

**Rochelle Park Board of Education
Caucus Meeting– 7:30 P.M.
December 5, 2011**

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

Board Members	Present	Absent
Mr. Robert Verhasselt, Vice President	x	
Mr. Sam Allos	x	
Mrs. Teresa Cravello	x	
Mr. Jay Esposito	x	
Mrs. Maria Lauerman	x	
Mr. Mark Scully	x	
Mrs. Patricia Bilka, President	x	

Others present:

- Bert Ammerman, Interim Superintendent
- Cara Hurd, Principal
- Ellen Kobylarz, Board Recording Secretary/Board Secretary Pro Tem

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 Regular Meeting were sent to all concerned individuals, associations and sent to the Star Ledger, The Record and Our Town, in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

IV. Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Ammerman reported the following:

- There are three workshop requests on the agenda for approval
- There will a resolution to approve a field trip for the 8th graders to go to the State House in Trenton NJ.
- Mr. Ammerman congratulated the Rochelle Park Students on their achievement from Midland and Hackensack High School who made the honor roll for the 1st marking period.
- The results were given for the yearly survey of the proposed 9th Grade High School Students for the 2012-2013 school year.
- There will be a resolution to approve a new facilities use form.
- NJQSAC- Mr. Ammerman asked the Board to entertain a meeting on January 5th to approve the Statement of Assurance and District Performance Review (DPR’s) to meet in part the NJQSAC requirements.
- There will be a resolution to approve a New District Website platform.
- There will be a resolution to reinstate the Baseball/Softball programs.

Mr. Esposito- asked about the other sports programs that were cut. He stated we missed volleyball season but what about indoor soccer?

Mr. Ammerman -stated yes, Mr. Esposito was correct with regard to volleyball, and that he will get an answer for the next meeting, if the Board supports it. He will also put it on the agenda, didn't see a major issue.

Mr. Scully- Asked if anything else was missed.

Mr. Ammerman- stated no, he didn't think so, but will look again to be sure.

Mr. Scully- Part of the discussions were if we bring back one we would bring back all.

Mr. Ammerman- we will bring them back next week.

- There will be a resolution on the agenda to adopt the Science K-8 curriculum. Copies will be given to the Educational Committee for review.

Mrs. Cravello- stated she would like to see it.

Mr. Ammerman- stated it would be given to the Educational Committee first for their review.

- Mr. Ammerman reported to the Board some of the activities that occurred during his first week at Midland. He stated he saw a fantastic Blues Concert performed by the 4th Grade in the music room. He also saw a very informative Social Studies Presentation done by another 4th Grade Student.

V. Principal's Report – Mrs. Hurd's reported the following:

- A new procedure was put in place; Mrs. Hurd will only read highlights from her report. The report itself will be given to the public.
- November 14th began the second marking period. Interim reports will be sent home on Friday December 9th.
- Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday December 10th from 9-11am in the multi-purpose room.
- Mrs. Hurd congratulated 8th grade students who performed at the Bergen County Middle School Chorus Concert of Sunday November 20. According to Mrs. Weiner the children did a beautiful job, and we are all very proud of them.

VI. Business Administrator's Report – Mr. Ammerman reported the following:

- Transfers will be on the regular agenda.

VII. Reports – Committee Action Items – were reported as follows:

- Joint Boards – Mrs. Cravello reported the following:
Hackensack High School has a new Interim Superintendent Mr. Abate
Two students were inducted into the National Honor Society at the High School
Parent/Teacher conferences at the High School will be held on December 7th, 8th & 9th.
The Reorganization meeting for the Township will be held on January 4th

at 7:30 PM.

- The remainder of the committee reports were deferred until the regular meeting.

VIII. Items for Board Action - Resolutions (If needed)

Note: Resolutions marked with an asterisk are as a result of Executive Session Discussion.

POLICY #6350 – CONTRACTS

1.RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves a contract with Good Earth Landscape Contractors for the snow plowing of the school parking lot at an average cost per storm of \$423.00 based on a scale determined by the inches of snow received for each storm. This contract is for the remainder of the 2011/2012 school year.

Motion by - tabled to regular meeting- pending additional documentation
Roll Call

2.RESOLVED: that 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 purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the time period 2011-2012 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the Coordinated Transportation of non public, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs.

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

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman seconded by Mr. Esposito
Roll Call 7-0

3.RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the Englewood Public School District for Joint transportation agreements & transportation services agreements for the choice students attending Dwight Morrow High School from Rochelle Park. The total route cost is \$4,024.08 to Rochelle Park

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman seconded by Mr. Esposito
Roll Call 7-0

POLICY # 7510 USE OF FACILITIES

4.RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the new Use-Of-Facilities application.

Motion by Mr. Scully seconded by Mr. Esposito
Roll Call 7-0

IX. Other Business:

X. Open to the Public (Any Item)

During this portion of the meeting, the residents are invited to address the Board with any questions, comments or concerns that may be in respect to the operation of their school.

Motion by Mr. Esposito, seconded by Mr. Verhasselt, to open public comment at 7:58 p.m.
Roll Call 7-0

Mrs. Greico, 46 Peek St. inquired about the pizza on the lunch menu. They were getting the pizza from Torino's a local pizzeria in town and now the company is Brother's. Mrs. Greico, had never heard of Brothers and inquired as to where they are located. She also stated that her son didn't like the new pizza, and wanted to know why the change and why not utilize a business in town.

Mr. Ammerman- stated he would look into it.

Mr. Scully- also stated that his daughter was not happy with the new pizza.

Mr. DeGuzman, - 119 James St. Thanked Mr. Ammerman for moving forward with the Baseball & Softball reinstatement. He expressed that he wanted all the sports to come back but, stated that he hasn't seen other people here to support the other sports. He also stated that he wrote letters to sports companies asking to donate.

Mr. Ammerman-stated that before any donations can be received a letter has to come to the Superintendent stating that they would like to donate. The School Board would then accept the donations and the School Board decides who the donation goes to.

Mrs. Leakas- thanked Mrs. Hurd, Mrs. Zavinsky, Mr. Levitzke, for their help with the Holiday sale as well as the Board for the use of the room.

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Scully, to close public comment at 8:15 p.m.
Roll Call 7-0

XI. Announcements:

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 8:00 P.M. in the Media Center. The next Caucus Meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2012, at 7:30 P.M. in the Media Center.

XII. 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:

Legal/ Personnel

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. Scully, seconded by Mr. Esposito, to open Executive Session at 8:16 p.m.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Cravello, to close Executive Session at 9:02 p.m.

Roll Call 7-0

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Scully, seconded by Mrs. Lauerma, to adjourn meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Roll Call 7-0