

**Rochelle Park Board of Education
 Regular Meeting -7:30 P.M.
 July 9, 2015**

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

Board Member	Present	Absent
Mr. Mark Scully, Vice President	X	
Mrs. Shirley Abraham	X	
Mr. Sam Allos	X	
Mrs. Arlene Ciliento Buyck		X
Mrs. Maria Lauerman	X	
Mrs. Dimitria Leakas		X
Mr. Jay Esposito, President	X	

Others present:

- Dr. Geoffrey W. Zoeller, Jr., Superintendent of Schools
- Mrs. Cara Hurd, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Special Projects
- 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:

- Resolutions you will see on the agenda tonight include, Special Education placements for the upcoming year, end of the year reports for the different areas within the school, the school improvement plan, changes to the Discipline Code of Conduct.
- Personnel resolutions, a student teacher, professional development, extracurricular activities appointments, 2 special education aides.
- We also have a change to our organizational chart under policy 1110 and a resolution to dispose of outdated/obsolete equipment.

V. Principal’s Report-Mr. Cannici was unable to attend the meeting, Mrs. Hurd reported the following:

- The School Improvement Plan (SIP) was approved by the Regional Achievement Center for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Summer Pre-Kindergarten program stated this week. All activities are taking place in the gymnasium. The children are having a great time.
- Last week, the administrative team attended a three-day training seminar on the Stronge evaluation model. This is the model we will be using to evaluate teachers in the coming year.
- Congratulations to the 8th grades on their recent graduation from Midland School. Mr. Cannici wished them the very best of luck in high school. He thanked the Board of Education, teachers, and parent volunteers who made this event a great success.

- Thank you to our Building and Grounds Supervisor, Mr. Woods, for all of the effort that he and his staff have put into making our building look great. The new landscaping in front of the building and by our digital sign looks fantastic.

VI. Public Questions on the Resolutions and Open Public Forum (Any Item)

During this portion of the meeting, the residents are invited to address the Board regarding not only agenda items, but on any questions, comments, or concerns that may be in respect to the operation of the school.

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Scully, to open public comment at 7:40 P.M.
Roll Call 5-0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Verhassel Forest Pl. Inquired about the district's new pickup truck is it to be assumed it is the one with the municipal plates, and if so when do you have plans to have it lettered.

Mr. Woods responded by stating that he was planning to do that in conjunction with other lettering that will need to be done.

Mrs. Verhassel asked if the truck will be staying on school grounds.

Dr. Zoeller stated no, it's been vandalized; therefore it is being lockup up at the Township lot.

Mrs. Verhassel asked about the removal of the enrichment program known as G.A.T.E.

Dr. Zoeller responded that the program is being revised as an elementary gifted and talented program, and an honors program in Language Arts & Algebra1 will be created.

Mrs. Verhassel asked what staff will be teaching these classes.

Dr. Zoeller stated existing staff.

Mrs. Verhassel replied as its own class.

Dr. Zoeller stated yes it will be its own class.

Mrs. Verhassel added lower grades, current teacher.

Dr. Zoeller stated the staff would be part/time with ESL, Mrs. Sacco would be the teacher.

Mrs. Verhassel asked where the Curriculum position was posted.

Dr. Zoeller stated in-house only.

Mrs. Verhassel asked if this person would be looking into grant opportunities. Adding that there are 100's of them out there.

Dr. Zoeller stated that Mrs. Hurd has been working on NCLB grants and IDEA grants for our Autistic children.

Motion by Mr. Allos, second by Mrs. Abraham, to close public comment at 7:45P.M.
Roll Call 5-0 Motion Carried

VII. Items for Board Action-Resolutions

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

ROUTINE MATTERS RESOLUTIONS R1-R9

POLICY #0168- APPROVALS OF BOARD MINUTES

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

**June 11, 2015 Regular Meeting & Executive Sessions
June 30, 2015 Special Meeting & Executive Session**

Motion by Mrs. Abraham, second, 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 June 2015 as listed:

<u>Enrollment</u>		<u>Left</u>	<u>Entered</u>
Midland School	479	0	0
Hackensack H.S.	169		
Academies/Tech	17		
Totals	665		

<u>Pupil Attendance</u>		<u>Teacher Attendance</u>	
Possible Days	6222	Possible Days	663
Days Present	5916	Days Present	643
Days Absent	306	Days Absent	20
% Present	95%	% Present	96.9%
% Absent	5%	% Absent	3.1%

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

POLICY #5512.01 HARRASSMENT INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING

R3. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following HIB Report for June 2015 on behalf of the Rochelle Park School District.

June 2015

Reported Incidents:0
 Number of Incidents determined to be HIB: 0
 Number of Incidents determined not to be HIB:0
 Suspensions: 0
 Motion by Mrs. Abraham, second, Mr. Allos,
 Roll Call 5-0 Motion Carried

POLICY 32232.1- SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORTS

R4. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the following annual reports for the 2014-2015 school year:

- Child Study Team/Special Services**
- Guidance Services**
- Health Services**
- ESL**

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

R5. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the School Improvement Plan for the 2015-2016 school year. (attachment)

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

POLICY #5120 NEEDS ASSESSMENT PUPILS

R6. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following special education placements and related services for the 2015-2016 school year with an estimated total amount of 911,901.80.

CASE# 2233155675
CLASSIFICATION: None
PLACEMENT: Shared Time Paramus Vo. Tech/Hackensack H.S.
RELATED SERVICES: None
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V/Hackensack
TUITION: \$6,552.00 Vo-Tech

CASE# 98-07
CLASSIFICATION: Autistic
PLACEMENT: BCSS
RELATED SERVICES: Speech OT
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$76,320.00 + \$4,300.00

CASE# 02-07
CLASSIFICATION: Autistic
PLACEMENT: Tri-Valley District
RELATED SERVICES: OT, PT 1:1 Aide \$18,200.
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$63,400.00

CASE#07-17
CLASSIFICATION: Autistic
PLACEMENT: Valley Program, Norwood
TRANSPORTATION: Region V
TUITION:\$71,092.00
EXTENDED YEAR 12 month program

CASE#08-15
CLASSIFICATION:
PLACEMENT: New Bridges Center
RELATED SERVICES:OT \$100 per session
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$57,861.00

CASE#07-07
CLASSIFICATION: Autistic
PLACEMENT: Ridgefield
RELATED SERVICES:PT Aide 17.5 hours @\$14.50 per hour-\$262.50/Week OT @\$100. Per session as per IEP
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$59,342.00

CASE# 10-08
CLASSIFICATION: Autistic
PLACEMENT: South Bergen Jointure - Lodi
RELATED SERVICES: OT/Speech
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$51,950.
EXTENDED YEAR \$3,200.

CASE#06-10
CLASSIFICATION: Autistic
PLACEMENT: ECLC of Ho Ho Kus
RELATED SERVICES: OT and Speech
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$50,092. (11 month program)
Aide \$27,000- Aide

CASE#02-02
CLASSIFICATION: MD
PLACEMENT: Paramus Vo Tech
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$26,400.00

CASE# 05-11
CLASSIFICATION: SLD
PLACEMENT: Paramus Vo Tech
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$26,400.00

CASE# 00-03
CLASSIFICATION: MD
PLACEMENT: River Dell HS
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$18,943.00

CASE# 12-08
CLASSIFICATION: ED
PLACEMENT: BCSS- Nova North
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$56,880.00

CASE# 07-04
CLASSIFICATION: OHI
PLACEMENT: Paramus Vo-Tech Full Time
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$26,400.00

CASE# 06-01
CLASSIFICATION: OHI
PLACEMENT: River Dell High School
RELATED SERVICES:

**TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$18,943.00**

**CASE# 09-24
CLASSIFICATION: M.D.
PLACEMENT: YCS- George Washington School
RELATED SERVICES: None
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$47,269.80**

**CASE# 14-07
CLASSIFICATION: ED
PLACEMENT: Sage Day
RELATED SERVICES: Counseling
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$54,054.00**

**CASE# 07-01
CLASSIFICATION: OHI
PLACEMENT: Paramus Vo-Tech
RELATED SERVICES: N/A
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$26,400.00**

**CASE# 06-09
CLASSIFICATION: SLD
PLACEMENT: Paramus Vo-Tech
RELATED SERVICES: N/A
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$26,400.00**

**CASE# 02-10
CLASSIFICATION: Autistic
PLACEMENT: River Dell High School
RELATED SERVICES: Speech
TRANSPORTATION: REGION V:
TUITION: \$18,943.00**

**CASE# 14-03
CLASSIFICATION: Hearing Impaired
PLACEMENT: SHIP- Hackensack
RELATED SERVICES:
TRANSPORTATION: High School Bus
TUITION: \$71,460.00**

**CASE# 04-14
CLASSIFICATION: Autistic
PLACEMENT: Consultation by Alpine Learning Center
RELATED SERVICES:
TRANSPORTATION: N/A**

TUITION: 25 hours of consultation @200 per hour = \$5,000.00

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

R7. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the attached revisions to the Midland School #1 Disciplinary Code Handbook for the 2015-2016 School Year. (attachment)

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

POLICY #0130 BYLAWS & POLICIES

R8. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a first reading of the following Policy: (attachment)

#1110- Organizational Chart

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

R9. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the disposal of outdated/obsolete equipment by means of recycling, per the attached list.

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

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS P1-P5

POLICY# 4125 EMPLOYMENT OF SUPPORT STAFF

***P1. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the employment of Kristine Berta as a Special Education aide for the 2015-2016 school year at an hourly salary of \$19.30 per hour, hours not to exceed 27.5 hours for part time position (no benefits).**

Motion by Mr. Allos, second, Mr. Scully,
Roll Call 5-0 Motion Carried

***P2. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the employment of Aparna Gorumurthy as a Special Education aide for the 2015-2016 school year at an hourly salary of \$19.30 per hour, hours not to exceed 27.5 hours for part time position (no benefits).**

Motion by Mr. Allos, second, Mr. Scully,
Roll Call 5-0 Motion Carried

POLICY #3240 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

P3. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following workshop request:

Barbara Purcell to attend “Brain Camp for Teachers & Literacy Leaders” at a cost of \$75.00 for

registration.

Motion by Mr. Allos, second, Mr. Scully,
Roll Call 5-0 Motion Carried

***P4. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education appoints the following personnel to the listed extra-compensation positions for the 2015-2016 school year stipend in accordance with the master contract for the 2015-16 school year.**

National Junior Honor Society Nicoletta LaMarca Sacco & Emily Kotwica
8th Grade Advisor- Elaine Rainone
Chorus Director & Spring Musical Music Director- Barbara Weiner
Spelling Bee Coach- Lauren Metcalfe
Computer Club- Susan Carney
Yearbook Advisor- Susan Carney
Student Council Advisor- Jeffrey Grossman
Baseball Coach- Stephen Van Hassel
Assistant Baseball Coach- Jeffrey Grossman
Geography Bee Coordinator- Jeffrey Grossman
Gymnastics Coach Jessica Calderone
Gymnastics Coach- Samuel Ramirez
Student Tutors- Cathy Hernando/Joan Kim (share 1 position)
Chorus Accompanist (not to exceed 30 hours) Lisa Fletcher
Spring Musical Accompanist- (not to exceed 10 hours) - Lisa Fletcher
Newspaper Club Advisor- Melanie Ferla
Indoor Soccer Coach – Samuel Ramirez
Softball Coach- Jennifer O'Brien
Assistant Softball Coach- Christina Esposito
Volleyball Coach- Jennifer O'Brien
Art Club Advisor – Jennifer O'Brien (not to exceed 26 hours)
School Play Scene designer – Jennifer O'Brien
Spring Musical Stage Director- Maria Leccese

Motion by Mr. Allos, second, Mr. Scully,
Roll Call 5-0 Motion Carried

POLICY #9541 – STUDENT TEACHERS/INTERNS

P5. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the following Student Teacher from Felician College on or about September 8, 2015- December 18, 2015.

Katherine Driscoll

Motion by Mr. Allos, second, Mr. Scully,
Roll Call 5-0 Motion Carried

FINANCE AND INSURANCE-RESOLUTIONS F1-F2
APPROVAL TO ADOPT THE ROCHELLE PARK MIDLAND SCHOOL ENERGY SAVINGS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

F1. RESOLVED: that it is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the submittal of the Rochelle Park Midland School Energy Savings Improvement Program to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. (attachment)

Dr. Zoeller commented on the energy audit explaining what it was and how it works and ultimately 70% of the cost being funded by the state. With that savings the money can be used in other areas, for instance the air conditioners on the top of the gym that can only be shut off manually.

Mr. Scully asked if it was completely separate from the referendum and Library capital projects.

Dr. Zoeller explained that it is a totally different fund source.

Mr. Scully looking for clarification stated that offsets the cost.

Dr. Zoeller further explained that 30% is bonded – paid for beyond what our saved energy costs would have been. After it is paid off the money is extra.

Mr. Allos asked if the energy audit was approved.

Dr. Zoeller stated it was in January- We pay upfront, but at no cost to the taxpayer since it gets rolled into the base.

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 5-0 Motion Carried

F2. WHEREAS, Central Pack Engineering Corp. was awarded the bid for the Infrastructure Referendum and Alternate 1 representing the portion of the work that is part of the ROD grant sprinkler upgrade project to the Midland School; and

WHEREAS, Central Pack Engineering Corp. has submitted Payment Application #2 in the amount of \$ 187,181.96.

WHEREAS, Environetics Architects has verified that a review of the application finds it in conformance with the level of work completed to date.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves this payment application in the amount of \$ 187,181.96.

Motion by Mr. Scully, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 5-0 Motion Carried

VIII. Reports-Community Action Items

Building & Grounds- Mr. Esposito- stated we are getting there, it's a mess, but it will get done.

Dr. Zoeller added that he is planning on having tours when the building is in better shape.

Mr. Esposito thanked the Sheriff's office for their help removing the items from the building and they will be back to put back the items in the building.

Mr. Esposito asked if all the classrooms are being done this year.

Mr. Woods explained that every classroom will be done. We are following the ceiling tile men as they work from one room to the next.

Mr. Woods confirmed the Sheriff's office will be back in August.

Business, Finance, and Transportation- Mrs. Lauerman- nothing to report at this time

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment- Mr. Scully- We are currently working hard on Curriculum.

Legislation & Policy- Mrs. Abraham- nothing to report at this time

Personnel/Negotiations- Mr. Allos- nothing to report at this time

Special Education- Mrs. Ciliento- Buyck nothing to report at this time.

Technology & Community/Staff Relations- Dr. Zoeller stated that Mr. Woods has been trained to install CAT 6 wire. It's expensive to run, he is running the wire himself and that is saving of thousands of dollars.

Mr. Scully asked what CAT 6 wire is used for.

Mr. Woods explained it's used for phone, computer data.

Dr. Zoeller stated by doing this the district can get a newer phone system.

Mr. Scully asked if it was more cost effective to use.

Mr. Woods stated a couple hundred dollars per run.

NJSB- Mrs. Ciliento-Buyck- nothing to report at this time

Joint Board- Mr. Scully attended the HS graduation, it was an honor to be on stage and give his son his diploma along with his neighbor, he added it was very well organized and a good ceremony.

Bergen County School Boards- Mrs. Abraham- nothing to report at this time

Municipality- Mr. Allos- nothing to report

Community- Mr. Scully announced that the Recreation Department will be sponsoring its annual back to school dance on September 18th, Rochelle Park Day will be October 31st with a rain date of November 1st. This event will be combined with the annual Ragamuffin parade.

IX. Announcements

The next Regular Meetings will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in the Media Center or Gym if Media Center is unavailable due to construction.

X. 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:

CSA Evaluation

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 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, second Mr. Allos, to open Executive Session at 8:00P.M.

Roll Call 5-0 Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Abraham, second Mrs. Lauerman, to close Executive Session at 8:59P.M.

Roll Call 5-0 Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Allos, second Mr. Scully, to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 9:00P.M.

Roll Call 5-0 Motion Carried

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, second Mrs. Abraham, to adjourn meeting at 9:02P.M.

Roll Call 5-0 Motion Carried