

**Rochelle Park Board of Education
Regular Meeting– 7:30 P.M.
February 11, 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(Exec. Mtg. only)
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 Zoeller Jr., Superintendent of Schools
- Mrs. Cara Hurd, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Mr. Brian Cannici, Principal
- Mr. Kevin Woods, Building & 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. Superintendent’s Report Dr. Zoeller reported the following:

- PTA celebrated Founder’s day in February.
 - Kindergarten registration has started for the 2016/2017 school year, if you have a child turning 5 prior to October 1, 2016 now is the time to register for kindergarten in the fall. Forms can be found on the school website.
 - Several professional development requests are on the agenda for approval.
- Mr. Scully inquired about substitutes to fill these days. A discussion followed.*
- Rochelle Park hosted the superintendents meeting this month. Discussions included the school calendar, curriculum consortium, shared services in regard to the business office.

V. Director of Curriculum, and Instruction’s Report Mrs. Hurd reported the following:

- Mrs. Hurd gave an update on the curriculum writing. Currently working on 5th grade math, will be starting music soon.
- Looking forward Mrs. Hurd would like to meet with the Language Arts teachers to discuss curriculum.

- PARCC testing will start on April 20th, and go to May 10th.
- Mrs. Hurd explained the other tool the district has been using to assess student progress. The teachers have been using Fast bridge to see where the students are academically, that information can then guide them on how to prepare for PARCC.

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

- Midland School placed in the top ten schools for 8th grade math scores. This was acknowledged by the Regional Achievement Center (RAC). Mr. Cannici congratulated the students, teachers, and parents. On this accomplishment.
- Mr. Cannici reported on upcoming events, the Gymnastics shows, book fair.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Scarpa for being selected as the districts Educational professional of the year. Mrs. Scarpa will be recognized at the March BOE meeting.

Mrs. Judge Cravello thanked Mr. Cannici for keeping the school Face Book page updated.

VII. Building and Ground's Report Mr. Woods reported the following:

- Update on the referendum, fire suppression system completely functional.
- Lockers will be installed next week.
- The district several years ago won a grant from Samsung, included in that grant was a flat screen television. It has been installed in the cafeteria.
- New water fountains have all been installed.
- Mr. Woods thanked his crew and the town DPW for the work they did during the recent blizzard. Without their help the district would not have been able to open so quickly.

VIII. 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. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Allos, to open public comment at 8:07 P.M.

Roll Call 5-0

Motion Carried

Mr. Kero- Summerville St. - Presented the Board with a proposal to have a school basketball team.

President Leakas asked if it would be co-ed, and when would it be held.

Mr. Scully asked what grade levels.

Mrs. Judge Cravello inquired about the cost to run the program, and when are you looking to start a program.

Mr. Kero indicated December to January; the league has both boys and girls. Grade level would depend on interest; the league is 7/8, South Hackensack has 5th grade, you could play 6th with a 7/8 team if you are short players. No cost for the league. \$225 for the tournament, 52 games in a season, referees \$86 game x 5, busing only if it's not a home game, stipend for a coach. Would like to see this start next year, that depends

on participation, he would like to see all kids play with not having to cut anyone. A teacher has expressed interest in coaching.

Mr. Cannici supports this, would even lend his assistance. Believes the students would come out for this activity, adds to school pride.

Mrs. Judge Cravello asked if they have cheerleaders, and gave credit to Mr. Kero for bringing this up.

President Leakas inquired as to the games are played, after school, evening.

Mrs. Judge Cravello asked if girls would be considered.

Mr. Kero stated the games are 4-4:30 P.M. If you have separate girls/boys teams the girls usually play first and then the boys immediately after, that all hinders on interest.

Dr. Zoeller reminded the board that we are bound by Title 1, we only have one gym, and there is a cost factor for this program, stipend, and no uniforms.

Mr. Scully added that the town may have uniforms.

Mrs. Judge Cravello asked where we go from here.

Dr. Zoeller specified we have to analyze, and consider this carefully; there is a significant startup cost that needs to be considered.

Mrs. Verhasselt Forest Pl. - questioned the policy 7650- School Vehicles Assignment, Use, Tracking, Maintenance, and Accounting. The policy talks about pool use, Board approves with Superintendent means would be used by Kevin and who else.

Dr. Zoeller explained "Pool" refers if we had more than one vehicle. Primarily used by Mr. Woods.

Others could be custodians, administrative team in an emergency.

Mrs. Judge Cravello added that the committee critiqued this policy at the meeting. It's all legal we did look at it, and it does protect the district. There is a log book for the use. Using it for travel expense was taken out.

Dr. Zoeller added it was purchased by public, used by school district. A clause was added in case someone needed to use it. It happens in rare instances, take for example OEM recently used the computer room for training, it keeps the checks and balances, and Superintendent has emergency approval authority. The committee talked at length due to the cost.

Mrs. Verhasselt questioned where it said BOE approval was needed.

Mrs. Judge Cravello responded by stating it refers to major majority of the board so 5 members are needed for approval. That is what that was referring too.

Mrs. Verhasselt asked about the locks on the interior doors.

Mr. Woods began to explain the system. At one point Dr. Zoeller stopped the conversation for internal security reasons.

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to close public comment at 8:38 P.M.

Roll Call 5-0

Motion Carried

IX. Items for Board Action - Resolutions

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

ROUTINE MATTERS R1-R7

POLICY #0168 – APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

A. January 7, 2016 Re-Organization, & Exec.

B. January 14, 2016 Joint Meeting with Township, Regular Meeting & Exec.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, second by Mr. Allos,

Roll Call 5-0

Motion Carried

POLICY #5200 - ATTENDANCE

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

<u>Enrollment</u>		<u>Left</u>	<u>Entered</u>
Midland School	501	1-PreK	2-Pre K
Hackensack H.S.	147.50	1-6 th Grade	1- Kndg
Academies /Tech	23		1-7 th Grade
Total	671.50		1-2 nd Grade

<u>Pupil Attendance</u>		<u>Teacher Attendance</u>	
Possible Days	9470	Possible Days	960
Days Present	9013.5	Days Present	933
Days Absent	456.5	Days Absent	27
% Present	95.1%	% Present	96.5%
% Absent	4.9%	% Absent	2.9%

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

Policy #8420 – EMERGENCY & CRISIS SITUATIONS

R3. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following Fire and Security drills held in the month of January of 2016 for the Rochelle Park School District.

Fire Drill – January 28, 2016
Security Drill- January 14, 2016

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

Policy #5512.01 – HARASSMENT- INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING

R4. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following HIB, Incident and Suspension Report for January 2016 on behalf of the Rochelle Park School District.

January 2016

Reported Cases: 1
Number of Cases open: 0
Number of Cases closed: 1
Number of Incidents determined to be HIB: 1
Number of School Suspensions

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

POLICY #2340 – FIELD TRIPS

R5. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education

approve the following field trip request:

Mrs. Jacobus, Mr. Van Hassel, Mrs. Weiner and Mrs. Fletcher to accompany the 8th Grade Students to “Eight is Never Enough” in N.Y. on March 8, 2016 at a cost of \$24.00 per student to be borne by the parents.

Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Kim, and Mrs. Gutkowski to accompany the 2nd grade classes to see “Aesop’s Fables” in Montclair NJ, on May 5, 2016 at a cost of \$19.00 to be borne by the parents. (This replaces the previously approved trip to see “Alexander Who’s not Moving” on May 26, 2016)

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

POLICY #0130 BYLAWS & POLICIES

R6. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a first reading 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, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

Mrs. Judge Cravello noted in regard to Bylaw 0618, the committee removed that Bylaw for approval. The district recently received notification from Struss Esmay, the policy will be included in their February 2016 update package. Once the committee receives that update the Bylaw will be put back up on the table for approval with revisions.

POLICY #5120 NEEDS ASSESSMENT PUPILS

R7. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following special education placement for the 2015-2016 school year.

CASE# 12-08
CLASSIFICATION: ED
PLACEMENT: Home Instruction
EFFECTIVE: 2/10/2016
RELATED SERVICES: N/A
TRANSPORTATION: N/A
TUITION: \$56.19 per hour for 10 hours a week for up to 60 days.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

PERSONNEL P1-P10

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. Hurd to attend “District Test Coordinator-2016 PARCC Training” March 9, 2016, in Whippany, at no cost to the district for registration.

Mr. Stack to attend “Earth’s Systems Grade 2, 4, 5, in East Orange on May 10, 2016, at no cost to the district for registration.

Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Kotwica to attend “Creating Smartboard Lessons” on April 7, 2016 in Paramus, at a cost of \$100.00 for registration.

Mrs. Hurd to attend “RTI (I+RS + 504 Documentation)” on February 4, 2016 in Oradell, at no cost to the district for registration.

Mrs. Oliver to attend “UDL Part 1”, on February 5, 2016, in Morris Plains, at no cost to the district for registration.

Mrs. McCormick and Mrs. Colucci to attend “Assistive Tech to Support student’s w/LD” on March 9, 2016 at no cost to the district for registration.

Ms. Hanczaryk to attend “Code Studio Workshop” in Paramus NJ on March 22, 2016 at no cost to the district for registration.

Ms. Aregood and Ms. Barbieri to attend “Addressing Problem Behavior in School and Home Settings” on March 8, 2016 at no cost to the district for registration.

Dr. Zoeller to attend “Youth Protection Symposium” in Cedar Knolls on April 29, 2016 at a cost the district of \$35.00 for registration.

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Scully

Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

P2. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the below administrative college coursework for the 2016 spring semester in accordance with all contractual provisions:

Dr. Geoffrey Zoeller Rutgers Graduate School of Education Psychology of the Exceptional Child (15.293.525) 3 credits

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Scully
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

POLICY#4111- HIRING CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

***P3. 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 Suh Young Nam to the position of Maternity Leave Replacement Guidance Counselor February 11, 2016 until June 30, 2016 on MA, Step 1 at a salary of \$54,820.00 (prorated/no benefits).**

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Scully
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried
President Leakas welcomed Ms. Nam to the district.

***P4. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education appoint Allison Sherry to the position of Elementary School Teacher March 1, 2016 until June 30, 2016 on BA, Step 3 at a salary of \$47,060.00 (prorated).**

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Scully
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried
President Leakas welcomed back Ms. Sherry.

Salary Adjustments

P5. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education amends the resolution P11 from the May 7, 2015 agenda regarding the following salaries for the 2015-2016 school year. These adjustments will be reflected through payroll February – June.

Jennifer O'Brien (A) MA Step 13 \$75,440 (Sept- Jan 2016 before movement on guide)
Jeffrey Grossman BA 15 Step 10 \$60,335.00
Lisa Fletcher MA 15 Step 17 \$91,190. Plus longevity \$1550.00

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Scully
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

P6. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education amend the resolution P1 from January 14, 2016 agenda to read Allison Sherry BA Step 3 \$47,060.00

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Scully
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

Appoint Designated Persons

P7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint the following designated persons, effective January 7, 2016, to the January 2017 reorganization:

Affirmative Action Officer- Brian Cannici
Section 504 Officer/ADA – Suh Young Nam

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Scully
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

POLICY# 4125 EMPLOYMENT OF SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS

P8. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve Mary Streicher to the list of substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$85.00 per day:

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Scully
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

P9. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves Daniela Barbieri and Donna Johnson as classroom assistants as needed to cover for play practice at a rate of \$19.30 per hour beginning January 5, 2016 until the play performance is over on April 1, 2016.

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Scully
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

P10. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve Vilma Barrios and Lorraine Jakubik as classroom assistants from 2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M. at a rate of \$19.30 (per hour prorated) starting in December on an as needed basis until the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Scully
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

FINANCE F1-F9

FINANCE AND INSURANCE

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator to the Superintendent:

POLICY #6421 – PAYMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

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

	Amount
A) General – Fund 10	\$545,635.73
B) Federal Grant- Fund 20	\$ 26,514.83
C) Referendum– Fund 30	\$ 88,466.42
D) Debt Service – Fund 40	\$ 4,950.00
E) Cafeteria – Fund 60	\$ 21,028.65
F) Afterschool Program-Fund 61	\$ 4,544.79
TOTAL ALL BILLS	\$691,140.42

ATTACHMENT

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mr. Allos
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

POLICY #6510 – PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

F2. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the January 2016 payroll

Fund	Gross Earnings	DCRP & Board Share FICA	State Share FICA
10 – General Fund	\$465,320.57	\$6,324.91	\$27,948.64
20 – Federal Grant	\$3,236.30	0	\$247.57
61 – Afterschool Program	\$10,633.94	\$813.49	0

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mr. Allos
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

POLICY # 6820 – FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Budgetary Line Item Status Certifications

F3. 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 January 31, 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 Mr. Allos
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

Board Secretary's Report

F4. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Financial Reports for the month of January 2016

ATTACHMENT

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mr. Allos
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

POLICY#6660- STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND

F5. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accept the Student Activity Fund Financial Reports for the month of January 2016.

ATTACHMENT

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mr. Allos
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

Transfers

F6. RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the line item transfers for January 2016 as per attached.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mr. Allos
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

F7. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education desires to enter into shared services agreements and will participate as a full member of the Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education for the 2016-2017 school year; does hereby accept, adopt and agree to comply with the Region V Bylaws; designates Dr. Geoffrey W. Zoeller Jr., Superintendent, as its representative to Region V; and empowers him to cast all votes and take all other actions necessary to represent its interests in Region V.

The Board further approves the joint bidding and transportation agreements for all Rochelle Park students who are transported through Region V; The Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services agreement; including but not limited to student evaluations, student therapies and other student support services; The Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services for nonpublic school services; and The Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services for other services as requested to be provided by Region V component districts on as needed basis.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mr. Allos
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

Mr. Scully questioned the Region V transportation, having had transportation problems in the past. *Dr. Zoeller said many of the issues are with South Bergen Jointure, not Region V. He explained that he would like to see the district move to Region V for all transportation. Currently they handle Sp. Ed. Transportation. Maywood uses Region V for all there transportation needs. At a recent Superintendent's meeting with Maywood, Hackensack, and South Hackensack it was discussed on how we could possibly compress the number of buses Maywood and Rochelle Park use, leading to a potential savings of \$54,000.00.*

Mr. Scully explained that we do curtesy busing. *Dr. Zoeller stated he would have looked into it for this year but it had already been in place by the time he arrived last year. Not all buses are full.*

Mrs. Judge Cravello stated you have to have a seat for every student.

Dr. Zoeller stated he is aware of that.

F8. Approval of Waiver - "that the Board approve the following resolution, to waive the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program, as follows;

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for 2016-2017, and

WHEREAS, the Rochelle Park Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2016-2017 school year."

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mr. Allos
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

POLICY #6350 – CONTRACTS

F9. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves to enter into a shared services contract with Bergen Tech to supply support services for the 2016-2017 school district as per the attached agreement on file in the districts business office.

ATTACHMENT

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mr. Allos
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

Mrs. Judge Cravello asked what does the district get in this contract.

Dr. Zoeller responded by stating part 1 of the contract provides us a level 1 tech in house, that person can handle desktop issues and minor network issues, they are employed by Bergen Tech and that includes everything, salary, benefits for that person. Part 2 of the contract gives us access to a level 2 tech, which could be on site here at times or work from a remote location depending on our needs. The level 2 tech is knowledgeable in intergrading the network, troubleshooting. We save about 4-5 thousand on software licenses, not all but most networking services back up to Bergen Tech's network. The back services we get are a bargain. Mrs. Lauerman asked if we have that now. Dr. Zoeller said yes.

Mrs. Cravello asked about PARCC backup also included. Dr. Zoeller explained that it is cached, the reason you do this is because if you do lose connectivity without it being cached, it is gone. Having it cached then we could still continue. Bergen Tech set that up for us at no additional cost.

X. Reports – Committee Action Items

2016 School Year

Building & Grounds – Mr. Allos commended Mr. Woods and his staff for the good job they did during the recent snow storm, Mr. Allos was glad that the district had the truck. Mr. Woods had given the committee a detailed tour the building.

Business, Finance, and Transportation- Mrs. Leakas, district is getting ready for the 2016/2017 budget.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment- Mr. Scully thanked Mrs. Hurd for her work on the curriculum and fast bridge assessment tool. The committee will meet on March 3rd. Mrs. Judge Cravello asked Dr. Zoeller to explain the curriculum, schedule changes. *Dr Zoeller stated that the previous curriculum came from another district, the schedule was lopsided, no media, honors classes, test prep, Spanish was not consistent. With the input from Mrs. Hurd, the other consortium school districts and our own professional staff came changes. We will have a fully re-written curriculum. The faculty has been very forthcoming with what they like and don't like. It has been an ever evolving process with different circumstances. Some parts of the master schedule staff love and others don't, so there is still some disagreement on how to proceed.*

Legislative and Policy Mrs. Judge Cravello stated the committee met on January 21st, looked at 14 policies, made some minor revisions, for instance, where a policy stated Principal, Vice Principal and Assistant Principal, the latter two were removed since we don't have those positions. Service Animals policy added in vet certification that animal has been vaccinated and documented. The policy on the Superintendent evaluation had minor revision to a date. Mrs. Judge Cravello commented on 9150 the district School Visitor policy- all visitors report to the Principals Office, sign in, and sign out. They should be signing out. *Mr. Cannici stated that falls under safety and security, if they don't then they are not following directions.* A discussion on disorderly persons ensued, and ended with comments on stopping people at the inner front door. *Dr. Zoeller interjected stating that the Building and Grounds committee is looking into this matter.* Mrs. Judge Cravello next commented on legislation regarding RTI. *Dr. Zoeller gave an overview of the difference between RTI and I&RS which is the program the district uses.*

Mrs. Judge Cravello also announced that the STARS program would be getting a new name "New Jersey Honors Scholars Program". This program allows Top 20 Graduating Seniors to receive paid tuition to a Community College.

Personnel/Negotiations/Staff Relations- Mr. Allos stated that negotiations have started, between the RPEA and the BOE.

Special Education- Dr. Zoeller stated the district had 2 pieces of litigation. One dealing with an inter local residency issue.

Technology- Mrs. Lauerman, the committee met on January 28th, Dr. Zoeller gave an overview on networking printers. We had printers in each room, bought at different times, all using different ink. The district is now moving to networking printers where classrooms would share a printer. If a teacher currently has a working printer and the district has ink for that printer, the teacher will keep that printer until we run out of ink. Going forward printers purchased will all be the same type and therefore use the same ink. It was also discussed that in the next budget 2 more laptop carts will be purchased bringing the district up to 6 altogether. The first computers purchased several years ago were very small, and with the new carts the smaller units will be used in the 2-3 grades. A T1-or T2 pipeline is also in the plan for the future, the district currently runs on a residential internet line. Desktop upgrades or the small

laptops, we would like to upgrade as well over time. Mrs. Lauerman asked Dr. Zoeller to speak about this next project.

Dr. Zoeller- Mrs. Judge Cravello brought to the attention of the committee, a community member who expressed interest in donating to the school. Dr. Zoeller met with the individual and discussed the purchase of 10 iPads for our special needs population. Currently the district has a limited number of iPads, the younger special needs students really benefit from the use of these iPads. Dr. Zoeller and other board members thanked Mrs. Judge Cravello for bring this to their attention, and initiating this partnership.

NJSBA/BCSBA- Mrs. Judge Cravello reported the NJSB workshop in Atlantic City will be held on Oct 24-27. The theme is “Value Every Student”. BCSB the next meeting will be on March 31st, at Maggiano’s in Hackensack, see Mrs. Kobylarz to sign up.

Joint Boards- Mrs. Leakas HHS will be closed on February 15th for Presidents Day. Hackensack’s next BOE meeting will be held on February 23rd.

Municipal- Mr. Allos- nothing to report

Community- Mr. Scully- reported that the recreation committee recently held a joint meeting with the Maywood and Hackensack recreation departments. All seem to be suffering from a lack of enrollment. They discussed trying to do combined activities. The Valentine’s Day Dance will be held tomorrow night February 12, 2016 Carlock field house. Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 19th with a rain date of March 26th. 8th Grade tricky tray is coming up March 4th. Mr. Scully asked if the board would be interested in donating a basket, all agreed they would. Mr. Scully commented that the teachers always support this activity by donating a basket, and many attend the event as well.

X1. 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. Lauerman, seconded by Mrs. Judge Cravello, to open public comment at 9:20P.M.

Roll Call 5-0

Motion Carried

Mrs. Verhasselt Forest Pl. inquired on the current curriculum that was approved at the January 7th BOE meeting, is that everything now, all up to date, if it came from other districts did they give permission to use.

Dr. Zoeller stated some were developed here, some still borrowed but correlated to adapt for here. The district has permission to use.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mr. Scully, to close public comment at 9:25P.M.

Roll Call 5-0

Motion Carried

XII. Announcements

The next Regular meeting will be held on March 10, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. in the school gym/auditorium.

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, Legal, Contract, Litigious matters.

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. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Allos, to open Executive Session at 9:25 P.M.

Roll Call 5-0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mr. Scully, to close Executive Session at 10:35 P.M.

Roll Call 5-0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Abraham, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 10:36 P.M.

Roll Call 5-0

Motion Carried

XIV. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Abraham, to adjourn meeting at 10:37 P.M.

Roll Call 5-0

Motion Carried