

**Rochelle Park Board of Education
Virtual Special Joint Meeting 7:00 P.M.
February 24, 2021**

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

Board Members	Present	Absent
Mr. Scott Kral, Vice President		X
Mr. Adib Abboud	X	
Ms. Christina Holz	X	
Mrs. Teresa Judge Cravello	X	
Mr. Joseph Marolda	X	
Mr. Charles Schaadt	X	
Mr. Matt Trawinski, President	X	

Others present:

- Dr. Sue DeNobile, Superintendent of Schools
- Mrs. Cara Hurd, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Mr. Michael Alberta, Principal
- Mrs. Ellen Kobylarz, Board Recording Secretary

III. Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L.1975

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” posted on the District website, at least 48 hours prior to the time of this meeting.

IV. Work Session Discussion regarding Joint issues with Township

- 1) Mr. Kazimir asked for an update on instruction and construction.

Dr. DeNobile answered by first stating how thrilled she is to be part of this community. The district has gone from a hybrid model to being fully virtual due to Covid and more recently just when we were back in the building a 2inch water main (pipe) broke expelling 100psi levels of water onto the ground floor of the school. Luckily this happened when custodians were in the building and caught quickly. Dr. DeNobile thanked the teachers, students and parents for their cooperation and perseverance through this tough time. She also thanked the Township administration, Mr. Davidson, Mayor Artola, Mr. LiBassi, OEM coordinator Mr. Donatello, Chief Pinto and his officers, Rochelle Park Fire Department, and DPW. The response was tremendous, a true community effort and she thanked them for that.

Dr. DeNobile has provided the community with weekly updates on construction, they were sent to all parents, posted on the school website for community access and sent to the Township. If all goes as planned the district anticipates returning to in classroom learning by mid-March. Some aspects of construction have been out of the district’s control. Supplies, being one of them, have not been readily available as they once were, Dr. DeNobile reiterated how appreciative she is of all the support the district has received.

President Trawinski, added that in trying times everyone comes together, and they will get it back together. He applauded the administration, stating we have a great team here, and the board members for coming together and doing what needs to be done. He also thanked the

township, adding that everyone has been extremely helpful. In closing, he asked everyone to keep V.P. Kral and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Mr. Kral in a very short time has lost three family members.

- 2) Mr. Kazimir asked in regard to ranking, how do we stand compared to the surrounding towns. and curriculum is it still under review.

Dr. DeNobile explained that last year with the shutdown, statewide testing did not take place, therefore comparisons can't be done, there's no data to compare. This year the NJDOE wanted a waiver for testing, however, that decision comes from a federal level. As recently as Monday we were told to plan for assessments to take place this year.

Our curriculum is in compliance with the state. This year we were scheduled to undergo state monitoring known as NJQSAC (New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum) we were preparing for that when monitoring was put on hiatus for this year. Our district still had to conduct its own assessment and under that we achieved everything that we would have to fulfill what we needed to do in the areas of curriculum and instruction.

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 to the cooperative working relationship between the school district and the municipality. The Board requests that individuals identify themselves by name and address, and asks that all remarks be directed to the Board as a whole (not to individuals). 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.

No one from the public chose to speak

IV. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Abboud, seconded by Ms. Holz, to adjourn meeting at 7:24 P.M.

Roll Call 6-0

Motion carried