

**Rochelle Park Board of Education
Caucus Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
April 1, 2013**

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

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

Others present:

- Bert Ammerman, Interim Superintendent
- Vincent Occhino, Interim Business Administrator/Bd. Secretary
- Cara Hurd, Principal
- Ellen Kobylarz, Board Recording Secretary

III. Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, and 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 Our Town, in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

IV. Superintendent’s Report

V. Business Administrator’s Report

VI. Principal’s Report

VII. Reports – Committee Action Items

2013 School Year

Committees	Chairperson	Co – Chairperson
Finance	Mrs. Bilka	Mr. Esposito
Education	Mrs. Lauerman	Mrs. Leakas
Transportation	Mr. Scully	Mrs. Cravello
Building & Grounds	Mr. Esposito	Mr. Allos
Community & School Activities	Mr. Scully	Mr. Esposito
Legislation	Mrs. Bilka	Mrs. Cravello

Policy	Mr. Allos	Mrs. Lauerman
Board/Staff Relations	Mrs. Lauerman	Mrs. Leakas
Ad-Hoc Committees		
Negotiating	Mrs. Bilka	Mr. Allos, Mrs. Cravello, Mrs. Leakas, Alt.
Liaisons		
Joint Boards Coordination	Mrs. Cravello	Mrs. Leakas, Alternate
Bergen County School Boards	Mrs. Lauerman	Mrs. Cravello, Alternate
New Jersey School Boards	Mrs. Leakas	Mr. Scully, Alternate
Municipal Alliance Liaison	Mr. Allos	Mrs. Cravello, Alternate

VIII. Items for Board Action - Resolutions

RESOLUTION

Opposing S-1191 / A-3627

(Undermining a School Board's Ability to Subcontract Services)

WHEREAS, New Jersey's boards of education represent the community's interests in the governance and budget oversight of school districts that collectively serve the health and educational needs of nearly 1.4 million children; and

WHEREAS, school boards continually strive to provide cost-effective ways to deliver services, which will free up additional funds to be used in the classroom or for property-tax relief; and

WHEREAS, many New Jersey school boards have found subcontracting of services such as transportation, cafeteria and maintenance is an option that has saved millions of tax dollars every year; and

WHEREAS, 40 percent of school districts responded to a 2009 survey conducted by the New Jersey School Boards Association, which found the responding districts saved more than \$34 million annually through subcontracting services; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1191 and Assembly Bill 3627 of the 2012-2013 Legislative Session is a union-backed bill that would place severe obstacles in the way of a school board's ability to subcontract services and save tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, the sole purpose of Senate Bill 1191 and Assembly Bill 3627 is to undermine a board's ability to subcontract services, thereby increasing school employees and increasing the rolls of union membership, which generates more dues for union coffers; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1191 and Assembly Bill 3627 would remove a school board's option to subcontract services, thereby diverting funds from the classroom and burdening property taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rochelle Park Board of

Education, in its continued effort to provide cost-effective school operations to the community, opposes Senate Bill 1191 and Assembly Bill 3627; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education calls on the New Jersey Legislature to reject any such measures that will have the effect of depleting limited resources from our classroom; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to members of the New Jersey legislative district delegation, legislative leadership and to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, and to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____,

Roll Call

JE SA TC ML DL MS PB

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 _____, seconded by _____, to open public comment at _____ p.m.

Roll Call

JE SA TC ML DL MS PB

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to close public comment at _____ p.m.

Roll Call

JE SA TC ML DL MS PB

XI. Announcements:

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:30 PM 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:

_____.

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 _____, seconded by _____, to open Executive Session at _____ p.m.

Roll Call

JE SA TC ML DL MS PB

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to close Executive Session at _____ p.m.

Roll Call

JE SA TC ML DL MS PB

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to resume Caucus Meeting Agenda at _____ p.m.

Roll Call

JE SA TC ML DL MS PB

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to adjourn meeting at _____ p.m.

Roll Call

JE SA TC ML DL MS PB