

**Rochelle Park Board of Education
Special Public Meeting Minutes–6:00 P.M.
February 2, 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	
Mrs. Layla Wuthrick	X	
Mrs. Teresa Judge Cravello, President	X	

Others present:

- Dr. Geoffrey W. Zoeller, Jr., Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. Brian Cannici, Principal
- 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 (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: _____
Litigation matters involving an employee of the District.

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public in an appropriately redacted form within a reasonable period of time after the privilege or confidentiality is no longer applicable to such minutes.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portion of the executive session minutes will not be released until such time as the privilege or confidentiality is no longer applicable.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 Mr. Trawinski, seconded by Mr. Sorrentino, to open Executive Session at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Minichetti, seconded by Mrs. Leakas, to close Executive Session and resume the Special Public Meeting at 10:17 p.m.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

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 Mr. Kral, seconded by Mrs. Minichetti, to open public comment at 10:20 P.M.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

Mrs. Kurian Marinus St. asked why the Superintendent was not in a portion of the executive session of the meeting.

Mr. Fogarty responding by stating the board is not at liberty to discuss it.

Motion by Mr. Kral, seconded by Mrs. Leakas, to close public comment at 10:20 P.M.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

VI. Announcements

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., in the Midland School Media Center.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Leakas, seconded by Mr. Trawinski, to adjourn meeting at 10:21 p.m.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried