

**Rochelle Park Board of Education
Special Meeting 6:00 P.M.
September 28, 2018**

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

Board Members	Present	Absent
Mr. Matt Trawinski, Vice President	X	
Mr. Scott Kral	X	
Mrs. Dimitria Leakas	X	
Mrs. Geraldine Minichetti		X
Mr. Gerard Sorrentino	X	
Ms. Layla Wuthrick		X
Mrs. Teresa Judge Cravello, President	X	

Others present:

- Mr. Stephen Fogarty, Fogarty & Hara
- 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, Our Town in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

IV. 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: Personnel and Contractual items.

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public in an appropriately redacted form within a reasonable period of time after the privilege or confidentiality is no longer applicable to such minutes.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portion of the executive session minutes will not be released until such time as the privilege or confidentiality is no longer applicable.

Mr. Scully asked President Cravello why the board is going to a different location for the executive session. *President Cravello stated the practice has been done for the last few meetings.*

Motion by Mr. Sorrentino, seconded by Mr. Trawinski, to open Executive Session at 7:02 P.M.

Roll Call 5-0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Kral, seconded by Mrs. Leakas, to close Executive Session at 7:24 P.M.

Roll Call 5-0

Motion Carried

President Judge Cravello read into the minutes a letter on behalf of Dr. Zoeller. Members of the Rochelle Park community; over the past few months I have been struggling with a difficult medical issue. The critical point has come where my physician advises me that the issue needs to be more directly addressed and it is for this reason that I have requested, and the Board of Education has graciously allowed me to take, a medical leave of absence. Optimistically, I hope to make a swift recovery, but I am advised that only time will tell. In the meantime, I hope that you will all extend to my family and me your good wishes during the difficult time ahead. Thank you.

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 three (3) minutes in duration. The Public Forum will be limited to thirty (30) minutes in duration.

Motion by Mr. Kral, seconded by Mr. Trawinski, to open public comment at 7:27 pm.

Roll Call 5-0

Motion Carried

Mr. Scully Oldis St. Asked for a clarification on R1 & P2.

Mr. Fogarty explained that since Dr. Zoeller is still the Superintendent, and under the title of acting superintendent you must first be an employee of the district, the position of Assistant Superintendent needed to be created. Then in the absences of the Superintendent the Assistant Superintendent becomes the Acting Superintendent. The title Interim Superintendent is only used when there is no Superintendent in place.

Mr. Scully- Inquired about the cost differential between the current administrative costs and the previous administrative costs including secretaries.
President Judge Cravello stated she would look into it.

Motion by Mr. Kral, seconded by Mrs. Leakas, to close public comment at 7:35 pm.
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

VI. Resolutions:

Job Description

R1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Rochelle Park Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") approves the creation of the position of Assistant Superintendent of Schools and the job description for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Schools, effective September 28, 2018;

Motion by Mr. Sorrentino, seconded by Mr. Kral,
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

P1. 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 Assistant Superintendent of Schools/Acting Superintendent for the Rochelle Park School District effective September 28, 2018 and expiring in accordance with the terms of the Employment Agreement between the Board and Dr. Brockel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Employment Agreement has been submitted to the Interim Executive County Superintendent for review and approval, 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 Assistant Superintendent of Schools/Acting Superintendent for the foregoing period of appointment, conditional upon the approval of the Employment Agreement between the Board and Dr. Brockel by the Interim Executive County Superintendent, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j).

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 following receipt of the approval by the Interim Executive County Superintendent.

President Judge Cravello introduced Dr. Brockel to the audience. Dr. Brockel briefly spoke about his experience in Education and a synopsis of his credentials.

Motion by Mr. Kral, seconded by Mr. Trawinski,
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

P2. WHEREAS, Maria Nuccetelli, Ed.D. (hereinafter referred to as "Dr. Nuccetelli") is an educational consultant who has agreed to act as the Board's Affirmative Action Officer *pro tem* for purposes of investigating an affirmative action complaint.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby appoints Dr. Nuccetelli as Affirmative Action Officer, *pro tem* for purposes of investigating an affirmative action complaint and to make recommended findings of facts and conclusions of law under Board Policy and Regulation Nos. 1530, "Equal Employment Opportunity Complaint Procedure".

Motion by Mr. Kral, seconded by Mr. Trawinski,
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried

VII. Additional Motions: (no new motions were introduced)

Based on the result of conversations held by the Board in Executive Session, additional resolutions may be introduced and approved at this time.

VIII. Announcements

The next Caucus Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Media Center. Regular Meeting to be held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Kral, seconded by Mr. Sorrentino, to adjourn meeting at 7:40 P.M.
Roll Call 5-0
Motion Carried