

**Rochelle Park Board of Education  
Caucus Meeting Minutes– 7:30 P.M.  
December 2, 2013**

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

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mr. Jay Esposito, Vice President	X	
Mr. Sam Allos	X	
Mrs. Teresa Cravello	X	
Mrs. Maria Lauerman	X	
Mrs. Dimitria Leakas	X	
Mr. Mark Scully	X	
Mrs. Patricia Bilka, President	X	

Others Present:

Dennis McDonald, Interim Superintendent,  
Christine Werner, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Cara Hurd, Principal  
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 Caucus Meeting were sent to all concerned individuals, associations and sent to the The Record and Our Town, in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

**IV. Superintendent’s Report** Dr. McDonald reported the following:

- There will be a resolution on the agenda to approve several workshops.
- The Board of Education was given the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period honor roll for both Midland School and Hackensack High School. Congratulations to all the students on this achievement.
- Dr. McDonald went over the results of the proposed 9<sup>th</sup> grade High School survey. Out of 49 students, 13 stated they will attend Hackensack, 4 Private School, 15 Academies (if accepted) and 17 were undecided. This is a starting point. The numbers may change as we get closer to graduation.
- There will be a resolution for a second reading and approval of policies on the agenda.

**V. Principal’s Report** Principal Hurd reported the following:

- Accomplishments and recognitions were handed out to:
- Mrs. O’Brien who is the recipient of the Middle School Art Teacher of the Year.

- Dr. Sacco- who composed a piece of music that was selected by Texas Christian University. Dr. Sacco traveled to the University and performed the piece with their Brass Quintet .
- NJASK students who received a three hundred score on their spring 2013 NJASK test.

**At this point the meeting was paused for light refreshments.**

**VI. Business Administrator’s Report** Mrs. Werner reported the following:

- Election results from the Tuesday November 5, 2013 were presented. Mrs. Werner extended her congratulations to Mr. Scully and Mrs. Ciliento-Buyck on their election to the board.
- Our referendum election will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013. Mrs. Werner thanked Mr. Ammerman for his efforts and diligence in bringing forth this initiative.
- The agenda will include several resolutions that are routinely reviewed and approved each month. Bills lists, Board Secretary’s monthly certification, Board Secretary and Treasurer’s reports as well as use of facility requests.
- The new cafeteria POS system was discussed with the help of Ms. Budanskaya. At the end of the explanation of the program, there was a brief discussion with the public to address any concerns.

**VII. Reports – Committee Action Items- deferred to regular meeting.**

**ROCHELLE PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEES**

*2013-2014 School Year*

<b>Committees</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Co – Chairperson</b>
Finance	Mrs. Bilka	Mr. Esposito
Education	Mrs. Lauerman	Mrs. Leakas
Transportation	Mr. Scully	Mrs. Cravello
Building & Grounds	Mr. Esposito	Mr. Allos
Community & School Activities	Mr. Scully	Mr. Esposito
Legislation	Mrs. Bilka	Mrs. Cravello
Policy	Mr. Allos	Mrs. Lauerman
Board/Staff Relations	Mrs. Lauerman	Mrs. Leakas
<b>Ad-Hoc Committees</b>		
Negotiating	Mrs. Bilka	Mr. Allos, Mrs. Cravello, Mrs. Leakas, Alt.
<b>Liaisons</b>		
Joint Boards Coordination	Mrs. Cravello	Mrs. Leakas, Alternate
Bergen County School Boards	Mrs. Lauerman	Mrs. Cravello, Alternate
New Jersey School Boards	Mrs. Leakas	Mr. Scully, Alternate
Municipal Alliance Liaison	Mr. Allos	Mrs. Cravello, Alternate

**VIII. Public Questions on the Resolutions (Agenda Items Only)**

During this portion of the meeting, the residents are invited to address the Board regarding agenda items only.

Motion by Mrs. Leakas, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to open public comment at 7:35 p.m.  
Roll Call 7-0  
Motion carried

**None**

Motion by Mr. Scully, seconded by Mr. Allos, to close public comment at 7:37 p.m.  
Roll Call 7-0  
Motion carried

**IX. Items for Board Action - Resolutions (If needed)**

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

**STAFF AND STUDENT RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL ART TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**1. WHEREAS, Mrs. Jennifer O'Brien has been selected by the Art Educators of New Jersey as the Middle School Art Teacher of the Year.  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park School District Board of Education, recognize and commend Mrs. O'Brien on her outstanding achievement.**

Motion by President Bilka seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 7-0  
Motion Carried

**AMERICAN COMPOSER**

**2. WHEREAS, American composer and Midland School's Instrumental Music Teacher Dr. Steven Sacco composition was selected by Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Dr. Sacco traveled to Fort Worth and joined the Brass Quintet in the performance.  
NOW TEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park School District Board of Education, recognize and commend Dr. Sacco on his outstanding achievement.**

Motion by President Bilka seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 7-0  
Motion Carried

**NJASK STUDENTS**

**3. WHEREAS, the following students at Midland School #1, have been obtained a score of 300 on their NJASK spring 2013 testing.**

**Grade 3**

Alyssa Nguyen- Mathematics

**Grade 4**

Randiel Hernandez- Mathematics

Paige Portacio-Science

Jacquelin Regan- Science

Zachary Roth-Science

Jovi Schreiber-Science

Jonathan Strub- Science

Jesslyn Vazquez-Science

**Grade 5**

Caleb Angelito- Mathematics

Krishi Dudhia-Mathematics

Peter Grater- Mathematics

**Grade 8**

Cindy Li – Mathematics

Joseph New- Mathematics

Jason van der Wilt- Mathematics

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park School District Board of Education, recognize and commend these students for their outstanding achievement.**

Motion by President Bilka seconded by Mrs. Lauerman

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

**X. Other Business:**

**XI. Open to the Public (Any Item)**

During this portion of the meeting, the residents are invited to address the Board with any questions, comments or concerns that may be in respect to the operation of their school.

Motion by Mr. Scully, seconded by Mr. Allos, to open public comment at 8:20 p.m.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to close public comment at 8:32 p.m.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

**XII. Announcements**

**The next Re-organization and Caucus Meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. 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:

\_\_\_\_\_ Personnel, Negotiations. \_\_\_\_\_.

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 Mrs. Leakas, seconded by Mrs. Cravello, to open Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.  
Roll Call 7-0  
Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Allos, to close Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.  
Roll Call 7-0  
Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Leakas, seconded by Mr. Scully, to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 9:12 p.m.  
Roll Call 7-0  
Motion Carried

**RADIFICATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOARD AND ASSOCIATION**

**A1. The Rochelle Park Board of Education ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement between the Rochelle Park Board of Education and the Rochelle Park Education Association which presents the negotiated contractual agreements for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.**

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

**XIV. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Esposito, seconded by Mrs. Cravello, to adjourn meeting at 9:15 p.m.  
Roll Call 7-0  
Motion Carried