

Rochelle Park Board of Education  
Special Meeting 6:30 P.M.  
Amended Agenda  
March 14, 2023

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

Board Member	Present	Absent
Mr. Scott Kral, Vice President	x	
Mrs. Teresa Judge-Cravello	x	
Mr. Joseph Marolda	x	
Mr. Jorge Martinez Jr.		X (6:40PM)
Ms. Elaine Rainone	x	
Mr. Charles Schaadt	x	
Mr. Matthew Trawinski, President	x	

Others Present:

Dr. Sue DeNobile. Superintendent

Dr. James Riley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mrs. Ellen Kobylarz, Board Recording Secretary

**III. Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975**

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 Special 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. This meeting is being recorded.

**IV. Executive Session**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rochelle Park Board of Education will convene in Executive Session to discuss confidential matters which include matters pertaining to matters confidential by law, and protecting public safety.

**V. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Items for Board Action-Resolutions**

**F1. 2023-2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves submission of the preliminary 2023-2024 school district budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, with a total budget of \$16,699,218 with \$13,579,764 to be raised by local tax levy for the General Fund and the following fund expenditures

11 Fund Current Expense	\$ 15,494,029
12 Fund Capital Outlay	\$ 489,603
20 Fund Special Projects	\$ 175,713
40 Fund Debt Service	\$ 469,328

ADDITIONALLY, \$ 309,755 to be raised by local tax levy for the payment of previously voter approved Debt Service.

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Bergen Record & Our Town Newspapers in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Rochelle Park Board of Education located at 300 Rochelle Ave Rochelle Park on April 25, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2023-2024 School Year.

F2. TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENDITURES FOR 2023-2024

WHEREAS, the Rochelle Park Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Rochelle Park Board of Education established \$15,000.00 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$ 12,245.00 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$15,000.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

F3. CAPITAL RESERVE WITHDRAWAL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, include budget line 620 Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects in the amount of \$475,000 (Line 620) which is for building and grounds maintenance. The total cost of these projects is estimated at \$750,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Learning Standards.

F4. SUBMISSION OF SCHEMATIC APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc. to prepare submission of Schematic Application to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education for the following projects:

- a. Gymnasium Roof Replacement at Midland School #1
- b. Gymnasium Floor Replacement at Midland School #1
- c. HVAC Upgrades at Midland School #1
- d. Security System Upgrades at Midland School #1

DOE Project Numbers are not yet assigned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ROCHELLE PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools hereby approves and authorizes LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc. to submit the major amendment to the Long-Range Facility Plan for the Board to include these Projects which shall satisfy the New Jersey Department of Education's major amendment requirements for the Long-Range Facility Plan. The Board will be seeking ROD Grants for these projects as part of the submissions.

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Motion Mrs. Judge Cravello Second Mr. Martinez Jr.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

#### **VII. Public Comment**

The Board of Education reserves the right to hold public comment on agenda items, at its discretion, at its special public meetings. Citizens should give their name and address when recognized to speak. No one from the public was present at the meeting

#### **VIII. Announcements**

The next Regular Meeting will be held on March 28, 2023 at 7:30 P.M. in the Midland School Gymnasium; Executive session will be held prior at 6:30PM.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

Motion Mr. Kral Second Mr. Schaadt

All in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Judge Cravello wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day