

**Rochelle Park Board of Education  
Special Meeting 6:30 P.M.  
November 13, 2017**

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

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mrs. Maria Lauerman, Vice President	X	
Mr. Shirley Abraham	X	
Mr. Sam Allos	X	
Mrs. Teresa Judge Cravello	X	
Mr. Matt Trawinski	X	
Mrs. Dimitria Leakas, President	X	

Others present:

- Dr. Geoffrey W. Zoeller, Jr., Superintendent of Schools
- Mrs. Ellen Kobylarz, 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 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.

**IV. Interviews of prospective Board of Education Members  
The board interviewed six prospective candidates.**

**After the interviews were concluded the board took a 10 minute recess.**

**V. Open Public Forum (Pursuant to Board Policy 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings)**

During this portion of the meeting, district residents and staff are invited to address the Board of Education on any topics specifically addressed in this agenda or on any other questions, comments, or concerns that may be in respect to the operation of their schools. The Board requests that individuals sign the speakers’ list giving name and address, and asks that all remarks be directed to the Board as a whole (not to individuals). The public is reminded that their remarks are being recorded.

The Board wishes to remind all attendees at its meetings that while it subscribes without reservation to the principle of keeping the community completely informed, it

cannot respond to or discuss personnel matters. If a matter concerning a district staff member is of interest or concern to a resident, the matter should be referred to the Building Principal, Superintendent of Schools, or the Board of Education, either by telephone, letter, or email.

Each speaker's statement will be limited to five (5) minutes in duration. The Public Forum will be limited to thirty (30) minutes in duration.

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Allos, to open public comment at 7:58 P.M.

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried

No one from the public chose to speak

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Abraham, to close public comment at 8:00 P.M.

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried

#### **VI. Executive Session Announcement**

WHEREAS, the Rochelle Park Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") will convene in Executive Session to discuss confidential matters which include: Discussion of New Board Member Candidates.

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. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Abraham, to open Executive Session at 8:02 P.M.

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Allos, to close Executive Session at 9:20 P.M.

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried

**VII. Nominations and Appointment of New Board of Education member.**  
President Leakas, addressed the public presented, stating that the board was very impressed with all the candidates. She thanked them for their interest and stepping forward. She then asked for a motion to select a new Board member.

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mrs. Abraham to appoint Geraldine Minichetti as a board member with the Rochelle Park School District.  
Roll Call 5-1 (Mr. Trawinski voted no)  
Motion Carried

**VIII. Swearing in of New Board Member**

Mrs. Minichetti was sworn in by Mrs. Kobylarz, Board Secretary

**IX. Announcements**

**The next Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. in the Media Center. An Executive Meeting may be held prior to the Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.**

**X. Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. Minichetti, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to adjourn meeting at 9:25 P.M. 7-0  
Roll Call 6-0  
Motion Carried