

Rochelle Park Board of Education  
Executive 6:30 PM Regular Meeting 7:30 P.M.  
January 26, 2021

I. Call to Order

II. OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. Cheryl Jiosi, Board Secretary, administered the Oath of Office and Code of Ethics to the newly elected Board Member, Joseph Marolda.

III. 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. Joseph Marolda	X	
Mr. Charles Schaadt	X	
Mr. Matt Trawinski, President	X	

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. Steven Lahullier, Director of Technology  
Mrs. Ellen Kobylarz, Board Recording Secretary

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, a moment of silence for those impacted by COVID-19

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education will convene in Executive Session to discuss confidential matters which include Health & Safety, Legal Matters.

VI. 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 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.

Presentation “School Ethics Act”- was presented by the Board Attorney, Mark Wenzel  
The presentation discussed what Board members can and cannot do in their role as a School Board Member.

VII. REPORTS

- A. Superintendent- Dr. DeNobile welcomed everyone, thanked Mr. Wenczel for the informative presentation. This month is School Board Member recognition, Dr. DeNobile thanked the board members for their work throughout the year and welcomed the two new board members Mr. Marolda and Mr. Schaadt. Adding the board members volunteer their time for the community and children of Rochelle Park.  
January 19<sup>th</sup> we reopened, it's great to have the faculty and children back in the building, while at the same time keeping our distance and doing everything we can for everyone's health and safety. We had one HIB report last month and it has been closed as a non-HIB.
- B. Business Administrator – Mrs. Jiosi reported there will be two additional meetings added to the meeting schedule, this will be for budget purposes.
- C. Director of Curriculum and Instruction -Mrs. Hurd, reported on the upcoming Professional Development day in February, focus being to continue with technology, more google enhanced tech, apps and online tools. A survey was sent out to the faculty and more technology is what they asked for. For curriculum writing four areas will begin revisions this year, they are Visual and Performing Arts, Science, World Language and 21 Century Life and Career Skills. The state is providing webinars the first one is this Friday, Mrs. Hurd will be in attendance with several of our teachers.
- D. Principal – Mr. Alberta welcomed the new board members; the district has returned to the hybrid schedule and it's nice to see and hear the students in the building. He reminded everyone to fill out the health form prior to entering the building. Friday is the end of marking period 2. Report cards will be available online on February 8<sup>th</sup>. He thanked the PTO for providing coffee and snacks last Wednesday for our Wellness Wednesday, it was a nice welcome back treat. He is working with our School Librarian on activities for World Read Aloud day and Read Across America as well as Character Ed activities. The Rochelle Park Police Dept in conjunction with the Bergen County Prosecutor's office is sponsoring an essay contest that has some great prizes.

VIII. 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. Citizens should give their name and address when recognized to speak.

No one from the public chose to speak

IX. Items for Board Action-Resolutions

*School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey*

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Board of Education, which adopts the administrative code to implement state education law, has established rigorous standards through its promulgation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, which set the expectations of academic achievement for nearly 1.4 million public schoolchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's locally elected and appointed boards of education play a vital role in ensuring that their local school districts meet state standards and adhere to all code provisions, with the goal of providing an outstanding education to prepare all students for college and the workplace and to enable them to compete in a global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's 5,000 non-partisan local board of education members and charter school trustees are public servants who dedicate their time, without pay or benefit, to the oversight of

school district operations, sound financial practices, comprehensive policies, curriculum, staffing, and the well-being and academic achievement of all students in the district; and

**WHEREAS**, the efforts of local boards of education, in conjunction with state education officials and local educators, have built a foundation of success that has led to New Jersey's status as a leader in student achievement, as evidenced by the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores; and

**WHEREAS**, the National School Boards Association and the New Jersey School Boards Association have declared January 2021 to be School Board Recognition Month; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education recognizes the contributions of our state's local boards of education to the academic success of its public-school students and expresses its sincere appreciation to local board of education members for their continued focus on the achievement of children throughout New Jersey; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education encourages qualified New Jersey citizens to consider serving as members on their local school boards.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, second by Ms. Holz,  
Roll Call 7-0  
Motion Carried

**BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES B1**

**B1. Standing Committees:**

The acknowledgement of all Standing Committees for 2021 as follows:  
Board President is part of all committees.

2021 School Year

Committees	Chairperson	Member
Curriculum	Ms. Holz	Mr. Marolda
Finance	Mr. Abboud	Mr. Kral
Facilities	Mr. Kral	Mr. Schaadt
Personnel	Mr. Kral	Mr. Abboud
Policy	Mrs. Judge Cravello	Ms. Holz
Negotiations	Mrs. Judge Cravello	Mr. Schaadt

**Appointments:**

Joint Boards- Mrs. Judge Cravello  
NJ/BCSBD School Boards- Ms. Holz  
Liaison to Township Committee: Mr. Kral

**B1.**

Motion Mr. Kral, Second Mr. Abboud  
Roll Call 7-0  
Motion Carried

**Routine Matters Resolutions R1-R8**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

R1. Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the minutes of the following meetings.

December 8, 2021 Regular & Executive 1 & 2  
January 5, 2021 Annual Reorganization Meeting & Executive

ATTENDANCE

R2. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the attendance report for the month of December 2020 as listed:

<u>Enrollment</u>		<u>Left</u>	<u>Entered</u>
Midland School	485	1- 6 <sup>st</sup> Grade	1-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Hackensack H.S.	144.5		1-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Academies/Technical Schools	29.5		
Totals	659.00		

<u>Pupil Attendance</u>		<u>Teacher Attendance</u>	
Possible Days	7768	Possible Days	1003
Days Present	7592	Days Present	997
Days Absent	176	Days Absent	6
% Present	97.7%	% Present	99.4%
% Absent	2.3%	% Absent	.6%

POLICY #8420 EMERGENCY & CRISIS SITUATIONS

R3. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following Fire and Security drills held in the month of December 2020 for the Rochelle Park School District. No drills were held due to the fact that school was on full remote learning.

POLICY #5512.01 HARRASSMENT INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING

R4. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following HIB Report for December 2020 on behalf of the Rochelle Park School District.

December 2020

Reported Cases: 1  
Number of Cases open: 0  
Number of Cases closed: 1  
Number of Incidents determined to be HIB: 0

PARAPROFESSIONAL STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE

R5. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the submission of the Statement of Assurance regarding the use of paraprofessional Staff for the 2020-2021 school year, to the New Jersey Department of Education.

POLICY/REGULATIONS

R6. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the following policies/regulations.

P-8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs

SPECIAL EDUCATION

R7. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves a Psychiatric Evaluation with Dr. Fridman for student CST ID# 9546 at a cost of \$650.00.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

R8. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented.

R1-R8

Motion Mrs. Holz, Second Mr. Abboud  
Roll Call 7-0  
Motions Carried

**Personnel Resolutions P1-P10**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

P1. Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the participation of the persons named at the following workshops/conferences.

Name	Workshop/Conference	Date	Cost
Mrs. Donna Centrella	Babble	On line	\$83.40
Dr. Sue DeNobile Mrs. Cheryl Jiosi	Governance "The Power of Legal Information"	1/21/2021	\$150.00
Dr. Sue DeNobile Mrs. Cheryl Jiosi	Critical Mid-Year HR Challenges	1/26/2021	\$150.00
Mrs. Cheryl Jiosi	Understanding School Ethics (NJASBO)	2/23/2021	\$25.00
Mrs. Cheryl Jiosi	Budget Guidelines 20-21 (NJASBO)	2/2/2021	\$50.00

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

P2. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves (pending official transcripts) the first half of tuition reimbursement for courses taken during the fall of 2020-20201school year as follows:

Angel Baker	6 credits	\$705.00
Keri Izzo	3 credits	\$1050.75
Steven Lahullier	3 credits	\$2101.50
Tara Mizzoni	6 credits	\$2101.50
Lauren Menduke	3 credits	\$1050.75
Suk Nam	3 credits	\$135.00
Alison Sherry	3 credits	\$1050.75

LEAVE

P3. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education does hereby approve the request of employee #85393916 to go on an emergency early materinty leave effective January 11, 2021 until her period of disability ends at which time she will utilize her sick time, Family Leave Act for a period of twelve weeks, combined with period of unpaid leave. Her anticipated date of return is on September 1, 2021.

RESIGNATION

P4. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of #85393916 for the position of Student Council Advisor effective January 19, 2021 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

RESIGNATION

P5. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of #63823272 for the position of Special Education Aide effective January 21, 2021.

HIRING

P6. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Meaghan Mallon to the position of Student Council Advisor as of January 19, 2021 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Stipend to be prorated accordingly.

Curriculum Writing

P7. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following individuals for revisions to district curricula, Faculty to be compensated at the RPEA rate of \$32.00 per (RPEA Contract Schedule E). Total funds for the project not to exceed \$6,000.00.

Angel Baker	maximum of 10 hours
Amanda Bellagamba	maximum of 3 hours
Jessica DiCori	maximum of 5 hours
Lisa Fletcher	maximum of 10 hours
Angela Jacobus	maximum of 10 hours
Justin Kemp	maximum of 5 hours
Meaghan Mallon	maximum of 7 hours
Tara Mizzoni	maximum of 6 hours

MENTOR

P8. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education approves the following mentors for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mentor Jennifer O'Brien (Art) – Christopher Pezzuti Mentee

SUBSTITUTES

P9. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education approves the following individuals to the Substitute Teacher list, for the 2020-2021 school year.

Angelo DiCori  
Maria Miaoulis  
Chelsea Qualliu

SUBSTITUTES

P10. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education approves the following individuals to the Substitute Classroom Aide list, for the 2020-2021 school year

Suzanne Antista

P1-P10

Motion Mrs. Judge Cravello, Second Ms. Holz  
Roll Call 7-0  
Motions Carried

**Finance Resolutions F1-F15**

**BILLS LIST**

F1. Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the second December 2020 bill list attached and listed below.

A. General Funds- Fund 10& 11	\$417,204.20
B. Federal Grant – Fund 20	\$3,165.30
C. Referendum Account-Fund 30	.00
D. Cafeteria- Fund 60	\$9,070.08
E. Afterschool Program- Fund 61	.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR December	\$429,439.58
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	

ATTACHEMENT 1

F2. Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the January 2021 bill list attached and listed below.

C. General Funds- Fund 10& 11 &12	\$741,796.31
D. Federal Grant – Fund 20	\$117,376.31
E. Referendum Account-Fund 30	.00
D. Cafeteria- Fund 60	\$21,835.48
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR January	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$881,007.84

ATTACHEMENT 2

**CHECK RUN**

F3. Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes a check run for the month of January 2021 with the amounts to be approved at the February 2021 meeting.

**PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION**

F4. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the payroll for December 2020 as follows:

December 2020	
Fund Gross Payroll	
Fund 10	582,928.70
Fund 20	3,912.30
Fund 61	.00
Fund 62	.00
Total	586,841.00

**SECRETARY & TREASURER’S REPORTS**

F5. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts, and affixes to the minutes, the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Financial Reports for the month of December 2020.

**TRANSFERS**

F6. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts, and affixes to the minutes, the line item transfers for December 2020

CERTIFICATIONS

F7. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, as per New Jersey Administrative Code and New Jersey Statutes Annotated legislation and requirements, the following statement is approved:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c), I certify that as of December 2020 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1, and

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6a:23-2.11(c), I certify that in December 2020 no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6:20-2.11 (a).

Cheryl Jiosi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

APPROVAL OF SEMI WAIVER

F8. **WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for 2021-2022, and

**WHEREAS**, the Rochelle Park Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that its projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A23A-5.3 for the 2021-2022 school year."

CONTRACTS

F9. **RESOLVED**: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the contract with EI US, LLC dba Learn Well to provide bedside instruction to student CST#9546 at \$50.00 per hour of instruction.

CONTRACTS

F10. **RESOLVED**: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the contract with Silver Gate Prep to provide bedside instruction to student CST# 9645 at \$32.00 per hour of instruction.

CONTRACTS

F11. **RESOLVED**: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the appointment of Cheryl Jiosi, Business Administrator as the representative for the Board of Education to the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group, (NESBIG) effective July 1, 2020

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR)

F12. **RESOLVED**: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year 2019-2020 as audited and prepared by Nisivoccia of Mount Arlington New Jersey, in compliance with code requirements; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the



Board of Education approves the 2019-2020 Audit and CAFR as presented, and direct the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools.

#### TOWING

F13. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education rescinds the resolution from the December 8, 2020 agenda item A1, regarding Nutchies Service Towing and Transport.

#### SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE

F14. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and School Business Administrator, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the establishment of membership with the South Bergen Jointure Commission, effective July 1, 2021, and approves the payment of \$20,000 onetime membership fee, subject to the approval of the South Bergen Jointure Commission Board of Education.

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and School Business Administrator, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the appointment of Sue DeNobile as the representative Board of Education member to the South Bergen Jointure Commission, effective July 1, 2021

*Mrs. Judge Cravello asked for some background on this resolution.*

*Dr. DeNobile stated it is her recommendation to leave Region V and go to the South Bergen Jointure.*

*This resolution is granting permission for the district to apply to the Jointure for membership. In turn the Jointure would handle items dealing with Special Education, transportation, training opportunities for our staff and such. Dr. DeNobile would serve as Rochelle Park's representative.*

#### CONTRACTS

F15. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the quote with A.J. Celiano, Inc., Cranford NJ for the Boiler Automation System upgrade at a cost of \$18,950.

*Mr. Trawinski asked Mrs. Jiosi to clarify this resolution.*

*Mrs. Jiosi stated the motherboard for the boiler system was bad and needed to be replaced. When the work was being done it became a bigger issue and so the district is replacing the entire computer unit. With the replacement comes training for the Building and Grounds Supervisor with the Tech Coordinator as backup. This is the company that worked on the new classroom heating units.*

*Mr. Trawinski added that this was part of the original referendum project, he forewarned the then Board that this would happen, and here we are having it replaced. He hopes the current board doesn't make these types of mistakes.*

#### **F1-F15**

Motion Mr. Kral, Second Mr. Abboud

Roll Call 6-0-1(Mr. Marolda)

Motions Carried

#### X. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda and non-agenda items)

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No one from the public chose to speak

Board Committee reports:

*Ms. Holz attended the Bergen County School Boards meeting, registration for mandated training for Board members is now available online. Board members can register through Mrs. Jiosi. Online classes are available at any time. If you prefer in person there are dates available but they are in February and March so it's essential to register now, so again contact Mrs. Jiosi to register.*

*Mr. Kral- Welcomed and congratulated Mayor Artola. He attended an OEM meeting where it was announced that the town had 76 cases so the virus is still here. They will meet again early February. Baseball and Tee ball registration is this week, and the Knights of Columbus will hold a Fish Fry on February 27<sup>th</sup>, curbside pickup.*

XI. ANNOUNCEMENT: The next regular meeting of the Rochelle Park Board of Education will be held on February 23, 2021 in the Midland School Library at 7:30 PM.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion Mr. Kral, Second Ms. Holz, at 9:06 PM  
Roll Call 7-0  
Motion Carried