

**Rochelle Park Board of Education
Caucus Meeting– 7:30 P.M.
November 3, 2008**

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

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

Others Present:

- C. Lauren Schoen, Ed.D., 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 Our Town, in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

Mr. Verhasselt acknowledged Mr. Valenzuela, Liason from the Municipal, to speak:

- Mr. Valenzuela stated that Mr. Levitzke was nominated as Citizen of the Year.
- A Township Celebration will be held at the Knights of Columbus at 7:30 p.m. on November 4, 2008.

IV. Superintendent’s Report

- Rochelle Park achieved AYP in Math and Reading in all grades.
- There will be a resolution to approve workshops for several staff members.
- There will be a resolution to approve several field trips.
- Fall reports were completed and submitted reports to State Department of Education in October and November.
- There were 3 Rochelle Park students inducted into the Honor Society at Bergen Catholic High School on October 23rd.
- PTA to host Maureen Kanka Program Thursday, November 13, 2008.
- School Violence Awareness Week at Midland School was held the week of October 20, 2008.

- There will be a resolution approving several Library volunteers for the 2008-2009 school year.
- The RPEA will be selling Midland School T-shirts, sweatshirts, and sweatpants.
- There will be a resolution approving an out of district placement.
- Dr. Schoen distributed folders regarding our NJQSAC self assessment for the Board to review. There will not be a resolution on our regular agenda approving the submission of our NJQSAC self assessment to the county office.
- Dr. Schoen submitted the October results for our weekly math assessment.
- The Pre-School Expansion Initiative will be discussed in January. Dr. Schoen stated that we do not have to have Pre-K next year. Mr. Madden stated that this might be the time to go to full day Kindergarten.

V. Principal's Report Dr. Schoen reported on behalf of Mr. Mongon:

- Mr. Mongon met with Michael Jordan of Maywood Avenue School to share strategies for improvement. Both of our schools are in a position where we are working toward significant improvement, so collaboration of this type is valuable.
- Dr. Ostfeld from the Bergen Academies met with our 8th grade students on October 15th to discuss the opportunities that are available for them.

VI. Business Administrator's Report

- USA Security completed the repair work and cleaning of the smoke and heat detectors. Darryl DeMott will be in early next week to re-inspect.
- Mrs. Guastello discussed revised facility use request from Recreation.
- The ASSA Report, Debt Service Report and the District Report of Resident Transported Students have been submitted to the State as required.
- Our auditors have been in the district since last Thursday and anticipate the audit will be complete by Monday.

VII. Reports – Committee Action Items- no reports at this time.

VIII. Items for Board Action - Resolutions (If needed)

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

IX. Other Business:

X. 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 9:19 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0
Motion carried

No public comment.

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Bilka, to close public comment at 9:29 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0
Motion carried

XI Announcements

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 8:00 P.M. in the Media Center. The next Caucus Meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2008, at 7:30 P.M.

XII Executive Session Announcement (if needed)

WHEREAS, the Rochelle Park Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") from time to time must convene into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters including but not limited to personnel issues, legal matters, student issues and labor negotiations.

WHEREAS, the Board has on its agenda for the meeting being held on November 3, 2008, issues relating to personnel, litigation, _____, _____, which must be discussed in a confidential closed session.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board shall move into Executive Session to discuss the above referenced matter.

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. Madden, seconded by Mr. Allos, to open Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0
Motion carried

Motion by Mrs. Maurer, seconded by Mrs. Bilka, to close Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0
Motion carried

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Verhasselt, seconded by Mrs. Cravello, to adjourn meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0
Motion carried