

Rochelle Park Board of Education
Executive Session 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.
August 25, 2020

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent
Mr. Scott Kral, Vice President	X	
Mr. Adib Abboud	X	
Ms. Christina Holz	X	
Mrs. Teresa Judge-Cravello	X	
Mr. Gerard Sorrentino	X	
Ms. Layla Wuthrick	X	
Mr. Matt Trawinski, President		X(6:15 PM)

Others Present:

- Dr. Sue DeNobile, Superintendent of Schools
- Mrs. Cheryl Jiosi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Mrs. Cara Hurd, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Mr. Michael Alberta, Principal
- Mr. Rex Leka, Building and Grounds Supervisor
- Dr. Steven Lahullier, Director of Technology
- Mrs. Ellen Kobylarz, Board Recording Secretary

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Open Public Meeting 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, The Record, and The Our Town, posted on the District website, at least 48 hours prior to the time of this meeting and in accordance with Chapter 231,P.L. 1975 in accordance with Chapter 231,P.L. 1975”

V. Executive Session

Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education will convene in Executive Session to discuss confidential matters which include personnel. Opened at 6:06 PM Closed at 7:04PM

VI. Reports

- A. Superintendent- Dr. DeNobile opened by welcoming everyone, there was 31 people and counting, parents received a letter explaining that the district was going from a hybrid model to remote instruction until October 2nd. Hybrid plan to commence on October 5th, the changes are challenging, she appreciates everyone understanding. The landscape is ever changing, teachers have been in, it’s been wonderful to see them, instruction will be provided according to the schedule. Virtual will be different than what March to June was. Teacher’s will be teaching from their classrooms. We gathered wonderful information from the survey that was conducted, grandparents asked for support for them to help their grandchildren, we will have support in the

coming weeks for grandparents. Dr. DeNobile thanked the board, administration, summer staff, the re-entry committee, parents, and students. The district is trying to make sure the building is ready for the students to come back.

- B. Business Administrator Mrs. Jiosi- stated everyone has been very busy preparing the building. Technology dept has been working diligently to have the new devices ready. White boards have been installed, every student will have a one to one device. There will be a new Treasurer of School Monies starting September 1st Mr. Mark Jacobus.
- C. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Mrs. Hurd announced that supplies and instructional materials are being sorted and set for distribution. Next week three staff development workshop days will be held. Some of the topics scheduled are G-Suite, mini workshops on google classroom and slides, smart board turnkey training, compliance day training on Affirmative Action, emergency response, social emotional training, to mention a few. A lot of turnkey training, teachers teaching teachers.
- D. Principal Mr. Alberta stated it was great to see teachers back in the building, everyone is getting everything ready and he thanked the teachers. Mr. Alberta recently sent a letter to all parents outlining the plans for this school year. First day Sept 8th, will be starting remote instruction, parent's portal, big thing this year, if for some reason you cannot access this please reach out to Dr. Lahullier. Our students and teachers will be following a half day schedule, students will have to log into their classes online. Students will receive more detailed information from their individual teacher's. Parents and students need to understand, you do need to be present for your classes or you will be marked absent. Thursday at 9AM we will start handing out books to students, there is a schedule that was sent out. If you have siblings, come on the last sibling's timeline. All students will have a one to one device, if you are having internet problems at home email Mr. Alberta. Mr. Alberta officially announced our new teachers Amanda Bellagamba and Kara Yevchak and welcomed them to midland.
- E. Board Committees, as needed:
(Curriculum, Finance, Facilities, Personnel, Policy)
Mrs. Judge Cravello- noted the number of policies on the agenda, there are quite a few. This is due to the restart of the recovery plan and the associated covid-19 policy. She thanked Ms. Holz, Mr. Alberta, Mrs. Jiosi and Dr. DeNobile, as they helped with getting it all together so that we can run the school under the new regulations.
- G. Board Liaison:
(NJSBA/BCASA, Joint Boards, Municipality) None

VII. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

The Board of Education reserves the right to hold public comment on agenda items, at its discretion, at its regular monthly public meetings. Public comment will be limited to three minutes per person not to exceed 30 minutes. Citizens should give their name and address when recognized to speak.

7:25 PM agenda items. No comments received.

VIII. Items for Board Action-Resolutions

Routine Matters Resolutions R1-R13

R1. Approval of Minutes

Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the minutes of the following meetings.

June 23, 2020 Regular Meeting and Executive Session
July 15, 2020 Special Executive Session & Public Session Meeting
July 28, 2020 Special Executive Session & Public Session Meeting

R2. Extended School Year

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following Out of District Extended School tuition based on the student's IEP. * Tuition amounts to be updated upon receipt of contracts.

CST number	Placement	Tuition
CST1234	Cresskill Public School	\$4,399.00 *
CST3456	South Bergen Jointure Commission-Lodi	\$3,700.00
CST9801	Pascack Hills	\$1,374.00*
CST4567	New Bridges-Bergen County Special Services	\$7,800.00
CST7890	Washington South-Bergen County Special Services	\$7,800.00
CST0345	Windsor Learning Center	\$6,400.00*
CST0923	Windsor Learning Center	\$6,400.00*
CST0912	Essex Valley	\$9133.74
CST0145	Sage Day	\$3,600.00
CST8543	Phoenix Center	\$7,585.80
CST0456	Benway School	\$11,833.50
CST0567	Felician School	\$7,128.44

R3. Out of District Tuition

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following Out of District tuition placements based on the student's IEP.

*Tuition amounts to be updated upon receipt of contracts.

Out of District Student Tuition 20-21

Student ID	Placement	Tuition
CST 1234	Cresskill Public School	\$58,872.00
CST 5678	River Edge BOE	\$60,219.00 *
CST 8901	Pascack Hills	\$39,671.00*
CST 0789	River Edge BOE	\$60,219.00*
CST 4567	New Bridges-BCSS	\$82,620.00
CST 7890	Washington South-BCSS	\$64,980.00

CST 9012	Brownstone School-BCSS	\$62,640.00
CST 0678	Brownstone School-BCSS	\$62,640.00
CST 6780	Newmark High School	\$58,210.00*
CST 0123	Ridgefield Memorial High School	\$41,940.00
CST 0923	Windsor Learning Center	\$57,600.00*
CST 0345	Windsor Learning Center	\$57,600.00*
CST 0456	Benway School	\$72,578.80
CST 0912	Essex Valley	\$83,864.34
CST 0145	Sage Day	\$64,620.00
CST 8543	Phoenix Center	\$75,858.00

R4. Contracts

RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Annual Contract between Bergen County Special Services School District and the Rochelle Park School District for the provision of Hospital Instruction for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$65.00 per hour (not to exceed a maximum of ten hours in any given week), when services are required.

R5. Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act

RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the submission of the School Self-Assessment under the Anti Bullying Bill of Rights.

R6. Comprehensive Equity Plan

RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the submission of the Comprehensive Equity Plan Annual Statement of Assurance for the 2020-2021 school year.

R7. Policies

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the reading and adoption of the following Policies and Regulation(s).

P 1648 Restart & Recovery Plan (New) (2nd reading)

Revised:

P 7523 School District Provided Technology Devices to Pupils

P 2622 Student Assessment

P & R 5200 Attendance

P & R 5320 Immunization

P 0152 Board Officers

P 2422 Health & Physical Ed

P & R 5330 Administration of Medicine

P 8210 School Year

P 8220 School Day

R 8220 School Closings

P 8462 Reporting Potential Missing or Abused Children
P 7243 Supervision of Construction
R 7421 Indoor Air Quality Standards

R8. Policies

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a first reading of the following Policies and Regulations.

P 1649 Federal families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (Mandated)
P 1648.02 Remote Learning Options for Families (Mandated)

R9. Job Descriptions

RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following job descriptions:

Behaviorist
Occupational Therapist
Coordinator of Special Services

R10. Non-Resident Tuition Agreement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the non-resident tuition agreement for student ID #21091 for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$17, 986 to be paid in 10 monthly installments.

R11. Contract

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the home instruction contract for CST# 2334 with Hackensack Board of Education for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$20228.40.

R12. Contract

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves Developmental Pediatric evaluation with Dr. Hugh Bases for student CST #6498 at a cost of \$650

R13. Contract

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following related service providers for the 2020-2021 school year:

Provider	Location	Service
Dr. Ashish Anand	Ridgewood	Psychiatrist
Dr Hugh. Bases	Midland Park	Developmental Pediatrician
Dr. Erica Feldman Bases	White Plains, NY	School Neuropsychologist
Dr. Bruce Meyer	Oradell	Optometric Physician

R1-R13

Motion Mrs. Judge Cravello Second Mr. Abboud

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

Personnel Resolutions P1-P10

P1. Employment of Support Staff Members

RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following list of substitutes for the positions named for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$11.00 per hour from September through December 2020. Starting January 1, 2021 and to align with the NJ State minimum wage guidelines the amount will increase to \$12.00 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Nalinikumari Balakrishnan- Sub Sp. Ed. Aide
Peggy Sue Iurato - Sub Sp. Ed. Aide
Jennifer Pinto- Sub Sp. Ed. Aide

P2. Substitute Teachers

RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following list of substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year.

Nalinikumari Balakrishnan	Hannah Kertesz
Arthur Del	Claudette Geoffroy
Peggy Sue Iurato	Mary Monnachio
Kristina Gorgone	Bruce Nauman
Maureen Gourley	Jennifer Pinto
Lauren Hemmerling	Kerri Skutte
Jessica Jacob	Hannah Zaban

P3. Substitute Nurse

RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following list of substitute Nurses for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$125.00 per day

Mary Monnachio

P4. Substitute Wages

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute pay schedule for the 2020-2021 school year.

Substitute Teacher
\$95.00 per day
\$101.50 per day after 20 consecutive days of substituting in the same position

Substitute Nurse
\$125.00 per day

Substitute Custodian
\$14.00 per hour

P5. Professional Development

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the participation of the person named at the following workshop/conference during the 2020/2021 school year.

Name	Workshop/Conference	Date	Cost
Cheryl Jiosi	Educational Facility Management Structural & Mechanical Systems	10/24,10/31,11/7	\$1438
Cheryl Jiosi	Educational Facility Management Information Systems	10/24,10/31,11/7	\$483
Cheryl Jiosi	Educational Facility Management supervision & Human Resources	9/12,9/19,10/3,10/10,10/17	\$853
Cheryl Jiosi	Educational facility Management Energy Management	8/15,8/22	\$202

P6. Hiring

RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Jessica DiCori as Acting CST Chairperson from September 2019-November 15, 2019 with a prorated stipend of \$5,000.00 not to exceed \$1,250.00

P7. Resignation

RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education accept with regret Kathryn Jensen's resignation letter dated August 4, 2020 from the Rochelle Park School District effective immediately. We wish her much luck and happiness in her future endeavors.

P8. Resignation

RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education accept with regret Matthew Lynaugh resignation effective August 31, 2020 from the Rochelle Park School District effective immediately.

P9: Appointment of Treasurer of School Monies

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A, 13-14 the Rochelle Park Board of Education appoints Mark Jacobus as Treasurer of School Monies for the period of September 1, 2020 until the next reorganization meeting at a pro-rated salary of \$4760.

P10. Hiring

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves up to 5 additional summer days for Vanessa Aiello at her per diem rate due to the preparation required for the district reentry plan and special education students.

P1-P10

Motion Mrs. Judge Cravello Second Mr. Sorrentino
Roll Call 7-0
Motions Carried

Finance Resolutions F1-F14

F1. Payment of Goods and Services

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approve the August 1, 2020 to August 21, 2020 Bill List as presented

A. General Funds- Fund 10& 11	\$64,518.21
B. Federal Grant – Fund 20	\$3,424.50
C. Referendum Account-Fund 30	\$1,891.00
D, Cafeteria- Fund 60	\$350.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR August	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$70,183.71

ATTACHEMENT 1

F2. Payment of Goods and Services

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approve the July 31, 2020 Bill List as presented

A. General Funds- Fund 10& 11	\$350,498.17
B. Federal Grant – Fund 20	\$.00
C. Referendum Account-Fund 30	\$.00
D, Cafeteria- Fund 60	\$372.09
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR July	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$354,280.26

ATTACHEMENT 1

F3. Monthly Budgetary Line Item Status Certifications

RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary for the Rochelle Park Board of Education certified that pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11 9c) 3, as of June 2020 that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11 (a): and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education certifies that pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2-11 c) 4 that after review of the board secretary’s and treasurer’s monthly financial reports and the advice of district officials, we have no reason to doubt that no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11 (b).

F4. Secretary & Treasurer’s Reports

RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Financial Reports for the months of June 2020.

F5. Transfers

RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the line item transfers June 2020.

F6. Check Run

Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, authorizes a check run for the month of August 2020 with the amounts to be approved at the September 2020 meeting.

F7. Payroll Authorization

RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the payroll for July 2020 as follows:

Jul-20	
Fund Gross Payroll	
Fund 10	177,374.07

Fund 20	
Fund 61	250.00
Fund 62	-
Total	177,624.07
Jul-20	

F8. Lower Level Alterations - Payment Application # 2

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves Application for Payment #2 in the amount of \$25,384 to Molba Construction for the Lower Level Alterations at Midland School.

F9. Service Provider – Daved Fire Systems

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the monitoring agreement with Daved Fire Systems for the 2020-2021 school year, in the amount of \$980.

F10. Service Provider Daved Fire Systems.

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves maintenance agreement with Daved Fire Systems for the 2020-2021 school year, in the amount of \$6,568.

F11. Service Provider– Link It

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves use of Advanced Assessment Systems- Link It as a benchmark assessment tool for ELA and math in the amount of \$8,318.

F12. Service Provider – School Messenger

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves use of West Interactive Services- School Messenger for communications to the school community in the amount of \$1,067.

F13. Service Provider– Educational Data Services

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the usage of the New Jersey Cooperative Bid program provided by Educational Dara Services, Inc. for the 2019-2020 school year, in the amount of \$1,020.

F14. Student Activities

RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts, and affixes to the minutes, the Student Activities report for the month of June, 2020.

F15. Contract

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the quote with New Era Technology for upgrades to the camera system at a cost of \$8509.92.

F1-F15

Motion Mr. Abboud Second. Mr. Kral

Mr. Trawinski asked for an explanation of F9 & F10 What is that? Mrs. Jiosi explained that it had to do with monitoring our systems, cost has not increased.

Roll call 7-0
Motion Carried

IX. Public Comment (Agenda and non-agenda items)

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Mr. Briamonte Madison Ave Stated he was curious as to the determining factors that lead to the decision to start our school year fully virtual, when surrounding towns are starting on the hybrid schedule. He feels the kids are not going to get the quality of education with just full virtual. As a parent he is very concerned that his child will fall behind. He understands the end of last year was a scramble to get the kids any type of education, but the district had all summer to plan and it seems like the plan that was focused on, was wiped out without enough consideration.

Dr. DeNobile stated the decision was made after Governor Murphy announced a change in the guidelines. We went to remote learning for certain health and safety measures. The letter sent to parents detailed that, and as she appreciates the question, the district has been trying to be responsive to the state rolling out new measures without much notice. The Dept of Health guidelines also came out after the plan was made. A plan that was due to the NJDOE in the beginning of August.

X. Announcements: Special executive Sept 1, 2020 6PM. The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on September 29, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Library/Media Center.

XI. Adjournment

Motion Mr. Sorrentino Second Mr. Abboud
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried