

**Rochelle Park Board of Education
Caucus Meeting Minutes– 6:30 P.M.
August 4, 2014**

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

Board Members	Present	Absent
Mr. Mark Scully, Vice President	X	
Mr. Sam Allos	X	
Mrs. Arlene Buyck	X	
Mrs. Teresa Cravello	X	
Mrs. Maria Lauerman		X (arrived 6:43)
Mrs. Dimitria Leakas		X
Mr. Jay Esposito, President	X	

Others Present:

Dennis McDonald, Interim Superintendent,
Christine Werner, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Brian Cannici, Acting Principal
Ellen Kobylarz, Board Recording 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 Caucus Meeting were sent to all concerned individuals, associations and sent to the The Record and Our Town, in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

IV. Superintendent’s Report Dr. McDonald reported the following:

Resolutions to approve the Substitute Teacher pay \$85.00 a day, Substitute School Nurse \$120.00 day and long term Substitutes \$92.50 a day.

Resolution to approve Teacher workshops

Resolution to approve Umpire rates for 2015 Baseball/Softball season

V. Principal’s Report Mr. Cannici reported the following:

NJASK scores will be available electronically in early August. Individual student reports will be in late September.

Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum is in the process of being revised and rewritten.

VI. Business Administrator’s Report Mrs. Werner reported the following:

The following individuals are currently listed on the election ballot in November for the Board of Education.

Teresa Judge-Cravello, Maria Lauerman, Jennifer Kingma Wall, Sam Allos and Shirley Abraham.

Mrs. Werner introduced the new Head Custodian, Kevin Woods. Mr. Woods started August 1st. He has hit the ground running, working seamlessly with our current custodial staff and architect and referendum projects contractors.

Mr. Scully asked if Mr. Woods could come to the board meetings and give updates.

President Esposito –replied yes for referendum updates

Mrs. Werner commented on Hackensack High School transportation issue and stated that bus passes would be going out shortly.

VII. Reports – Committee Action Items- deferred to regular meeting

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 Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Cravello, to open public comment at 6:49 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried

No items were on the agenda

Motion by Mrs. Buyck, seconded by Mr. Allos, to close public comment at 6:50 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried

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

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

X. Other Business:

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 Mrs. Buyck, seconded by Mr. Allos, to open public comment at 6:50 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0

Mrs. Grieco- Peek St- Inquired about the road construction asked if the school knew anything about the timeline and will it impact the first day of school.

Dr. McDonald stated he had not heard anything, will reach out the Police Chief.

Mrs. Grieco then asked who received the bid for the bussing of students to Hackensack High School.

Mrs. Werner stated she heard on Wednesday it is First Student

Mrs. Grieco- stated that was unacceptable

President Esposito- stated it went out to bid in April was under the impression it was another company.

Mrs. Werner stated we will rebid may have to start with First Student in Sept.

Discussion followed regarding the steps that would need to be taken to rebid. Mrs. Werner stated there are four routes, have tried to take the stops off of the main drag

Mrs. Grieco- getting back to the roadwork asked if there was any time line with PSEG?

President Esposito- stated he is looking to have a meeting with the Police chief sometime this week.

Mrs. Grieco- stated she heard the road would be closed for up to 30 days.

Mr. Scully- stated 30 days may run into the 1st day of school.

Motion by Mr. Scully, seconded by Mrs. Cravello, to close public comment at 6:57 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried

XII. Announcements

The next Caucus Meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2014, at 7:30 P.M. with the regular meeting on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. both meeting will be held in the Media Center.

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/Facilities

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 Mrs. Cravello, to open Executive Session at 6:59 p.m.
Roll Call 6-0
Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Buyck, to close Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.
Roll Call 6-0
Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Buyck, to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 7:21p.m.
Roll Call 6-0
Motion Carried