

Rochelle Park Board of Education
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.
March 19, 2019

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent
Mr. Matt Trawinski, Vice President		X (7:10 PM)
Mr. Adib Abboud	X	
Ms. Christina Holz	X	
Mr. Scott Kral		X
Mr. Gerard Sorrentino	X	
Ms. Layla Wuthrick	X	
Mrs. Teresa Judge-Cravello, President	X	

Others Present:

Dr. Richard Brockel, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Cheryl Jiosi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mrs. Ellen Kobylarz, Board Recording Secretary

III. Pledge of Allegiance President Judge Cravello asked for a moment of slience to remember Mrs. Roberta Loukas, Maria Sanchez , and Michelle Seymour.

IV. 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 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, The Record, and The Our Town, in accordance with Chapter 231,P.L. 1975”

V. Reports

A. Interim Superintendent Dr. Brockel reported the following.

- In Mrs. Hurd’s absence Dr. Brockel reported that the PE & Spanish curriculums are complete. NJSLA training was held on 3/18, Make-up is scheduled for 3/25. Chromebooks will be collected over the course of the next couple of weeks to check that all devices are working roperly in order to use them for the assesssments. Parent letter will be going home soon to provide information regarding testing procedures, schedule,information about chromebooks, etc. ACCESS for ELLS testing is coming to an end. A handful of our eighth grade students will be taking the Native Spanish placement test for proper scheduling next year in ninth grade.
- In Mr. Alberta’s absence Dr. Brockel reported that 11 students from Hackensack High Schools Careers in Education Class had the opportunity to observe various classrooms and grade levels. District is gearing up for the Pennies for Patients program in the next few weeks. 6th Graders and student council are running a charitable campaign to support Children in Unity. CIU supports the needs of children in foster care. The group will make Unity Bags for the children. Unfortunately we did not finish in the top 3 for the Dannon Grant. Dr. Brockel thanked all that voted. Grades 1 & 2 are doing a Library Card Drive letters and applications went home to students last week. Maria Leccese and Angela Jacobus combined classes on a coding/technology project for Digital Learning

Day. Kindergarten registration for next year is at 34 students so far. The Kindergarten L.E.A.D. graduation was held on March 14th. Thank you to the RPPD for all their hard work with the students. Thank you to our teachers for dedicating their time to attend the graduation ceremonies. Midland Student work is being displayed as part of YAM (Youth Artist Month) Bergen County Plaza Offices in Hackenack. Dr. Brockel commented on what a great program YAM is, his daughter's work had been selected one year for the program. There are also a number of in school events coming up please check the school website for more information.

President Judge Cravello added that her daughter also had art displayed at YAM.

Children work very hard, they have some outstanding talent. She asked Dr. Brockel to explain resolutions F14 & 15.

Dr. Brockel replied that the two resolutions have to do with an attempt by the legislature to control the board on hiring prospects. Which in turn would hamper the opportunity to put the proper people in place.

B. Business Administrator Mrs. Joisi reported the following:

- Flag pole is now lit at night. Waiting for the railings for the front steps.
- Preliminary budget will go to the county office tomorrow. She briefly explained the budget, it stays under the 2% cap at 1.9%, even with the debt service of. That is carried over from the referendum. A budget hearing will be forthcoming once it is approved by the county office. *President Judge Cravello thanked Mrs. Joisi for her work on the budget*

C. Board Committees, as needed:

- Mrs. Wuthrick (Curriculum) Sent her condolences to the Loukas family, she has fond memories of Mrs. Loukas. She contributed her going into education because of Mrs. Loukas.
- Mr. Abboud (Finance) stated that the committee had met twice on the budget. It now goes to the county and will be finalized once we get it back. The Public hearing will be held on April 30th and the final vote will take place on May 14th.
- Mr. Trawinski (Building & Grounds) will meet tomorrow.

D. Board Liaison:

- Mrs. Judge Carvello (Liaison to the Township Committee) *with regard to the L.E.A.D. graduation, she thanked the Rochelle Park Police Dept. The students received a little bear and back pack. The 5th grade L.E.A.D. graduation will be done later in the year.*

VI. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

The Board of Education reserves the right to hold public comment on agenda items only, at its discretion, at its regular monthly public meetings in accordance with Bylaw 0167. Public comment will be limited to three minutes per person not to exceed 30 minutes. Citizens should give their name and address when recognized to speak. Please be reminded that this meeting is being recorded.

Mrs. Abraham Forest Pl. thanked Mr. Alberta for meeting with the Leukemia and Lymphoma representatives for the fund raiser. She inquired about resolution R7, in the past the fund raiser was never approved by the board.

Dr. Brockel explained that he feels it should be board approved.

President Judge Cravello appreciates the work that Mrs. Abraham does with regard to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

VII. Items for Board Action-Resolutions Routine Matters Resolutions R1-R7

R1. Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the minutes of the following meetings:

February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting & Executive
March 1, 2019 Special Meeting & Executive

R2. Attendance

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the attendance report for the month of February 2019 as listed:

<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Left</u>	<u>Entered</u>
Midland School 506	1-Kndg	1-PreK
Hackensack H.S. 133	1-4 th Grade	
Academies/Technical Schools 24	1-7 th Grade	
Totals 663	1-8 th Grade	
 <u>Pupil Attendance</u>	 <u>Teacher Attendance</u>	
Possible Days 8638	Possible Days 954	
Days Present 8196	Days Present 915	
Days Absent 442	Days Absent 39	
% Present 94%	% Present 95%	
% Absent 6%	% Absent 5%	

R3. Emergency & Crisis Situations

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following Fire and Security drills held in the month of February 2019 for the Rochelle Park School District.

Fire Drill February 5, 2019

R4. Harrassment Intimidation and Bullying

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following HIB Report for February 2019 on behalf of the Rochelle Park School District.

February 2019

Reported Cases: 5
Number of Cases open: 0
Number of Cases closed: 5
Number of Incidents determined to be HIB: 0

R5. Field Trips

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the following trips for the 2018-2019 school year:

Grade / Place	Date	Cost per child
4 th Grade- Sterling Mine	June 11, 2019	\$37.00
PreSchool Inclusion- Brookhallow Farms	May 23, 2019	\$29.68
Grades 6-8 Tag Vocal	May 29, 2019	\$23.00 (approx.)

Middle School Choral Festival @ Rutgers		
7 th Grade Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation	June 6, 2019	\$43.00
6 th Grade Liberty Science Center	June 6, 2019	\$47.00

R6. Bylaws & Policies

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a second reading and adoption of the following Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations :

Bylaws:

- 0146- Board Member Authority
- 0155-Board Committees
- 0167- Public Participation at Board Meetings
- 0141.1 Board Member and Term- Sending District

Policies:

- 2422-Health and Physical Education
- 2431.3- Practice and Pre-Season Heat Acclimation for School Sponsored Athletics and Extra Curricular Activities
- 2610-Educational Program Evaluation
- 5337-Service Animals
- 5756-Transgender Students
- 8561-Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs

Polices & Regulations:

- 5111-Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students
- 5330.04-Administering an Opioid Antidote
- 7440- School District Security

Updates- associated with replacing Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS) reporting with Student Safety Data System (SSDS)

Polices:

- 2415.06 Unsafe School Choice Option

Policy & Regulations:

- 5600- Student Discipline/Code of Conduct
- 5611- Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses
- 5612- Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees
- 5613-Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offences
- 8461- Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and Other Drug Offenses

Regulation:

- 2460.8 -Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education
- 5530-Substance Abuse

R7. Pennies for Patients

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education supports the student body in connection with the Pennies for Patients campaign.

R1-R7

Motion Ms. Wuthrick, Second Ms. Holz

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried (exception: February 13, 2019 Special Joint Meeting were removed for editing)

Personnel Resolutions P1-P3

P1. Professional Development

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the participation of the persons named at the following workshops/conferences:

Faculty	Name of Workshop	Date	Cost
Dr. Sacco	41 st Annual Association of Concert Bands	April 24-26, 2019	.00
Mr. Calabro	Engineering Design for Grades K-5	May 8, 2019	\$150.00
Mrs. Jiosi	NJASBO Annual Conference	June 4-7, 2019	\$675.00

P2. Student Teachers/Interns

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the following student teaching through St. Thomas Aquinas College for the 2019-2020 school year as follows:

Claudette Geoffrey (9/1/2019 – 10/20/2019 Mrs. Cherello) (11/4/2019-12/13/2019 Ms. Gallagher)

P3. Interim Superintendent Contract

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rochelle Park Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") appoints Richard Brockel, Ed.D. (hereinafter referred to as "Dr. Brockel"), as the Interim Superintendent of Schools for the Rochelle Park School District effective July 1, 2019 and expiring in accordance with the terms of the Employment Agreement between the Board and Dr. Brockel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Employment Agreement has been submitted to and approved by the Interim 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 Dr. Brockel for the position of Interim 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 to execute, on behalf of the Board, the Employment Agreement by and between the Board and Dr. Brockel.

President Judge Cravello noted that resolution P3 means that Dr. Brockel will be staying on past the current end of his contract.

P1-P3

Motion Ms. Holz, Second Ms. Wuthrick

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried

Finance Resolutions F1-F17

F1. Bill List

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the payment of bills for March 1, 2019.

10 – General Fund	\$561.46
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR March	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$561.46

F2. Bills List

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the payment of bills for March 1, 2019 to March 13, 2019.

A. Regular Bills- Fund 10	\$150,955.23
B. Federal Grant - Fund 20	\$19,54.25
C. Cafeteria - Fund 60	.00
D. Afterschool Program -Fund 61	.00
Total for the month of February	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$170,519.48

F3. Additional Bills List in March

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education authorizes a second check run for the month of March 2019 with the amounts to be approved at the April, 2019 meeting.

F4. Secretary & Treasurer’s Reports

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts, and affixes to the minutes, the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Financial Reports for the month of January, 2019.

F5. Student Activities

RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts, and affixes to the minutes, the Student Activities report for the month of January, 2019.

F6. Transfers

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts, and affixes to the minutes, the line item transfers for January, 2019.

F7. Certifications

RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, as per New Jersey Administrative Code and New Jersey Statutes Annotated legislation and requirements, the following statement is approved:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c), I certify that as of January 2019 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1, and

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6a:23-2.11(c), I certify that as of January 2019 no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6:20-2.11 (a).

Cheryl Jiosi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

F8. Payroll Authorization

RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the payroll for February 2019 as follows:

February 2019	
Fund Gross Payroll	
Fund 10	529,450.59
Fund 20	4,518.50
Fund 61	14,941.40
Fund 62	.00
Total	548,910.49

F9. 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget

RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves submission of the preliminary 2019-2020 school district budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, with a total budget of \$13,658,924 with \$11,638,716 to be raised by local tax levy for the General Fund and the following fund expenditures

11 Fund Current Expense \$ 12,656,269
12 Fund Capital Outlay \$344,603
20 Fund Special Projects \$ 189,225
40 Fund Debt Service \$ 468,827

ADDITIONALLY, \$309,426 to be raised by local tax levy for the payment of previously voter approved Debt Service.

F10. Travel Expenditures for 2019-2020

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; and

WHEREAS, the board of education has not elected to exclude travel expenditures supported by federal funds from the maximum travel expenditure amount;

RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education hereby establishes the maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2019-2020 school year as \$15,000.

F11. Contract –Educational Data Services

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves a contract with Educational Data Services, Inc. for Cooperative Skilled Trades, Compliance Services and Ancillary bids from 4/1/19 to 3/31/20 for the amount of \$2,000.

F12. Transportation Services Agreement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53,P.L. 1997 for the time period 2019-20 school year. The services to be

provided include, but are not limited to, the coordinated transportation of nonpublic, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission and attached to this resolution

F13. Region V Membership

RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education desires to enter into Joint Purchasing Agreement and will participate as a full member of the Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education for the 2019-2020 school year; does hereby accept, adopt and agree to comply with the Region V Bylaws; designates Dr. Richard Brockel, Interim Superintendent, as its representative to Region V; and empowers him to cast all votes and take all other actions necessary to represent its interests in Region V. The Board further approves the joint bidding and transportation agreements for all Rochelle Park students who are transported through Region V;

The Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services agreement; including but not limited to student evaluations, student therapies and other student support services;

The Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services for nonpublic school services; and

The Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services for other services as requested to be provided Region V component districts on as needed basis.

F14. RESOLUTION Opposing A-3395 / S-296
(Undermining a School Board's Ability to Subcontract Services)

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent,
WHEREAS, New Jersey's boards of education represent the community's interests in the governance and budget oversight of school districts that collectively serve the health and educational needs of nearly 1.4 million children; and

WHEREAS, school boards continually strive to provide cost-effective ways to deliver services, which will free up additional funds to be used in the classroom or for property-tax relief; and

WHEREAS, many New Jersey school boards have found subcontracting of services such as transportation, cafeteria and maintenance is an option that has saved millions of tax dollars every year; and

WHEREAS, 40 percent of school districts responded to a 2009 survey conducted by the New Jersey School Boards Association, which found the responding districts saved more than \$34 million annually through subcontracting services; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3395 and Senate Bill 296 of the 2018-2019 Legislative Session is a union-backed bill that would place severe obstacles in the way of a school board's ability to subcontract services and save tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, the sole purpose of Assembly Bill 3395 and Senate Bill 296 is to undermine a board's ability to subcontract services, thereby increasing school employees and increasing the rolls of union membership, which generates more dues for union coffers; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3395 and Senate Bill 296 would remove a school board's option to subcontract services, thereby diverting funds from the classroom and burdening property taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, in its continued effort to provide cost-effective school operations to the community, opposes Assembly Bill 3395 and Senate Bill 296; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education calls on the New Jersey Legislature to reject any such measures that will have the effect of depleting limited resources from our classroom; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the members of the 38th legislative district delegation, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Governor Phil Murphy, and to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

F15. RESOLUTION Opposing A-3664 and S-3089
(Creates Tenure-Like Protections for Non-Teaching Staff)

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent,
WHEREAS, New Jersey's local boards of education represent the community's interests in the governance and financial oversight of school districts that serve the educational needs of nearly 1.4 million children; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3664 and Senate Bill 2089 of the 2018-2019 Legislative Session would give non-teaching employees, such as teacher assistants, bus drivers and cafeteria aides, tenure-like protection by forcing school districts to enter into binding arbitration over non-renewal of employment, as well as virtually any "disciplinary" action, ranging from reprimands to withholding increments; and

WHEREAS, A-3664 and S-2089 would undermine the authority of local boards of education, the public's elected and appointed representatives, by preventing them from negotiating disciplinary procedures to effectively and efficiently manage employee conduct and performance; and

WHEREAS, mandated binding arbitration would require the expenditure of valuable time and resources, while placing critical decisions in the hands of arbitrators, who are not accountable to the taxpayers of the community; and

WHEREAS, A-3664 and S-2089 would subject economic decisions, such as a reduction of non-teaching staff due to a budgetary shortfall or enrollment decline, to binding arbitration; and

WHEREAS, A-3664 and S-2089 define "disciplinary action" so broadly that the term would include non-renewals of employment contracts, thereby bypassing court rulings that have consistently held that the decision not to renew fixed-term contracts of such staff does not constitute discipline; and

WHEREAS, extending binding arbitration to such "disciplinary" matters involving non-teaching staff employees will have an adverse economic impact on local school budgets at a time when school districts must make the best possible use of limited financial resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, in fulfilling its responsibility to provide effective governance and financial oversight to our community's public schools, opposes Assembly Bill 3664 and Senate Bill 2089; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Rochel Park Board of Education calls on the Governor and the New Jersey Legislature to reject any and all measures that would require binding arbitration over disciplinary matters and non-renewal of employment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the members of the 38th legislative district delegation, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Governor Phil Murphy, and to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

F16. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the withdrawal of 330,000 from Capital Reserve Account for the 2019-2020 budget for classroom renovations.

F17. Facility Use

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Interim 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
Rochelle Park Fire Dept Training	Computer Lab (7PM-9:00PM)	3/25/2019	None

F1-F17

Motion Mr. Trawinski Second Mr. Abboud

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried

VIII. Public Comment (Agenda and non-agenda items)

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Mrs. Verhasselt Forest Pl- noted that she is on the township parking committee and was wondering if there was any update on Williams St. A discussion followed.

Dr. Brockel stated there was nothing new to report.

Mrs. Leakas Powell Ave- congratulated the Board and Mrs. Jiosi for staying under the 2% cap. She initiated a discussion regarding the Kindergarten/Science wing construction project.

Dr. Brockel explained that if the work is done over the summer the science lab will have a place to go for next year. President Judge Cravello added that's phase 1.

Mr. Zaccone was in the audience he added that it all ties in to the long range facility plan.

Mrs. Abraham Forest Pl. initiated a discussion on school safety, visitors, and in particular BOE Members. Mrs. Leakas as well as several BOE members and Dr. Brockel contributed to the conversation. It was decided in the end that each individual board/administration has the right to change policy.

Mrs. Leakas Powell Ave commented on the format of the agenda, it's streamlined.

IX. Announcements

A Special Executive Meeting will be held on March 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the Library/Media Center. The next Board of Education meeting will be held on April 23, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Library/Media Center.

X. Executive Session (if needed)

Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education will convene in Executive Session to discuss confidential Student and Litigious matters.

Motion Mr. Sorrentino, Second Mr. Abboud, to open at 7:41 P.M.

Motion Mr. Abboud, Second Ms. Wuthrick to close at 8:14 P.M.

XI. Adjournment

Motion Mr. Abboud Second Mr. Trawinski 8:15 P.M.