mrs. Meyers to accompany the 3rd grade students to the Rochelle Park Library on March 16, 2016, rain date March 17, 2016
Ms. Leccese, Mrs. Oliver, Mr. Stack, Ms. Hanczaryk, and Mr. Tanulli (Student Teacher) to accompany the 4th grade students to the Rochelle Park Library on March 23, 2016, rain date March 24, 2016.

Mrs. Cherello, Mr. Calabro and Ms. Sherry to accompany the 5th grade students to the Rochelle Park Library on March 30, 2016, rain date March 31, 2016

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

POLICY #0130 BYLAWS & POLICIES

R9. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a second reading and adoption of the following Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations:

New

5337- Service Animals
7650- School Vehicles Assignment, Use, Tracking, Maintenance, and Accounting
R7650- School Vehicles Assignment, Use, Tracking, Maintenance, and Accounting
8690- Monitoring Devices on School Vehicles

R8690-Monitoring Devices on School Vehicles
8750- Employee Indemnification

Revised

1240-Evaluation of Superintendent
R1240-Evaluation of Superintendent
3221- Evaluation of Teachers
R3221- Evaluation of Teachers
3222-Evaluation of Teaching Staff members, excluding Teachers and Administrators
R3222-Evaluation of Teaching Staff members, excluding Teachers and Administrators
3223- Evaluation of Administrators, excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals.
R3223- Evaluation of Administrators, excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals.
3224-Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals
R3224--Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals
3431.1-Family Leave
4431.1-Family Leave
5516- Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

POLICY #0130 BYLAWS & POLICIES

R10. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education suspends the rules and approves the adoption of the following revised Policies:

Revised

3150 Discipline
4150 Discipline

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

R11. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve a revision to the job description of the Building and Grounds Supervisor.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

POLICY #1523 COMPREHENSIVE EQUITY PLAN

R12. WHEREAS: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Elaine Rainone, Middle School Science Teacher, Jennifer O'Brien, K-8 Art Teacher, Thomas Hornes, 3rd Grade Teacher were appointed to serve on the Affirmative Action Team under the direction of Brian Cannici, Affirmative Action Officer and

WHEREAS: this team was charged with performing a needs assessment to determine whether the district was compliant or non-compliant in each area of the checklist for the comprehensive equity plan and

WHEREAS: this team met on February 16, 2016 and March 7, 2016 to complete this assessment and formulate this plan, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approve the submission of the Comprehensive Equity Plan for the Academic Years 2016-2017 through 2018-2019 for the Rochelle Park School District.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

PERSONNEL- RESOLUTIONS 1-4
POLICY #3240 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

P1. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the participation of the persons named at the following workshops/conferences:

Mrs. Meyers to attend “The Marginalized Child” on March 31, 2016 in Wayne at a cost to the district of \$60.00 for registration.

Mrs. Hurd to attend “NJASK District Test Coordinator Training” in Saddle Brook at no cost to the district for registration.

Mrs. Hurd to attend “Writing Workshop Lessons” in Wayne at no cost to the district for registration.

Ms. Aregood to attend “Progressive and Systematic Speech and Language training for children in the Autism Spectrum” online at a cost to the district of \$129.00 for registration.

Dr. Zoeller to attend “Mentoring and Developing New Administrators” in Trenton on April 18 & 19 2016 at a cost to the district of \$395.00 for registration.

Mrs. Leakas to attend “NJSBA 2016 School PR Forum” in Trenton on April 8, 2016 at a cost of \$75.00 to the district for registration.

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

POLICY #4125 EMPLOYMENT OF SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS

P2. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves Daniela Barbieri, Donna Johnson, Krista Fuchs and Ellen Lender as classroom assistants as needed to cover for play practice at a rate of \$19.30 per hour beginning April 1, 2016 until the play performance is over on April 8, 2016.

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

***P3. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education appoints George Gan as a Latchkey Aide for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year at the hourly rate of \$19.30.**

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

***P4. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the addition of the following list of individuals to the corresponding Substitute list pending completion of their criminal history review. At a rate of \$10.05 per hour on an as needed basis.**

**Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Substitute Classroom Assistant
Nalinikumari Balakrishnan
Nyok Wong**

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

FINANCE AND INSURANCE- RESOLUTIONS- F1-F15

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator to the Superintendent:

POLICY #6460 – PAYMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

F1. RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the March 2016 Bill List as approved by the Finance Committee, attached and listed below:

Fund	Total Expenditures
10 – General Fund	\$772,981.63
20 – Federal Grant	\$ 15,337.45
30 – Referendum Account	\$ 86,796.14
40- Debt Service	\$ 450,53.75
60 – Cafeteria	\$ 19,772.00
61 – Afterschool Program	\$ 11,392.62
Total	\$1,356,818.59

ATTACHMENT

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

POLICY #6820 – FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Budgetary Line Item Status Certifications

F2. RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary for the Rochelle Park Board of Education certifies that pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11 (c) 3, as of February 29, 2016 that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(a); and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education certifies that pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2-11 (c) 4 that after review of the board secretary's and treasurer's monthly financial reports and the advice of district officials, we have no reason to doubt that no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11 (b).

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

POLICY#6660- STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND

F3. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accept the Student Activity Fund Financial Reports for the months of February 2016.

ATTACHMENT

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

Transfers

F4. RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the line item transfers for February 2016.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

Approval of Submission of 2016-2017 Tentative School District Budget to Bergen County ECS

F5. RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to hereby authorize the submission of the tentative 2016-2017 School District Budget to the Interim Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval:

Fund	Budget	Tax Levy
General	\$11,991,278	\$10,978,185
Special Revenue Fund	151,844	-
Debt Service Fund	590,528	453,337
Total	\$12,733,649	\$11,431,522

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the tax levy for the General Fund \$10,962,631 and the use of banked cap \$15,554 having fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority in the budget year for a total of \$10,978,185 for the 2016-2017 school year. As a result of additional costs, there is a need for the use of the banked cap from budget year 2014-2015 to be included in the base budget; and this need will be completed by the end of the 2016-2017 year.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

F6. Award of Contract - "that the Board approve a contract with Atlantic for a lease of 6 Savin copiers with maintenance agreements per New Jersey State Contract #A40467 for a term of 60 months commencing April 1, 2016 at \$2,265.00 per month."

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman

Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

POLICY #6510 – PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

F7. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the February 2016 payroll as follows:

Fund	Gross Earnings	DCRP & Board Share FICA	State Share FICA
10 – General Fund	\$486,402.00	\$7,484.84	\$28,329.22
20 – Federal Grant	\$3,236.30	0	\$247.57
61 – Afterschool Program	\$11,045.88	\$845.00	0
Total	\$500,684.18	\$8,329.84	\$28,576.79

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

F8. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE REQUEST FOR LEASE PURCHASE BIDS TO FINANCE ALL OF A PORTION OF THE IMPROVEMENTS COMPRISING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT’S ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Borough of Rochelle Park in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed thereby) has, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6, (the “ESP Law”), determined to undertake an energy savings plan; and

WHEREAS, Concord Engineering, on behalf of the Board, has developed an ESP based upon a scope of projects including individual energy conservation measures (“ECM’s”) and including annual energy and operational savings and a proposed cash flow pro forma (the “ESP”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the ESP Law, the Board appointed CHA Companies, Inc. to act as a “third party verifier” in order to verify the savings set forth in the ESP; and

WHEREAS, CHA Companies, Inc. has verified the savings set forth in the ESP; and

WHEREAS, the ESP, as verified, has been submitted to and approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the energy savings generated from ESP will be sufficient to cover the cost of the program’s ECM’s set forth in the ESP, and, therefore, has determined to implement the ESP pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6 et seq. and to finance the ESP through the issuance of energy savings obligations authorized as a lease purchase agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6(c); and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to move the ESP forward, the Board seeks to (i) approve and adopt the ESP; (ii) authorize the bidding/installation of the ESP in accordance with the ESP Law; and (iii) authorize the seeking of bids and the award thereof for the lease purchase financing of the ECM's and other costs of the ESP.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board hereby approves and adopts the ESP as submitted to and approved by the BPU.

SECTION 2. The Board hereby authorizes the bidding and installation of the ESP.

SECTION 3. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the distribution of a request for bids for a lease purchase agreement in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to finance the improvements set forth in the ESP. Phoenix Advisors, LLC and Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., are hereby authorized to draft and distribute such request for bids. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized award the lease purchase agreement upon the advice of Phoenix Advisors, LLC. The Board hereby authorizes (i) the execution and the delivery of the Lease and other related documents, including an Escrow Agreement, and (ii) the performance by the Board of its obligations under the Lease and the Escrow Agreement, both to be dated the date of closing. The Board further authorizes and directs the Board President (or in every instance where the Board President is authorized to execute a document under this Resolution the same such authority shall also be given to the Vice President), and the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary to approve any non-material changes, additions or deletions to the Lease and the Escrow Agreement as may be necessary in the judgment of the Board's Bond Counsel. The Lease sets forth, among other things, the lease payments of the Board and their respective amounts. In all respects, the Lease shall be consistent with the terms of this Resolution. The Board President and the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute and to deliver on behalf of the Board each of the agreements referred to in this Resolution and such other agreements and certificates as may be necessary to complete the transaction contemplated by the Lease and the Board President and School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to take, on behalf of the Board, such other actions as shall be necessary and appropriate to accomplish the lease purchase financing of the ESP in accordance with the terms of the Lease and this Resolution and pursuant to the terms of the agreements and the instruments authorized to be prepared hereby and to accomplish the performance of the obligations of the Board in respect thereof.

SECTION 4. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequently imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Lease, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Lease.

SECTION 5. The Board reasonably expects to reimburse its expenditure of ESP Costs paid prior to the issuance of the Lease with proceeds of the Lease. This resolution is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Board's official intent to reimburse the expenditure of ESP Costs paid prior to the issuance of the Lease with the proceeds of the Lease, in accordance with Treasury Regulations §150-2. The maximum principal amount of the Lease expected to be issued to finance the ESP is \$250,000. The ESP Costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the Lease will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of Section 150 of the Code. No reimbursement allocation will employ an "abusive arbitrage device" under Treasury Regulations §1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage restrictions or to avoid the

restrictions under Sections 142 through 147, inclusive, of the Code. The proceeds of the Lease used to reimburse the Board for ESP Costs, or funds corresponding to such amounts, will not be used in a manner that results in the creation of "replacement proceeds", including "sinking funds", "pledged funds" or funds subject to a "negative pledge" (as such terms are defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1), of the Lease or another issue of debt obligations of the Board, other than amounts deposited into a "bona fide debt service fund" (as defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1). All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than the Lease is paid, or (ii) the date the ESP is "placed in service" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than 3 years after the expenditure is paid.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

Mrs. Judge Cravello, F8, can you go into detail on this.

Dr. Zoeller started prior to my start date. Needed to upgrade lighting, not in referendum, green initiatives, the state comes in looks at old inefficient lighting and sees the cost savings for new fixtures. They can tell us what the difference would be if we replace the fixtures, State gives us incentives to do the changeover. District bonds the amount and that is paid back by the savings of the operational efficiency. It costs the taxpayers nothing; the state runs the entire program. It is like taking out a home equity loan –we are telling the state “yes” we want to enter into this program. We don’t then have to take the money out of capital reserve. It’s a win, win, win. Then the board approves what projects they want to take care of.

Mrs. Judge Cravello even when the projects are assessed, the board approves it and it still will not cost the Board anything.

POLICY # 6160 GRANTS FROM PRIVATE SOURCES

F9. Resolved, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the submission of a grant application to Rutgers Eagleton Institute of Politics for the *State House Express* award in the amount of \$350.00.

Be it also resolved, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts the *State House Express* award in the amount of \$350.00 to be used for the purpose of transporting students to the State House in Trenton.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

F10. Resolved, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts a check in the amount of \$4,528.40, from Jason F. Schepis DMD LLC to be used for the purpose of instructional technology resource, for the Early Childhood program.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

Mrs. Judge Cravello asked Dr. Zoeller to elaborate on this item.

Dr. Zoeller announced Dr. Schepis is a local dentist. He has graciously given the district money to buy iPads with protective coating, to use in our PreK classes. This resolution is to accept the

monies to buy the materials. With the board approval Dr. Zoeller would like to invite Dr. Schepis to see the students interact with the iPads he so graciously donated.
Mrs. Lauerman thanked Dr. Schepis for his donation and Dr. Zoeller for meeting with him.

F11. Resolved, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the submission of a grant application to the NJEA Frederick L. Hipp Foundation for Excellence in Education, per the attached.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

F12. RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts a check in the amount of \$500.00 from Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program- J & M Auto Service Inc.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

F13. RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Application for Use of Temporary Instructional Space for the balance of the 2015-16 school year, per the attached.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 6-1
Motion Carried

POLICY#6460 PAYMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

F14. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves payment to RD Architectural Products, for the window replacement project, in the amount of \$90,924.00.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

F15. RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the application for use of school facilities made by the following groups/organizations listed below. The Board reserves the right to schedule school activities at any time.

Group/Organization	Use/Purpose/Room	Dates	Rental Fee
Maywood/RP Girls Softball	Softball field	March 14,2016-July 30, 2016 weekdays 5:00 PM to 8PM Saturday 9AM-5PM and Sundays 1PM-7PM- to be arranged around the school teams schedule.	None
RP Baseball	Auditorium	Nights in March (see note below) (coordinated with Basketball)	None
Maywood/RP Girls Softball	Auditorium	Tuesday nights 3/1,8, & 15, (coordinated with Basketball)*	None
PTA Meeting	Media Center	Change of Date from March 8 th to March 24 th	None

THE PLAY HAS BEEN MOVED TO APRIL 7TH, NO USAGE IN THE AUDITORIUM FROM MARCH 21ST -APRIL 15TH THE END OF SPRING BREAK

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

PERSONNEL

A1. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education rescinds the appointment of Ryan Davis as a part/time custodian effective March 1, 2016.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mr. Allos
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

FACILITY USE

A2. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the application for use of school facilities made by the following groups/organizations listed below. The Board reserves the right to schedule school activities at any time.

Group/Organization	Use/Purpose/Room	Dates	Rental Fee
Sacred Heart Church	Parking Lot/overflow	March 25, 2016	None

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mr. Allos
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

XIII. Reports – Committee Action Items

Buildings & Grounds- Mrs. Abraham, thanked Mr. Woods for his report. The committee's next meeting will be in May

Business, Finance, and Transportation-Mrs. Leakas, the committee met earlier tonight, we approved a preliminary budget, next it will go to the county. Dr. Zoeller reported once it comes back from the county, there will be a public presentation, and approval of a final budget.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment-Mr. Scully, the last committee meeting needed to be rescheduled, which will be done prior to the next board meeting. Thanked Mrs. Hurd for her update on curriculum.

Legislative and Policy- Mrs. Judge Cravello, just received a new packet from Strauss Esmay and the committee will be meeting soon. In assembly bills- A1016 addressed full day Kindergarten, A2566- Response to intervention & framework. Senate- Establish a task force to study use of technology in classrooms. They are also looking at increasing the penalties for injuries occurring in crosswalks for crossing guards and students.

Personnel/Negotiations/ Staff Relations-Mr. Allos- Negotiations- still in progress, personnel will be discussed in executive.

Special Education-Mrs. Ciliento-Buyck- Had meeting last week discussed legal issues, update on PreK, Speech program, 2016/17 staffing.

Technology-Mrs. Lauerman nothing further to report, thank you for making the contact for the iPads. *Dr.Zoeller- replied that Dr. Schepis was a delight to work with.*

NJSBA/BCSBA-Mrs. Judge Cravello NJSBA hosting a boot camp on legal training, closest April 16th in Harrison NJ. Mandated training is up on the website. You can also take it on line, closest one to us is in Mountain Lakes or Monroe.

Joint Boards-Mrs. Leakas HHS closed March 26-28, the high school play “Into the woods” will run March 17-19, PTSA Fashion show April 5th. Hackensack BOE meeting March 22nd .

Municipality-Mr. Allos no report

Community-Mr. Scully- Easter Egg Hunt Saturday Carlock field March 19 rain date 26th. Last Tuesday, Mr. Cannici, Mrs. Leakas, Mrs. Abraham, and Mr. Scully attended the LEADS program for Kindergarten. He thanked the Police Department, noting it’s a great program, but a sad fact about our society that we have to have these types of programs. The 8th grade had their tricky tray last Friday; Mr. Scully recognized Mrs. Meany and Mrs. Cronin for the tremendous amount of work they put in.

XI. 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 in this agenda or on any other questions, comments, or concerns that may be in respect to the operation of their schools. The Board requests that individuals sign the speakers’ list giving name and address, and asks that all remarks be directed to the Board as a whole (not to individuals). The public is reminded that their remarks are being recorded.

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 five (5) minutes in duration. The Public Forum will be limited to one (1) hour in duration.

Motion by Mrs. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Scully, to open public comment at 9:00 P.M.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

No public comments at this time.

Motion by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, seconded by Mrs. Judge Cravello, to close public comment at 9:01 P.M.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

XII. Announcements

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 7:30 PM in the Media Center.

XIII. Executive Session Announcement (if needed)

WHEREAS, the Rochelle Park Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) will convene in Executive Session to discuss confidential matters which include:

Legal/Personnel Items

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board shall move into Executive Session to discuss the above referenced matter(s).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of the executive session will provide as much information as possible without violating any applicable privilege or confidentiality so that the public can understand what was discussed and when available what the Board decision was.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minutes of the executive session will be released to the public in an appropriately redacted form within a reasonable period of time after the privilege or confidentiality is no longer applicable to such minutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the redacted portion of the executive session minutes will not be released until such time as the privilege or confidentiality is no longer applicable.

Motion by Mr. Scully, seconded by Mr. Allos, to open Executive Session at 9:02 P.M.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Abraham, seconded by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, to close Executive Session at 10:04 P.M.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 10:04 P.M.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

XIV. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mrs. Abraham, to adjourn meeting at 10:05 P.M.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried