

**Rochelle Park Board of Education  
Regular Meeting– 8:00 P.M.  
January 18, 2012**

- I. Call to Order and Flag Salute**  
**II. Roll Call 5-0**

Board Members	Present	Absent
Mr. Robert Verhasselt, Vice President	x	
Mr. Sam Allos	x	
Mrs. Teresa Cravello		x
Mr. Jay Esposito	x	
Mrs. Maria Lauerman	x	
Mr. Mark Scully		x
Mrs. Patricia Bilka, President	x	

Others present:

- Bert Ammerman, Interim Superintendent/Board Secretary
- John DiPaola, Business Administrator
- Ellen Kobylarz, Board Recording Secretary, Board Secretary Pro Tem

**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, in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.”

**IV. Superintendent’s Report-** Mr. Ammerman reported the following:

- *Review of the school calendar for 2012-2013 with a resolution to be presented in February for approval.*
- *Geography Bee was held this week, Mr. Ammerman stated he was very impressed with Mr. Cannici, Mr. Grossman and Mrs. Repka the teachers who conducted the Bee. Students were great.*
- *Spelling Bee was also held this week. Mr. Ammerman could not attend but stated that the new Interim Principal Mr. McGrath said it was great.*
- *There was a false alarm on December 23rd; Mr. Ammerman expressed how impressed he was with the handling of the situation by staff and students. He also commended the Police and Firemen on an excellent job.*
- *Discussion on the Professional Development day in February. The teachers will have a workshop in the morning led by Bob Price, Curriculum Director at*

*Northern Valley, on developing curriculum in the areas of Math, Language Arts and Social Studies. In the afternoon there will be a workshop on Professional Learning Communities and also a Right to Know workshop.*

- V. Business Administrator's Report** Mr. DiPaola reported the following:
- *Discussed the resolutions on the agenda up for approval.*

**VI. 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. Lauerma, seconded by Mr. Esposito, to open public comment at 8:15 p.m.  
Roll Call 5-0

None

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Verhasselt, to close public comment at 8:16 p.m.  
Roll Call 5-0

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

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

**VIII. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**POLICY #0168 – APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

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

- A. December 5, 2011 - Caucus Meeting & Executive Session**
- B. December 12, 2011 – Regular Meeting & Executive Session**

Motion by Mrs. Lauerma seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 5-0

**POLICY#0142 BOARD MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS, PROHIBITED ACTS AND CODE OF ETHICS**

**R 2. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education adopts the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:**

- a.** I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b.** I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.

- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

Motion by President Bilka, seconded by Mr. Verhasselt  
Roll Call 5-0

**POLICY #5200 - ATTENDANCE**

**R3. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the attendance report for the month of December 2011 as listed:**

<u>Enrollment</u>		<u>Left</u>	<u>Entered</u>
Midland School	464		1- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Hackensack H.S	126		1- Kindergarten
Academies/Technical Schools	<u>10</u>		
Total	600		

<u>Pupil Attendance</u>		<u>Teacher Attendance</u>	
Possible Days	7882	Possible Days	797.3
Days Present	7471	Days Present	765.3
Days Absent	411	Days Absent	32
% Present	94.7	% Present	95.9%
% Absent	5.3	% Absent	4.1%

Motion by Mr. Esposito seconded by Mr. Allos  
Roll Call 5-0

**POLICY #2340 – FIELD TRIPS**

**R4. RESOLVED:** on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the eighth grade class trip as follows:

**2012 8th Grade Class Trip**

**DATE:** Thursday & Friday, June 7th-8th, 2012

**DEPARTURE:** Midland School -Thursday, June 7th, 2012- approx. 6:00 A.M.

**DESTINATION:** Washington, D.C. Hotel accommodations- Holiday Inn Alexandria VA)

**ITINERARY:** visit Arlington National Cemetery,(participate in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of Unknown Soldier pending availability), visit the National Archives, Moonlight dinner dance cruise on Potomac, tour of the U.S. Capitol Building (pending availability), visit the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Smithsonian Institution-National Air & Space Museum, National Gallery of Art, National Museum of Natural History.

**RETURN DEPARTURE:** Washington D.C. Friday, June 8th, 2012-approx.8 P.M., with an estimated time of arrival at Midland School 11:59 P.M.

**COST:** To be borne by the parents

Motion by Mr. Esposito, seconded by Mr. Allos  
Roll Call 5-0

**IX PERSONNEL**

**POLICY #3240 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**P.5. RESOLVED:** that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves tuition reimbursement (pending submission of official transcripts) for courses taking during the 2011-2012 school year as follows:

Brian Cannici	3 credits	\$ 774.57
Donna Johnson	3 credits	\$ 725.01
Thomas Hornes	3 credits	\$ 774.57
Jennifer O'Brien	6 credits	\$ 1,549.14

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 5-0

**POLICY #4431.1 – FAMILY LEAVE**

**\*P 6. RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education does hereby approves the request of Mrs. Angela Jacobus to extend her maternity leave until the end of the 2011/2012 school year.

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 5-0

**POLICY #4111 – HIRING – CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

**\*P 7. RESOLVED:** on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education appoints the following personnel to the listed extra-compensation positions for the 2011-2012 school year stipend to be determined upon the settlement of the master contract for the 2011-2012 school year.

Baseball Coach	Brian Cannici
Softball Coach	Jeanmarie Corrigan
Indoor Soccer Coach	Samuel Ramirez

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 5-0

**\*P 8. RESOLVED:** on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education appoints the following personnel as Volunteer Assistant Coaches for the 2011-2012 school year.

Assistant Baseball Coach	Thomas Hornes
Assistant Softball Coach	Jennifer O'Brien

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 5-0

**\*P 9. RESOLVED:** that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education extends the appointment of Tara LaPira to the position of Maternity Leave replacement Departmental Language Arts Teacher until the end of the 2011/2012 school year, at a per diem rate of \$220 to be adjusted upon settlement of the master contract for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 5-0

**\*P10. RESOLVED:** on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the increase in employment hours from 27.5 hours per week to 30 hours per week (No Benefits) for Grace Gonzales –Part Time Special Education Classroom Assistant for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year at a salary to be determined upon settlement of the master contract for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 5-0

**\*P 11. RESOLVED:** on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the following substitute teachers (pending criminal background checks) for

**the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year at a rate of \$80.00 per day:**

Alice Boyadzyan  
Samantha Fogarty  
Dave Garey

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 5-0

**P12. POLICY #4117.2 - RETIREMENT**

**\*P12. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education accept with regret, Patricia Amabile's resignation and retirement letter dated January 12, 2012 from the Rochelle Park School District effective June 30, 2012. We wish her much luck and happiness in her retirement.**

*Mr. Ammerman expressed the district's appreciation to Ms. Amabile for all her work here in Rochelle Park and wished her the best.*

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 5-0

**X. FINANCE AND INSURANCE**

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

**POLICY #6470 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

**F. 13. Resolved, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the January 2012 Bill List as approved by the Finance Committee, attached and listed below:**

A. Regular Bills - Fund 11	\$417,969.88
B. Regular Bills - Fund 20	\$ 15,014.12
C. Capital Projects - Fund 30	\$ -
D. Debt Service - Fund 40	\$ -
E. Food Service - Fund 50	\$ 14,208.58
F. Enterprise – Fund 51	\$ 517.85
<b>TOTAL JANUARY BILLS</b>	<b>\$501,710.43</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$501,710.43</b>

**SUPPORT DOCUMENT 1**

Motion by Mrs. Lauerma, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 5-0

**F. 14. Resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the January 2011, payroll in the amount of \$395,010.86**

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

**F. 15. Resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the December 2011, payroll in the amount of \$390,161.86**

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

**Transfers**

**F. 16. RESOLVED:** that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the line item transfers for October 31, 2011, November 30, 2011 & December 2011.

**ATTACHMENT**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Source Account</i>	<i>Target Account</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>10/31/11</i>			See Attachment 2	\$2,490.73
<i>11/30/11</i>			See Attachment 2	\$4,896.54
<i>12/31/11</i>			See Attachment 2	\$34,446.02
			Total Transfers	\$41,833.29

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

**F. 17. 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 October 30, 2011 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. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 5-0

**F. 18. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of October 2011**

**ATTACHMENT**

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

**F. 19. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts the School Treasurer's Financial Report for the month of October 2011.**

**ATTACHMENT**

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

**F. 20. 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 November 30, 2011 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. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 5-0

**F. 21. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of November 2011**

**ATTACHMENT**

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

**F. 22. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts the School Treasurer's Financial Report for the month of November 2011.**

**ATTACHMENT**

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



**POLICY # 6160 - GRANTS FROM PRIVATE SOURCES**

**F. 23. Resolved, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the submission of a grant application to Rutgers Eagleton Institute of Politics for the *State House Express* award in the amount of \$300.00.**

**Be it also resolved, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts the *State House Express* award in the amount of \$300.00 to be used for the purpose of transporting students to the State House in Trenton.**

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

**Policy #8420 – EMERGENCY & CRISIS SITUATIONS**

**F. 24. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following Fire and Security drills held in the month of December of 2011 for the Rochelle Park School District.**

<b>December 14, 2011</b>	<b>Fire Drill</b>	<b>2 minutes</b>
<b>December 16, 2011</b>	<b>Security Drill- Lockdown Drill</b>	<b>11 minutes</b>
<b>December 23, 2011</b>	<b>Fire Alarm – False Alarm</b>	<b>40 minutes</b>

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

**Policy #5512.01 – HARASSMENT< INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING**

**F. 25. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following HIB Report for the first four months of the 2011/2012 school year for the Rochelle Park School District.**

**September 2011**

Reported Incidents: 9  
Number of Incidents determined to be HIB: 0  
Number of Incidents determined not to be HIB: 9

**October 2011**

Reported Incidents: 5  
Number of Incidents determined to be HIB: 1  
Number of Incidents determined not to be HIB: 4

**November 2011**

Reported Incidents: 3  
Number of Incidents determined to be HIB: 0  
Number of Incidents determined not to be HIB: 3

**December 2011**

Reported Incidents: 7  
Number of Incidents determined to be HIB: 0  
Number of Incidents determined not to be HIB: 7

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

**POLICY #3440/4440 – TRAVEL EXPENSE**

**F. 26. WHEREAS**, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18a:11-12, in each pre-budget year, the Rochelle Park Board of Education is required to establish a maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year which may not be exceeded, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has determined that the maximum travel expenditure amount includes all travel that is supported by State and local funds;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, has not elected to exclude travel expenditures supported by federal funds from the maximum travel expenditure amount; and

**RESOLVED**, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education hereby establishes the maximum, travel expenditure amount for the 2011/2012 school year at \$15, 000.00

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

**POLICY #7510-USE OF FACILITIES**

**F. 27. 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	Date	Rental Fee
RP Girl Scouts (Daisies)	Meetings/Classroom	Thursdays, 1/26/12, 2/9, 2/23, 3/1, 3/15, 3/29, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 5/31	None

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

**F. 28. The Rochelle Park School District elects to use the alternate method of compliance in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:26-6.3(h) 4ii and iii by providing toilet rooms adjacent to or outside the classroom in lieu of individual toilet rooms in each classroom.**

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

**A29. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education remove Cara Hurd as the district's Affirmative Action Officer and approve the appointment of Matthew McGrath to the position of Affirmative Action Officer through July 15, 2012.**

Motion by Mr. Esposito , seconded by Mr. Allos  
Roll Call 5-0

## **XI. Reports – Committee Action Items**

**Finance** – *President Bilka- Budget discussion was held at the Budget meeting tonight. The board needs to have a further discussion on whether to move the election to November.*

**Education-** *Mr. Esposito – Education committee will be meeting with Mr. Ammerman in the upcoming weeks. Mrs. Oles and Mrs. Hurd will meet with the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students to remind them of their expectations and responsibilities to ensure a successful second half of the school year. Learnia is complete, teachers will be given their pre-test assessment results and use them to continue to prepare students for the NJASK in the spring.*

**Transportation-** *Mrs. Cravello was not present at the meeting; President Bilka stated there were no transportation issues to report.*

**Building & Grounds-** *Mr. Verhasselt stated the committee and Administration took a tour of the building this evening to ascertain building issues. There are HVAC concerns, heat will be improved, door frames, windows, roof repairs are being addressed and the building will be up to par for NJQSAC. He further stated that the district needs to focus on material issues in the budget process. Issues will be addressed; the budget has no room for extra expenses.*

**Community & School Activities:** *Mr. Scully was not present at the meeting. No report*

**Legislation:** *President Bilka- reported on the change in the voting on the School Board Budget*

**Policy-** *Mr. Allos-had nothing to report*

**Board/Staff Relations-** *No report*

**Negotiations-** *President Bilka reported that the board met with RPEA & fact finder-exchanged information, ready to move into next step- proposal.*

**Joint Boards-** *No report*

**B.C. School Boards** – *Mrs. Lauerma reported that the next meeting Union School East Rutherford on February 23, 2012*

**N.J. School Boards** – *Mrs. Lauerma reported that January is School Board Recognition Month.*

**Municipal Alliance Liaison-** *President Bilka reported that at the Township reorganization Mr. Ken Kovalcik was appointed as Rochelle Park's Mayor, Mrs. Jayme Ouellette was appointed as Deputy Mayor and Mr. Frank Valenzuela School Board Liaison.*

## **XII. 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. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Allos, to open public comment at 8:30 p.m.

Roll Call 5-0

Mrs. Pascarella (32 Thiem) asked how long the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher would be out and wondered if for an extended period why the parents were not advised.

*Mr. Ammerman stated point well taken and that we are hoping one more week.*

Mrs. Pascarella then asked if it would be ok for her to e-mail the teacher.

*Mr. Ammerman requested that communication be with the substitute teacher in the classroom.*

*Mr. Ammerman stated he would talk to the substitute regarding the issue.*

Mrs. McElroy (28 W Oldis St) Asked what the definition was of a focus school.

*Mr. Ammerman explained that it had to do with NCLB- every child should reach certain levels. The Governor made changes and decided to split it into 3 groups Award schools- received more aid. Focus schools- needed to work on some areas with the goal to becoming an award school, and In Need schools- those which have serious issues. Rochelle Park's issues are with the scores. Changes were put in place addressing issues and scores did go up but at the same time one other area went down.*

Mrs. McElroy (28 W Oldis St) asked what the areas of improvement are.

*Mr. Ammerman- stated he will give a report in February but in essence Math and Lang. Arts.*

*President Bilka stated it was where we didn't make AYP.*

Mrs. Cronin (53 Rochelle Ave) - had a general concern regarding the bulletin boards inside the school. They all have black backgrounds- no student artwork- stated it was very disappointing to see.

*Mr. Ammerman- stated it was a tough environment- Board and teachers are negotiating in good faith. The role of the administration is to ensure the delivery of instruction in the classroom. Teachers are working hard and the environment in the classroom is positive. The quality of education is there. "If that was not there I would step in."*

Mrs. Cappucci (70 E. Passaic St) - Stated she was not saying teachers are not doing their job- the issue is kids work should be on the boards.

Mrs. Assilino (31 Lincoln Drive)- Drop off process, atrocious, sitting in traffic. You can sit for 15-20 minutes. Any ideas of changing drop off.

*Mr. Ammerman- No different at any other school, problem never goes away. I don't know the answer. It is organized, weather make it worse. I will look into it.*

Mrs. Assilino (31 Lincoln Drive) -I'm late for work every day.

*Mrs. McElroy (28 W Oldis St) - Drop off early and make the kids stay outside.*

Mrs. Pascarella (32 Thiem Ave) -Cones have not been out.

*Mr. Ammerman- I don't know but I will address them.*

Mr. Valdez (160 Chestnut St) – When you get buzzed in –someone can take a walk- make a right turn instead of a left turn. Could you have a guard?

*Mr. Ammerman –understand that I take security very seriously- overall security is good. 95% of attacks have been from inside schools. I do take this seriously and will look into it tomorrow.*

Mr. Borchard (70 Forest Place) I see no Rochelle Park news in the Our Town- Why?

*Mr. Ammerman- you will see an increase. Mr. McGrath is leading it.*

Mr. Brown (260 Howard Ave)- Lunchroom- 6 & 11 year olds, playground aides run it like the military, He saw from Williams St. they were standing for 5 minutes at least. When they are

indoors they are sitting, they need to burn off energy. Handbook policies don't address issue, talked to other people same complaint.

*Mr. Ammerman- I will look into the matter*

Mrs. Sanchez (57 Madison Ave) Focus school- her child did poorly- she spoke to the Guidance Counselor and Principal asked what can be done and was told to hire a tutor. No money in budget to address issues. She would like to see what plan is in place for children who fall under the radar. Volunteer Assistant Baseball coach but no volunteers to tutor students.

*Ammerman – A plan was put in place by the former Superintendent to address needs, it is now integrated into the curriculum.*

Mrs. Sanchez – more needs to be done.

*President Bilka- The test scores were not horrible – Dr. Oberkehr gave a presentation, we met every category but one. We are a focus group because of one area.*

Mrs. Sanchez- I'm not the only one who wants to know what measures are going to be put in place.

Mrs. Cappucci (70 E. Passaic St) - Why are we not doing NJASK prep?

*Mr. Ammerman – Some schools do it afterschool. The most proactive was is to incorporate it in class on a weekly basis. Without teaching to the test, that was the plan that was put together.*

*President Bilka- Block schedule took the place of the afterschool program.*

Mrs. Krieger (16 Eldorado Ct) – Kids were outside for lunch one day she approached her child & no adults approached her to see who she was.

*Mr. Ammerman- If there is an issue as a concerned parent you should contact me. This is not the forum to do so. Process followed first the Teacher, Principal, Superintendent then the Board of Education, In the future I only ask that you call or e-mail me (don't come in) and I could get an answer by the end of the day. I will look into it; no students should be out without an adult.*

Mrs. Pardo (161 W. Oldis St)-Wants facility to be happy, asked how long will negotiations take?

*Mr. Ammerman- stated that he can't tell, both sides are working towards a settlement, let the process run its course. It's bad economic times.*

Mrs. Bulger (35 Oak St) –Inquired as to what happens when the nurse is out to lunch?

*Mr. Ammerman- stated that the nurse is entitled to lunch, if nurse is out you get a nurse substitute, worse case we call 911.*

Mrs. Bulger- out to lunch is she in the building? – There are students who have peanut allergies and may require an epi pen.

*Mr. Ammerman- People would be trained.*

Mrs. Bulger- Stated that her children have great teachers and the school a great staff.

*Mr. Ammerman agreed.*

Mrs. Pascarella (32 Thiem Ave) – The chain is Teacher, Principal, Superintendent, Board of Education. Can't you make the teachers change the boards?

*Mr. Ammerman – Administration runs the building – Mr. Ammerman stated “there is nothing up that needs to be taken down- it's not affecting the quality of education in classrooms.” He hoped that both parties come to a settlement.*

Mrs. Borchard (70 E. Forest Pl) can't have a color; I don't understand why you can't tell teacher what to put up. Did they use school supplies?

*Mr. Ammerman- stated it is not a priority, my concern is what is going on in the classrooms*

Mr. Every-(21 Lexington Ave) the baseball fields are in disarray fathers would like to come and help get them in shape for the season.

*President Bilka- stated that interested parties should go through Mr. Ammerman*

Motion by Mr. Esposito, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to close public comment at 9:16 p.m.

Roll Call 5-0

### **XIII. Announcements**

**The next Caucus Meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2012, at 7:30 PM in the Media Center and the next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2012, at 8:00 PM in the Media Center.**

### **XIV. 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 Issues

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 Mr. Verhasselt, seconded by Mr. Allos, to open Executive Session at 9:18 p.m.

Roll Call 5-0

Motion by Mr. Esposito, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to close Executive Session at 10:44 p.m.

Roll Call 5-0

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 10:45 p.m.

Roll Call 5-0

**XV. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Esposito, seconded by Mrs. Verhasselt, to adjourn meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Roll Call 5-0