

**Rochelle Park Board of Education  
Regular Meeting– 8:00 P.M.  
October 13, 2009**

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

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mrs. Barbara Ann Maurer, Vice President	X	
Mr. Sam Allos		X
Mrs. Teresa Cravello	X	
Mr. Jay Esposito	X	
Mr. Frank Madden	X	
Mr. Robert Verhasselt	X	
Mrs. Patricia Bilka, President	X	

Others Present:

- Catherine Mozak, Interim Superintendent
- Theresa Guastello, School Business Administrator/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 Star Ledger, The Record and The Our Town, in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.”

**IV. Interim Superintendent’s Report**

- Ms. Mozak showed the video from the New Jersey State Department of Education entitled “How Should You Introduce Yourself in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”.
- There will be a resolution on the regular agenda to approve several workshops for staff members.
- There will be a resolution for a second reading and approval on Policies #1220, #3159, and #8760 and an additional resolution on the agenda for a first reading that was submitted for review.

**V. Ms. Mozak did a power point presentation explaining the NJASK 2009 Assessment Scores.**

**VI. Video – 3 Steps to 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

## **VII. Business Administrator's Report**

- There will be a resolution on the agenda to approve the annual Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.
- Mrs. Guastello reported that the auditors are in the district and will probably be here for the next two weeks.
- Mrs. Guastello reported she is in the process of getting prices from people who run border collies to deter geese. She discussed the costs associated with this service.
- Mrs. Guastello reported our fire inspection was recently completed and Darryl DeMott informed us on Thursday that there were no violations.
- There will be a resolution on the agenda to approve our participation in the ACES electric bid. We approved a resolution to participate in the gas bid in August.
- Mrs. Guastello discussed that Mrs. Bilka noted changes to the minutes and that the changes were made.

*Mrs. Bilka introduced Dr. Oberkehr at this time.*

## **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. Maurer, seconded by Mrs. Cravello, to open public comment at 8:26 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0  
Motion carried

There were no questions for Dr. Oberkehr. Mrs. Bilka asked Dr. Oberkehr if he would like to say a few words.

Motion by Mr. Verhasselt, seconded by Mr. Madden, to close public comment at 8:30 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0  
Motion carried

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

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

**POLICY 4111 – HIRING – CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Rochelle Park Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) appoints Fredrik Martin Oberkehr as the Superintendent of Schools for the Rochelle Park School District for the period from December 14, 2009 and ending on July 1, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Employment Agreement has been submitted to and approved by the Executive County Superintendent, according to standards adopted by the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Employment Agreement with Fredrik Martin Oberkehr for the position of Superintendent of Schools for the foregoing period of appointment, which Employment Agreement is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the Board Secretary/Business Administrator to execute, on behalf of the Board, the Employment Agreement by and between the Board and Fredrik Martin Oberkehr.

Motion by Mr. Verhasselt, seconded by Mrs. Cravello  
Roll Call 6-0  
Motion carried

**POLICY 0168 – APPROVING BOARD MINUTES**

- 2. Resolved, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings:  
September 14, 2009 Caucus Meeting & Executive Sessions #1 and #2  
September 21, 2009 Regular Meeting & Executive Session**

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

**POLICY 5200- ATTENDANCE**

**3. RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education approve the attendance report for the month of September 2009 as listed:

<u>Enrollment</u>		<u>Left</u>	<u>Entered</u>
Midland School	510		
Hackensack H.S.	116		
Academies	<u>17</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>643</b>		

  

<u>Pupil Attendance</u>		<u>Teacher Attendance</u>	
Possible Days	10104	Possible Days	990
Days Present	9754	Days Present	968
Days Absent	350	Days Absent	22
% Present	96.5%	%Present	97.7%
% Absent	3.5%	%Absent	2.3%

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

**POLICY 3240 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**4. RESOLVED:** on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the participation of the persons named at the following workshops/conferences:

Jennifer O'Brien to attend "National Art Educators Association Conference" in Baltimore, Maryland on April 15 & 16, 2010 at a cost of \$220.00 to the district.

Sheryl Meyers to attend "Community Medicine & School Health-Hot Topics for 2009" in Edison on October 28, 2009 at a cost of \$192.00 to the district.

Cathy Stephens & Thomas Hornes to attend "Eco Systems" in Montclair on November 13, 2009 at no cost to the district.

Elaine Rainone to attend "Practical Activities for Strengthening Physics Concepts in your Science Classes" in Newark on October 29, 2009 at a cost of \$199.00 to the district.

Dana Repka and Bob Stack to attend "Prism Math Workshops" in Montclair on December 2, 2009, February 10, 2010, April 13, 2010 at a cost to the district of \$210.00 per person.

Motion by Mrs. Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Maurer  
Roll Call 6-0  
Motion carried

**POLICY 4211 – HIRING – NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

- 5. RESOLVED:** on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year at a rate of \$80.00 per day:

Tammy Ziviak  
Michael DiBella

Motion by Mrs. Maurer, seconded by Mrs. Cravello  
Roll Call 6-0  
Motion carried

**POLICY 2340 - FIELD TRIPS**

- 6. RESOLVED:** on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following field trip request:

Devin Rose, Donna Johnson, Angie Cella & Grace Gonzalez to accompany the Kindergarten classes on a walking trip to the Rochelle Park Fire Department on October 15, 2009, at no cost to the district.

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

**POLICY 0131 – BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

- 7. RESOLVED:** on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the second reading and does hereby adopt the following policies:

**Policies:**

#1220 – Employment of Chief School Administrator  
#3159 - Teaching Staff Members/School District  
#8760 - Pupil Accident Insurance

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

8. **RESOLVED:** on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the first reading of the following policy & regulation:

Policy:

#7490 – Animals on School Property

Regulation:

#7490.1 – Animals on School Property

Motion by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mrs. Maurer

Mrs. Bilka explained the goose problem and the possible resolution using dogs belonging to town residents. The Board discussed the policy and the changes that should be made. It was decided to table the resolution for more discussion at the November meeting.

#### **POLICY 8461 REPORTING VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM**

9. **RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education accept the report and acknowledge the public presentation by the Superintendent of the 2008-2009 Midland School Violence and Vandalism data submitted under the Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS).

Motion by Mrs. Cravello, seconded by Mr. Esposito

Roll Call 6-0

Motion carried

#### **POLICY 9110 – QUALITY ASSURANCE ANNUAL REPORT**

##### **10. Annual Approval of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan**

**WHEREAS:** The Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities and

**WHEREAS:** The required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Rochelle Park School District are consistent with these requirements, and

**WHEREAS:** all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Rochelle Park Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the Comprehensive

**Maintenance Plan for the Rochelle Park School District, as presented, in compliance with Department of Education requirements.**

Motion by Mrs. Maurer, seconded by Mr. Verhasselt  
Roll Call 6-0  
Motion carried

**POLICY # 5307 NURSING SERVICES PLAN**

**11. Resolved: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Nursing Services Plan for the 2009 - 2010 school year:**

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

**Finance and Insurance**

**Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator to the Superintendent:**

**POLICY 6420 – PAYMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES**

**12. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approve the October 2009 Bill List as approved by the Finance Committee, attached and listed below:**

	<u>Amount</u>
A) Regular Bills – Fund 10	\$ 1,894.67
B) Regular Bills – Fund 11	411,160.40
C) Regular Bills – Fund 20	100.00
D) Debt Service – Fund 40	
E) Food Service – Fund 50	14,059.03
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Total Oct. Bills:	\$427,214.10
 <u>September Additions</u>	
F) Regular Bills – Fund 11	\$ 46,241.00
G) Debt Service – Fund 40	\$ 3,542.50
H) Void Check – Fund 10	- \$ 2,279.70
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<b>TOTAL ALL BILLS</b>	<b><u>\$474,717.90</u></b>

**ATTACHMENT 1**

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

**POLICY 6350 – CONTRACTS**

**13. 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, 2014 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, 2014 (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 Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 6-0  
Motion carried

**POLICY #7510 USE OF FACILITIES**

**14. RESOLVED**, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approve 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	Date	Rental Fee
Rochelle Park Recreation	Ragamuffin Parade/William Street - to assemble in parking lot	Previously approved at 9/21/09 Regular Meeting for 10/31/09. Additional request for Rain Date for Sunday 11/1/09 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	None

Motion by Mrs. Cravello, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 6-0  
Motion carried

**X. Reports – Committee Action Items**

- **Finance** – Mrs. Bilka reported that there were a lot of bills this month and that the auditors were in the district.
- **Education** – Mr. Esposito thanked Ms. Mozak for her presentation.
- **Transportation** – Mrs. Maurer had nothing to report.
- **Building & Grounds**- Mr. Madden reported that everything is covered.
- **Community & School Relations** – Mrs. Cravello reported the various upcoming events at Midland School and the Township.
- **Legislation** - Mrs. Bilka reported the following:
  - The goal of NGA/CCSSO’s Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI) is to develop college – and career- ready standards that are evidence-and research-based.
  - On September 29<sup>th</sup>, the New Jersey Supreme Court conducted oral argument in a matter that will have serious freedom of speech implications for all boards of education in New Jersey. This case involved a \$100,000 jury award for an alleged violation of a parent’s First Amendment constitutional rights during a public board meeting.

- Federal Education Grants – New Jersey will receive more than \$532 million in federal grants to help improve teacher quality, career education, and programs to aid high-poverty students. The grants come from the U.S. Department of Education’s annual appropriation from Congress. The total earmarked for New Jersey is \$532.47 million.
- **Policy** - Mrs. Maurer discussed the policies we had on the agenda regarding the dogs and geese.
- **Board/Staff Relations** – Mr. Madden reported everything is okay.
- **Negotiating** - Mrs. Bilka reported the negotiating team met with the Board Attorney for a preliminary discussion.
- **Joint Board Coordination** – Mrs. Maurer reported she and several other Board members attended the Joint Boards meeting at Hackensack High School. Dr. Porta discussed 2 professions that survived the recession. Mrs. Maurer also stated that there will be Back to School Night and the orientation for incoming freshman at the high school.
- **Bergen County School Boards** - Mrs. Cravello reported that she spoke with Marie Bilik regarding what the NJSBA can do for the districts.
- **New Jersey School Boards** - Mr. Verhasselt reported that there will be a workshop on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that the NJ State Ethics Committee vacancies were filled.
- **Liaison to Municipal Committee** – Mrs. Cravello thanked the DPW for cutting down the tree.

## **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. Madden, seconded by Mrs. Cravello, to open public comment at 9:00 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0  
Motion carried

Mr. Romano, residing on Central Avenue, stated that his child had not received juice with his lunch on Friday and that students were not receiving money back because they did not get juice.

Motion by Mr. Esposito, seconded by Mr. Verhasselt, to close public comment at 9:03 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0  
Motion carried

## **XII. Announcements**

**The next Caucus Meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. in the Media Center.**

**The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2009 at 8:00 P.M.  
in the Media Center.**

**XIII. Executive Session Announcement (if needed) None**

**XIV. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mrs. Cravello, to adjourn meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0  
Motion carried