

Rochelle Park Board of Education
Executive 6:30 P.M. Regular Meeting Minutes 7:30 P.M.
January 25, 2022

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent
Mr. Scott Kral, Vice President	x	
Ms. Christina Holz	x	
Mrs. Teresa Judge-Cravello	x	
Mr. Joseph Marolda	x	
Mr. Jorge Martinez Jr.	x	
Mr. Charles Schaadt		x
Mr. Matt Trawinski, President	x	

Others Present:

Dr. Sue DeNobile, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Cheryl Jiosi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mrs. Cara Hurd, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Steven Lahullier, Technology Director
Mr. Rex Leka, Building and Grounds
Mrs. Ellen Kobylarz, Board Recording Secretary

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education will convene in Executive Session to discuss confidential matters which include Health & Safety, Legal Matters.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VI. Open Public Meeting 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 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” posted on the District website, at least 48 hours prior to the time of this meeting.

VI. Honors and Awards

Teacher Of The Year

WHEREAS, The Board of Education recognizes the outstanding qualities of its staff and commends them for their dedication to Rochelle Park; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education wishes to commemorate Angel Baker’s superior service by publicly acknowledging her as a recipient of the Educator of the Year in Teaching Award for 2021-2022; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education congratulates Ms. Baker and takes official notice of her individual accomplishment.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello seconded by Ms. Holz

Roll Call 6-0

Motion carried

The board members thanked Ms. Baker for her dedication to her students.

Dr. DeNobile spoke very highly of Ms. Baker and the fact that she will go out of her way for her students. She is a true dedicated professional. Not only in the classroom but as an advisor to the National Junior Honor Society.

Educational Service Professional of the Year

WHEREAS, The Board of Education recognizes the outstanding qualities of its staff and commends them for their dedication to Rochelle Park; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education wishes to commemorate Kaitlyn Leithauser's superior service by publicly acknowledging her as a recipient of the Educational Service Professional of the Year Award for 2021-2022; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education congratulates Ms. Leithauser and takes official notice of her individual accomplishment.

Motion by Ms. Holz, seconded by Mr. Martinez, Jr.

Roll Call 6-0

Motion carried

The board members thanked Ms. Leithauser for her dedication to her students.

Dr. DeNobile spoke how Ms. Leithauser has captured the hearts of the students. Being nominated by her peers is very special. Displaced by the construction didn't stop Ms. Leithauser at all from seeing her students, she has gone to great lengths to make it work with all the building challenges.

STEAM Presentation

Ms. Krystle Hughes, teacher of the STEAM program at Midland School presented a very educational presentation on STEAM class, what it is, how it helps students work as a team and think outside the box. For example, it was especially challenging during the COVID shutdown. Doing projects from home with limited access to materials. Projects were made out of everyday items around the house. Ms. Hughes started the STEAM class 3 years ago. Throughout the STEAM process, teams act on their own ideas, try out different approaches, make mistakes, learn from their mistakes, and then try again.

Ms. Hughes was joined by three of her students, who spoke about their experiences in STEAM class. The students were- Aleena Siddiqui (Grade 8), Isabella (Anahi) Leon (Grade 8) and Christian Kurian (Grade 7). Ms. Hughes and her students did a wonderful job.

VII. REPORTS

- A. Superintendent – Dr. DeNobile gave a very informative Mid-Year Update on the district. She thanked everyone in attendance. It is School Board appreciation month, and Dr. DeNobile expressed her appreciation to the Board for their help during this most challenging time. The STEAM presentation is a prime example of the districts Mission Statement.

- B. Business Administrator Mrs. Jiosi gave a very enlightening report on the financial side of the district. She also gave a construction update and expects to be back in those rooms in a few weeks.
- C. Director of Curriculum and Instruction – Mrs. Hurd gave an overall report on the states Start Strong Assessments. This assessment test was given in the fall and were based on prior year academic standards. The purpose was to help educators understand and support their students with their current grade level instruction. Mrs. Hurd’s report is available on her website.
- D. Principal – no report
- E. Buildings and Grounds- Mr. Leka gave an overview of a system the district is looking into a system that detects leaks in the water lines. This would help the district to prevent the flooding that has occurred in the past year with broken pipes. This system monitors the water pressure and if a break occurs it can automatically shut down the water to that area, causing less damage.
Mr. Trawinski thanked Rex for attending the meeting to discuss this item. He feels we need to move forward and a system that will shut down in case of emergency is the right direction. He also thanked Mr. Leka for checking into the water pressure.
Ms. Holz asked if this system will also tell you when the pressure is high.
Mr. Leka responded that it would.
Mr. Kral thanked Mr. Leka and his crew, they are working shorthanded and still doing a great job.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

The Board of Education reserves the right to hold public comment on agenda items, at its discretion, at its regular monthly public meetings. Public comment will be limited to three minutes per person. Citizens should give their name and address when recognized to speak.

No one chose to speak

IX. Items for Board Action-Resolutions

New Jersey School Board Recognition Month

Whereas, the New Jersey State Board of Education, which adopts the administrative code to implement state education law, has established rigorous standards through its promulgation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, which set the expectations of academic achievement for nearly 1.4 million public schoolchildren; and

Whereas, New Jersey’s locally elected and appointed boards of education play a vital role in ensuring that their local school districts meet state standards and adhere to state and federal education statute and regulations, with the goal of preparing all students for college and the workplace, thereby enabling them to compete in a global economy; and

Whereas, New Jersey’s 5,000 non-partisan local board of education members and charter school trustees are public servants who dedicate their time, without pay or benefit, to the oversight of school district operations, sound financial practices, comprehensive policies, curriculum, staffing, and the well-being and academic achievement of all students in the district; and

Whereas, the efforts of local boards of education, in conjunction with state education officials and local educators, have built a foundation of success that has led to New Jersey’s status as a leader in student achievement, as evidenced by the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores; and

Whereas, the National School Boards Association and the New Jersey School Boards Association have declared January 2022 to be School Board Recognition Month; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education recognizes the contributions of our state’s local boards of education to the academic success of its public-

school students and expresses its sincere appreciation to local board of education members for their continued focus on the achievement of children throughout New Jersey; and be it further

Resolved, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education encourages qualified New Jersey citizens to consider serving as members on their local school boards.

Motion by Mr. Kral, second by Ms. Holz,
Roll Call 6-0
Motion carried

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES B1

B1. Standing Committees:

The acknowledgement of all Standing Committees for 2022 as follows:

Board President is part of all committees.

2022 School Year

Committees	Chairperson	Member
Curriculum	Ms. Holz	Mr. Martinez Jr.
Finance	Mrs. Judge Cravello	Mr. Marolda
Facilities	Mr. Kral	Mr. Schaadt
Personnel	Mr. Kral	Mr. Schaadt
Policy	Ms. Holz	Mr. Martinez Jr., Mrs. Judge Cravello
Negotiations	Mrs. Judge Cravello	Mr. Trawinski, Mr. Kral

Appointments:

Joint Boards- Mr. Marolda

NJ/BCSBD School Boards- Ms. Holz

Liaison to Township Committee: Mr. Kral

B1.

Motion Mr. Kral, Second Ms. Holz

Roll Call 6-0

Motion carried

President Trawinski asked the Board if they had any Committee reports:

Ms. Holz- Curriculum committee had a meeting this past week, she thanked the committee for their work. NJSBA- Ms. Holz will be attending the meeting next Monday.

Mrs. Judge Cravello Finance- Thanked Mrs. Jiosi for all her work and help. Negotiations- the BOE committee had a meeting and are now awaiting on a date to meet with the Union.

Mr. Kral- Personnel meeting will be held in the near future. Township -Adult rec basketball is now on Wednesdays. RP Rec is selling cookies for Valentines' day.

Routine Matters Resolutions R1-R13

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R1. Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the minutes of the following meetings.

- a) December 14, 2021 Regular & Executive
- b) January 4, 2022 Annual Reorganization Meeting & Executive

ATTENDANCE

R2. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the attendance report for the month of December 2021 as listed:

Enrollment

Midland School	507
Hackensack H.S.	144
Academies/Technical Schools	34
Totals	685

Pupil Attendance

Possible Days	8582
Days Present	7780
Days Absent	802
% Present	90.06
% Absent	9.95%

Teacher Attendance

Possible Days	986
Days Present	950
Days Absent	36
% Present	96.3%
% Absent	3.7%

POLICY #8420 EMERGENCY & CRISIS SITUATIONS

R3. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following Fire and Security drills held in the month of December 2021 for the Rochelle Park School District.

Fire Drill – December 14, 2021
Security Drill- December 20, 2021

POLICY #5512.01 HARRASSMENT INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING

R4. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following HIB Report for December 2021 on behalf of the Rochelle Park School District.

December 2021

Reported Cases: 0
Number of Cases open: 0
Number of Cases closed: 0
Number of Incidents determined to be HIB: 0

PARAPROFESSIONAL STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE

R5. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the submission of the Statement of Assurance regarding the use of paraprofessional Staff for the 2021-2022 school year, to the New Jersey Department of Education.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES

R6. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a Developmental Pediatric Evaluation for student CST ID #2121 at a cost of 650.00.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES

R7. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a Physical Therapy Evaluation for student CST ID # 2111 at a cost of 350.00.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES

R8. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a Neurological Evaluation for student CST #2123 at a cost of \$650.00.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES

R9. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a Neurological Evaluation for student CST #1222 at a cost of \$650.00.

BYLAWS & POLICIES

R10. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a first reading of the following Bylaw and Policy.

- a) Bylaw- 0155.01 Board Member participation at Board Meetings Using Electronic Device (new)
- b) Policy 2624 Grading System (revision)

TITLE I PART A PERFORMANCE REPORT

R11. RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the submission of the Title 1 Part A Performance Report to the New Jersey Dept. Of Education.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

R12. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented.

FUNDRAISING

R13. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the 8th Grade Class of 2022 Valentine’s Day Fundraiser, whereby participants give a donation to wear PJ’s or a Red Shirt on Monday, February 14, 2022.

R1-R13

Motion Ms. Holz Second Mr. Martinez Jr.

Roll Call 6-0 (R10a Dr. DeNobile rescinded her recommendation on Bylaw 0155.01 for further review)

Motions carried

Personnel Resolutions P1-P12

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

P1. Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the participation of the persons named at the following workshops/conferences.

Name	Workshop/Conference	Date	Cost
a) Justin Kemp	NJMEA State Conference	2/24/2022- 2/26/2022	\$438.00 registration plus Travel in accordance with NJ DOE waiver and OMB guidelines
b) Sue DeNobile	NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Conference	3/24/2022- 3/25/2022	\$296.00 (regular fee \$370.00) registration plus Travel in accordance with NJ DOE waiver and OMB guidelines * registration reflects 20% discount for Dr. DeNobile as a Conference Presenter
c) Cara Hurd	NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD	3/24/2022- 3/25/2022	\$320.00 (NJPSA member rate) registration plus Travel in accordance with NJ DOE waiver and OMB guidelines

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

P2. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves (pending official transcripts) the first half of tuition reimbursement for courses taken during the fall of 2021-2022 school year as follows:

a) Stephanie Fernandez	3 credits	\$1,082.28
b) Allison Hilla	3 credits	\$412.50
c) Keri Izzo	3 credits	\$1,082.28
d) Tara Mizzoni	3 credits	\$249.50
e) Lauren Menduke	3 credits	\$1,082.28
f) Alison Sparaga	3 credits	\$1,082.28
g) Alison Sherry	3 credits	\$1,082.28

FMLA LEAVE

P3. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education does hereby approve the request of employee #40865651 to go on leave through the Family Leave Act for a period of ten weeks from March 28, 2022 until June 3, 2022 with a return to the district on June 6, 2022.

MENTOR

P4. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education approves the following mentors for the 2021-2022 school year.

- a) Mentor Andrea Cahill – Danielle Manzetti

RESIGNATION

P5. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the resignation of Vanessa Aiello, as the School Psychologist and Coordinator of the Child Study Team, effective February 15, 2022.

WELLNESS COORDINATOR

P6. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Vanessa Aiello as the district's .6 Wellness Coordinator starting February 16, 2022 at a prorated salary of \$54,933.00. Funded under the ESSER II Grant.

RESIGNATION

P7. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the resignation of Ronald Juliano as a Part/Time Custodian as of January 14, 2022. We wish Ronald all the best in his future endeavors.

HIRES- NON -CERTIFICATED

P8. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Hemaxiben Rana to the position cafeteria/playground Aide as of February 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022, at the rate of \$13.00 per hour, pending background checks.

EXTRA CURRICULAR POSITIONS

P9. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education appoints the following teachers to the extra-curricular positions stated for the 2021-2022 school year, stipend in accordance with the union contract.

- a) Lauren Metcalfe- Spelling Bee Coordinator

STUDENT VOLUNTEER

P10. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Julianna Lala to assist with the Midland Volleyball team 2022 practice season, pending NJDOE required background checks.

HIRES-CERTIFICATED

P11. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following teachers for the Extended Day Program at \$50 per hour. Monday thru Thursday from 2/14/2022 to 4/7/ 2022, These appointments are conditional subject to student enrollment for classes scheduled to run. The Extended School Day Program is funded under Title I Grant.

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| a) Tara Mizzoni | d) Tracy Kaminski | g) Kristen Colucci |
| b) Amanda Bellagamba | e) Donna Johnson | h) Kaitlyn Gallagher |
| c) Danielle Sinclair | f) Emily Kotwica | |

RESIGNATION

P12. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the resignation of Angelo DiCori as an Out of District Paraprofessional as of February 18, 2022. We wish Angelo all the best in his future endeavors.

P1-P12

Motion Mrs. Judge Cravello, Second Ms. Holz
Roll Call 6-0 (P1 h Kaitlyn Gallagher was added to the list)
Motions carried

Finance Resolutions F1-F12

BILLS LIST

F1. Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the second December 2021 bill list attached and listed below.

A. General Funds- Fund 10& 11	\$172,498.30
B. Federal Grant – Fund 20	\$8,262.40
C. Referendum Account-Fund 30	\$13,900.00
D. Cafeteria- Fund 60	\$8,892.39
E. Afterschool Program- Fund 61	\$3,000.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR December	\$206,553.09

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

ATTACHEMENT 1

F2. Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the January 2022 bill list attached and listed below.

A. General Funds- Fund 10& 11 &12	\$1,007,090.23
B. Federal Grant – Fund 20	\$11,423.04
C. Referendum Account-Fund 30	.00
D. Cafeteria- Fund 60	\$5,686.60
E. Afterschool Program- Fund 61	\$750.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR January	1,024,949.87

ATTACHEMENT 2

CHECK RUN

F3. Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes a check run for the month of January 2022 with the amounts to be approved at the February 2022 meeting.

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

F4. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the payroll for December 2021 as follows:

December 2021	
Fund Gross Payroll	
Fund 10	\$605,111.95
Fund 20	.00
Fund 61	\$7,532.54
Fund 62	.00
Total	\$612,644.49

CONTRACTS

F5. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the contract with EI US, LLC dba Learn Well to provide bedside instruction to students at \$50.00 per hour of instruction.

NESBIG

F6. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the annual reappointment of Cheryl Jiosi, Business Administrator as the representative for the Board of Education to the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group, (NESBIG) until the next reorganization meeting.

SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE

F7. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and School Business Administrator, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the appointment of Sue DeNobile as the representative Board of Education member to the South Bergen Jointure Commission until the next reorganization meeting.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

F8. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to prepare and release a request for proposal (RFP) as it relates to dental benefits for the school district.

CONTRACT

F9. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the quote with Commercial Recreation Specialists for the 2022 start-up and maintenance for the lightning detection system for a cost of \$555.50

GRANT

F10. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts the National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant in the amount of \$10,635.00 to purchase a new range and freezer for the cafeteria.

FACILITY USE

F11. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 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 activities at any time which may cause changes to the calendar.

Group/Organization	Use/Purpose/Room	Dates	Rental Fee
a) Midland School PTO Change to their calendar	Holiday Brunch- Cafeteria	Rescheduled to 4/27/2022	None
b) Midland School PTO Change to their calendar	Chuck E Cheese Spirit Night (off site)	Rescheduled to 4/29/2022	None
c) Rochelle Park Recreation Change to Adult Basketball request	Adult now on Wednesday	Starting week of January 18, 2022	None
d) Rochelle Park Recreation Change to Youth Basketball request	Youth Add Fridays 5:30-8:30pm	Starting week of January 18, 2022	None
e) RP Girl Scouts Drive Thru Cookie Booth	Parking lot only 8-am-4pm	March 27, 2022 April 3, 2022	None

GRANT

F12. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the submission of the School Security Grant that directly supports Alyssa's Law compliance. The district installed a lock down system in 2018, the funds in the grant are less than the cost of the installed system. The board acknowledge the difference in cost of the system to the grant amount is the district's responsibility.

F1-F12

Motion Mr. Kral, Second Mr. Marolda
Roll Call 6-0
Motion carried

X. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Agenda and non-agenda items)

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No one chose to speak

XI. **ANNOUNCEMENT**: The next regular meeting of the Rochelle Park Board of Education will be held on February 15, 2022 in the Midland School Gymnasium at 7:30 PM. Executive Session will be held before at 6:30 PM

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**:

Motion Mr. Kral, Second Mr. Marolda at 9:19 PM
Roll Call 6-0
Motion carried