

**Rochelle Park Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes-7:30 P.M.
September 16, 2013**

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

Board Member	Present	Absent
Mr. Robert J 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 Dee Bilka, President	X	

Others present:

- Bert Ammerman, Interim Superintendent
- Vincent Occhino, Interim Board Administrator/Board Secretary
- Christina Werner,
- 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 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. Superintendent’s Report Mr. Ammerman reported the following:

- Added to the agenda was a workshop for Mrs. Kotwica.
- A correction to resolution P11 should state MA not BA
- Mrs. Repka, Kindergarten teacher/former 4th Grade teacher and Mrs. DeSimone, a Classroom Assistant have submitted their resignations from the district. We wish them much success in the future.
- At this time Mrs. Hurd introduced the new teachers who were in the audience. The Board of Education and Administration welcomed the new teachers.

V. Business Administrator’s Report- Dr. Occhino reported the following:

- Noted resolutions on the agenda for approval routine, payroll, bills lists items.
- Gas & Electric resolutions thru ACES. This provides legal protection and good rates. It is also a shared service through the consortium.
- Resolution for POS; this deals with the food service.
- Resolution to approve a SUI unemployment account.

VI. Public Questions on the Resolutions (Agenda Items Only)

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

Motion by Mr. Scully, seconded by Mr. Esposito, to open public comment at 7:06 pm.
Roll Call 6-0

None

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, second by Mr. Leakas, to close public comment at 7:08 pm.
Roll Call 6-0

VII. Items for Board Action-Resolutions

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

ROUTINE MATTERS RESOLUTIONS R1-R7

POLICY #0168- APPROVALS OF BOARD MINUTES

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

**August 15, 2013 Caucus Meeting & Executive Session
August 15, 2013 Regular Meeting & Executive Session**

Motion by Mr. Scully, seconded by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 5-0-1 (PB)

POLICY #0130 BYLAWS & POLICIES

R2. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the following Bylaws, Policies and Regulation:

0000.01 Introduction
0000.02 Introduction
3232 Tutoring Services
R3232 Tutoring Services
5120 Assignment of Pupils (revised)
5533 Pupil Smoking
7434 Smoking in School Buildings and on School Grounds
7522 School District Provided Technology Devices to Staff members
7523 School District Provided Technology Devices to Pupils

Motion by Mr. Scully, seconded by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

POLICY #8468 CRISIS MANAGEMENT

R3. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves and adopts the Emergency Management Plan, Dated September, 2013, for the Rochelle Park School District as presented.

Motion by Mr. Scully, seconded by Mr. Esposito,

Roll Call 6-0

POLICY #7430 - SCHOOL SAFETY

R4.. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the update to Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the Rochelle Park School District as presented.

Motion by Mr. Scully, seconded by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

POLICY 2230: CURRICULUM GUIDES

R5. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the Math Curriculum Guide for grades 6-8 as presented an on file in the office of the Superintendent.

Motion by Mr. Scully, seconded by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

POLICY 32232.1- SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORTS

R6. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the following annual reports for the 2012-2013 school year:

BSIP report

Motion by Mr. Scully, seconded by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

R7. RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education removed the Workshop A class for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion by Mr. Scully, seconded by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS P1-P15

POLICY # 3240 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

P1.RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the participation of the person named at the following workshop/conference:

Cara Serpineto to attend Launching the Reading & Writing Workshop (3-8), November 13 &19, 2013 at the Northern Valley Consortium at a cost of \$179.00 per registration. (Title II funds)

Teresa Genovese, Donna Johnson & Daniela Barbieri to attend Handle with Care in Dumont on September 4 & 20, 2013 at no cost to the district for registration.

Jennifer O'Brien (Art) to attend " Art Educators of NJ 2013 Conference" in New Brunswick on October 3 & 4, 2013 at a cost to the district of \$215.00 for registration. (regular budget)

Emily Kotwica to attend "Special Education Law in New Jersey" on October 3, 2013 for a cost to the district of \$199.99 for registration.

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

P2. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves tuition reimbursement for course taken during the 2013-2014 school year as follows:

Bonnie Loverich	3 credits	\$ 655.00
Lisa Fletcher	3 credits	\$ 767.77

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

P3. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following faculty crossovers as of September 1, 2013 salary and step to be adjusted upon settlement of the contract for the 2013-2014 school year .

Thomas Hornes	BA30	Step 7	to	MA	Step 7
Jennifer O'Brien (A)	BA30	Step 9	to	MA	Step 9
Bonnie Loverich	BA	Step 7	to	BA+15	Step 7

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

POLICY# 4125 EMPLOYMENT OF SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS

P4. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the following list of substitute teachers for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$85.00 per day and a substitute nurse for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$120.00 per day:

Linda Small- Substitute Teacher and Substitute School Nurse
Sandra Diaz- Substitute Teacher

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

***P5 RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following compensation for reasons stated.**

Debbie Stevens- \$500.00 NCLB Title Grant completion

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

P6. RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education appoint the following teachers as mentors for new staff members as shown below. The mentors will be compensated per policy at a rate of \$550.00 paid by the mentee.

Mrs. Hernando to mentor Ms. Dam
Mrs. Gutkowski to mentor Ms. Kim
Mr. Hornes to mentor Ms. Sherry
Mrs. Serpineto to mentor Ms. Barbari

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

***P7 RESOLVED: that the Board of Education rescinds Maria Leccese's appointment as the National Junior Honor Society Advisor for the 2013-2014 school year.**

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

POLICY #3141 RESIGNATION

***P8 RESOLVED: that the Board of Education accept Marilena Coppola's letter of resignation as the ESL Teacher for the Rochelle Park School District effective September 1, 2013. We wish her much success in the future.**

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

P9. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education accept Dana Repka's letter of resignation as a Teacher for the Rochelle Park School District effective September 16, 2013. We wish her much success in the future.

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

P10. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education accept Beth DeSimone's letter of resignation as a Classroom Assistant for the Rochelle Park School District effective September 27, 2013. We wish her much success in the future.

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

POLICY#4111- HIRING CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

***P11. RESOLVED, that applications be submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the revised statute N.J.S.A. 18A; 6-7.1 et.seq. requesting authorization for emergent hiring pending completion of Criminal History Check for the following individual for the reason indicated and on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education appoint Joan Kim to the position of Teacher for the 2013-2014 school year. on MA, Step 1 salary to be determined upon settlement of the master contract for the 2013- 2014 school year.**

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

Resolution approved at MA step1 (originally stated as BA step 1)

***P12. RESOLVED,** that applications be submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the revised statute N.J.S.A. 18A; 6-7.1 et.seq. requesting authorization for emergent hiring pending completion of Criminal History Check for the following individual for the reason indicated and on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education appoint Nicoletta LaMarca Sacco to the position of ESL Teacher for the 2013-2014 school year. on MA+15 Step 4, salary to be determined upon settlement of the master contract for the 2013- 2014 school year.

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

***P13. RESOLVED** that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, appoints Raimonda Rodriguez as Bookkeeper/Secretary to the Business Administrator at an annual salary of \$45,000.00 (prorated) for the period September 17, 2013 – June 30, 2014 pending completion of a criminal history check.

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

***P14. RESOLVED,** that applications be submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the revised statute N.J.S.A. 18A; 6-7.1 et.seq. requesting authorization for emergent hiring pending completion of Criminal History Check for the following individual for the reason indicated and on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education appoint Kristin Farinola to the position of Teacher, starting September 9, 2013 until the end of the 2013-2014 school year. on BA Step 1, (prorated) salary to be determined upon settlement of the master contract for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

***P15. RESOLVED** that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, approves an additional \$10,000.00 compensation to Dr. Vincent Occhino for an additional 36 days of service to the district.

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Esposito,
Roll Call 6-0

FINANCE AND INSURANCE- RESOLUTIONS F1-F9
POLICY #6460 PAYMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

F1. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approve the August 2013 Bill List as approved by the Finance Committee, attached and listed below:

A. Regular Bills- Fund 11	
B. Regular Bills – Fund 20	
C. Capital Projects-Fund 30	
D, Debt Service- Fund 40	\$19,059.38
E. Food Service- Fund 50	
F. Enterprise- Fund 51	

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

ATTACHMENT 1

Motion by Mrs. Leakas, second by Mrs. Cravello,
 Roll Call 6-0

POLICY #6460 PAYMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

F2. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approve the September 2013 Bill List as approved by the Finance Committee, attached and listed below:

A. Regular Bills- Fund 11& 12	\$259,212.20
B. Regular Bills – Fund 20	\$2,270.00
C. Capital Projects-Fund 30	
D, Debt Service- Fund 40	
E. Food Service- Fund 50	
F. Enterprise- Fund 51	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$261,482.20

ATTACHMENT 1

Motion by Mrs. Leakas, second by Mrs. Cravello,
 Roll Call 6-0

F3. RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the September 2013, payroll in the amount of \$473,729.34.

Motion by Mrs. Leakas, second by Mrs. Cravello,
 Roll Call 6-0

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND

F4. RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accept the Student Activity Fund Financial Report for the month of August 2013.

Motion by Mrs. Leakas, second by Mrs. Cravello,
 Roll Call 6-0

ATTACHMENT

POLICY #6460 PAYMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

F5. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Township of Rochelle Park, approves the addition of the following bank account to act as a depository for public funds, and that all checks, drafts or other orders for payment or withdrawal of money from said account be signed by the person holding the appropriate title as listed below:

Capital One Bank

ACCOUNT	SIGNATORIES	AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES
SUI Unemployment Trust Fund	Minimum of Two Signature Required	Board President/V.P.

Account #		Treasurer of School Monies Interim Superintendent Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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Motion by Mrs. Leakas, second by Mrs. Cravello,
Roll Call 6-0

F6. RESOLVED that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, accepts the following Food Service Point of Service (POS) Proposals as solicited by the Interim School Business Administrator and received on August 28, 2013 as follows:

Vendor/Company	Proposal– POS System
CC Productions, Hoboken, New Jersey	\$ 8,302
NutriKids, Rochester, New York	\$13,568
Esber Cash Register, Canton, Ohio	\$ 0.00

- **Note:** Purchase will be funded utilizing the district’s Food Service Enterprise Fund and will be at no cost to the district’s current operating budget.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, accepts the proposal provided by CC Productions of Hoboken, New Jersey and hereby authorizes the Interim School Business Administrator to purchase the POS (Point of Service) system for the Food Service operation at a cost of \$8,302.

Motion by Mrs. Leakas, second by Mrs. Cravello,
Roll Call 6-0

F7. A RESOLUTION BINDING THE ROCHELLE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PURCHASE NATURAL GAS SERVICES THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”) Bid
Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Rochelle Park School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2018, hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the

Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2018 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

Motion by Mrs. Leakas, second by Mrs. Cravello,
Roll Call 6-0

**F8.A RESOLUTION BINDING THE ROCHELLE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICES THROUGH THE ALLIANCE
FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”) Bid
Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS**

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Rochelle Park School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2018 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award

contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2018 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing

System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

Motion by Mrs. Leakas, second by Mrs. Cravello,
 Roll Call 6-0

F9. 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
Township of Rochelle Park	Parking lot on Williams Street. Line up for Ragamuffin Parade	Sat. October 26, 2013, Rain date October 27, 2013	None
RP Girl Scouts	Gym- Holiday Party	December 13, 2013	None
RP Girl Scouts	Classroom	Sept 16, 2013 to June 2014 every other Monday	None
Rochelle Park Cub Scouts	Gym- Pack fun night Pinewood Derby Card game	Oct 4, 2013, January 24, 2014 & March 14, 2014	None

Motion by Mrs. Leakas, second by Mrs. Cravello,
 Roll Call 6-0

IX. Reports-Community Action Items

Finance- President Bilka- Praised Dr. Occhino’s accomplishments while in the district. He was instrumental in bringing in Mr. Koch for an energy audit and referendum. President Bilka thanked Dr. Occhino, stating it was a pleasure to work with you and you will be missed.

Dr. Occhino addressed the challenges in the district, commented on working with Mr. Ammerman, thanking him for the opportunity to work in Rochelle Park, stating he is an excellent person to work with. Dr. Occhino stated he has met some very nice people in Rochelle Park, especially the board members, then thanked the board. He will be around for the December 10th vote.

Education- Mrs. Lauerma- met with Mrs. Leakas, Mr. Ammerman and Mrs. Hurd regarding the curriculum. Mrs. Raimondi did an amazing job.

Mr. Ammerman stated that on Friday 30 new computers for the computer lab were delivered. Ms. Budanskaya came in on Saturday and Sunday to install them.

Referendum- tours will be given on three Saturday’s, October 5th, 19th, and Nov. 2nd. Parents will get a presentation at back to school night.

Transportation- Mr. Scully met with Nathalie on Friday and there was one glitch. Nathalie straightened it out.

Mr. Ammerman stated there was a call on Friday from the bus company stating that the students are not using their bus passes. Effective today, student's without bus passes will not be allowed on the bus.

Building and Grounds- Mr. Esposito thanked Mr. Ammerman and Dr. Occhino for the work done over the summer, custodians did a great job.

Community and School Activities- Mr. Scully Rec back to school dance; everyone had a good time. Movie night 7:30 EPIC at Carlock field September 21, 2013. Sacred Heart basketball signups have started. October 26th is Rochelle Park Day; rain date 27th. PTA dance is Oct 25, Flag football and Soccer going well. 7th and 8th grade boys played Ramsey in soccer. We were down 5-1 Ryan Scully scored his 1st goal and they tied it up 5-5. Then Noah Hernando scored the winning goal.

Legislation- President Bilka – reported that all 3 of the legislative bills dealing with binding arbitration and on subcontracting were vetoed by the Governor.

Policy- Mrs. Lauerman- new policies were approved tonight.

Board/Staff Relations- Mrs. Lauerman- no report

Negotiations- Mrs. Bilka- Progress has been made and both parties have gone back to report to their prospective members.

Joint Boards- Mrs. Cravello- Hackensack has a new Superintendent, Ms. Karen Lewis, who will start on December 1, 2013. 2014 senior portraits will be taken in October. The High School will run a college fair on November 12, 2013.

Bergen County School Boards-Mrs. Lauerman- next meeting Oct 1st.

New Jersey School Boards- Mrs. Leakas no report

Municipal Alliance Liaison- Mrs. Cravello Municipality thanked the entire board for attending the 9-11 memorial service. Stop signs are being installed in the area of High St. due to a safety issue.

VIII. 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 Mrs. Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to open public comment at 7:56 pm.
Roll Call 6-0

Joseph Borchard- 70 Forest Place- Thanked the Board and Administration for the creation of a 3rd section in 3rd grade, however, he didn't know about 3rd grade being departmentalized. He also questioned Back to school night being moved. He doesn't understand the delay of 8 weeks after the start of school and why was it moved. He noted that the 3rd grade curriculum on the website is wrong. *Mr. Ammerman replied that he will check on the curriculum, last year 3rd grade was departmentalized, not new to this year. He further explained his reason being to improve test scores. One teacher, teaching all three classes the same subject, for accountability. Back to school night – if he could have scheduled it earlier he would have.*

Mr. Borchard- asked if there was a replacement for Dr. Occhino

Mr. Ammerman introduced Mrs. Werner. She will be full time which provides stability. Dr. Mac Donald will be coming in December 1, 2013 to take over Mr. Ammerman's place.

Motion by Mr. Esposito, seconded by Mr. Scully, to close public comment at 8:07 pm.
Roll Call 6-0

X. Announcements

The next Caucus Meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7:30 PM in the Media Center. Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, October 14, 2013 at 7:30 PM in the Media Center.

XI. Executive Session Announcement Not 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:

NOW HEREOF 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 with in 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.

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to adjourn meeting at 8:07 pm.
Roll Call 6-0