

**Rochelle Park Board of Education
Caucus Meeting– 7:30 P.M.
May 5, 2014**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

II. Roll Call

Board Members	Present	Absent
Mr. Mark Scully, Vice President		
Mr. Sam Allos		
Mrs. Arlene Ciliento-Buyck		
Mrs. Teresa Cravello		
Mrs. Maria Lauerman		
Mrs. Dimitria Leakas		
Mr. Jay Esposito, President		

Others Present:

Dennis McDonald, Interim Superintendent
Christine Werner, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Cara Hurd, Principal
Ellen Kobylarz, Board Recording Secretary

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 The Record and The Our Town, in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

IV. 2014-2015 Budget Presentation

V. Presentation on School Uniforms

VI. Superintendent’s Report

VII. Principal’s Report

VIII. Business Administrator’s Report

IX. Reports – Committee Action Items

ROCHELLE PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEES

2014 School Year

Committees	Chairperson	Co – Chairperson
Finance	Mr. Esposito	Mrs. Lauerman
Education	Mrs. Lauerman	Mrs. Leakas
Transportation	Mr. Scully	Mrs. Buyck
Building & Grounds	Mr. Esposito	Mr. Scully
Community & School Activities	Mr. Scully	Mrs. Leakas
Legislation	Mrs. Cravello	Mr. Allos
Policy	Mrs. Buyck	Mr. Allos
Board/Staff Relations	Mrs. Lauerman	Mrs. Leakas
Ad-Hoc Committees		
Negotiating	Mr. Allos	Mrs. Lauerman, Mrs. Leakas
Liaisons		
Joint Boards Coordination	Mrs. Cravello	Mrs. Leakas, Alternate
Bergen County School Boards	Mrs. Buyck	Mrs. Lauerman, Alternate
New Jersey School Boards	Mrs. Cravello	Mr. Scully, Alternate
Municipal Alliance Liaison	Mr. Allos	Mrs. Leakas, Alternate

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

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

1.POLICY # 6220 BUDGET PREPARATION

Adoption of the 2014-2015 School District Budget Statement:

WHEREAS the Rochelle Park Board of Education approved a tentative 2014-2015 school district budget on March 19, 2014; and,

WHEREAS the Rochelle Park Board of Education advertised the 2014-2015 school district budget on Monday, April 28, 2014 in The Record; and,

WHEREAS the tentative 2014-2015 school district budget met the criteria for a pre-budget year adjusted tax levy, which includes a weighted increase for enrollment, inflated by two (2) percent for a Commissioner’s Automatic Tax Levy Adjustment in the amount of \$214,928 for a total adjusted local tax levy of \$10,381,784; and,

WHEREAS P.L. 2011, c. 202 eliminated the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy if the tax levy is at or below the statutory cap of 2.0%;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2014-2015 school district budget is as follows:

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
Total General Fund	\$ 11,733,311	\$ 10,308,529
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 130,000	n/a
Total Debt Service Fund	\$ 438,306	\$ 243,931
Totals	\$ 12,301,617	\$ 10,552,460

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the available Banked Cap in the amount of \$252,979 be carried forward to be appropriated in the 2015-16 school district budget.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____

Roll Call

MS SA AB TC ML DL JE

2. TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated the week of May 5th through May 9th, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Rochelle Park Board of Education is aware of the vital contribution of our teachers, who are responsible for the translation of district ideas and philosophy, which they have helped to formulate into our students’ programs and activities in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, intelligence, creativity, sensitivity, and high standards of our teachers are a source of inspiration to the hundreds of students whose lives they touch, and

WHEREAS, teachers make public schools great, work to open students’ minds to ideas, knowledge and dreams, keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship, keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship, continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories; and

WHEREAS the excellence of the services provided by our teachers are crucial to the success of the Rochelle Park Midland School #1;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the Administration, Parents, residents and Rochelle Park Board of Education, we express our gratitude to our professional staff for exemplary service to the district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tuesday, May 6, 2014 be designated as National Teacher Day for the Rochelle Park Public School District and that we take this opportunity to extend an official thank you to all District staff whose devotion enriches the lives of the Midland School #1 students and community.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____

Roll Call

MS SA AB TC ML DL JE

3.NATIONAL NURSE’S WEEK

WHEREAS, National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6th and ends on May 12th, the birth date of Florence Nightingale, and National School Nurse’s Day is celebrated on Wednesday, May 7th; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 theme “Nurses: Leading the Way”, captures the significant role in improving students’ health and academic outcomes. As school nurses, we lead the way by ensuring a healthier and more sustainable future for our nation’s children; and

WHEREAS, children are the future and, by investing in them today, we are ensuring our world for tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, all students have a right to have their health needs safely met while in the school setting; and

WHEREAS, school nurses are professional nurses that advance the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievements of all students; and

WHEREAS, school nurses act as a liaison to the school community; parents, and health care providers on behalf of children’s health; and

WHEREAS, school nurses support the health and educational success of children and youth by developing and providing programs and leadership; and

WHEREAS, school nurses understand the link between health and learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for children every day;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of the Administration, Parents, residents and Rochelle Park Board of Education, we express our gratitude to our Nurse for her dedicated service to our students and staff and acknowledge the accomplishments of school nurses everywhere and for their efforts of meeting the needs of today’s student by improving the effective delivery of health care in our school and show gratitude for the nation’s school nurses, not just on this National School Nurse Day but at every opportunity throughout the year.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____

Roll Call

MS SA AB TC ML DL JE

4.SPECIAL EDUCATION WEEK IN NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Special Education Week will be celebrated the week of May 11th through May 17th, 2014; and

WHEREAS, more than 244,000 children receive special education instruction in New Jersey’s public and private schools; and

WHEREAS, more than 18,000 special needs children are enrolled in preschool and early intervention programs in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, thousands of parents, teachers, child study team members and school administrators give generously of their time and energy to support the learning needs of special education; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Special Education Week is “Climbing the Ladder of Learning”; and

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the private schools of New Jersey make a major contribution to the public welfare by preparing thousands of exceptional persons to participate as residents of this state and as members of our society;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rochelle Park Board of Education does hereby recognize May 11th through May 17th, 2014 as Special Education Week in Rochelle Park and call upon all residents to recognize the achievements of New Jersey’s special education students and the outstanding contributions made by educators, school board members, schools and agencies for the disabled and their parents toward quality education for the exceptional citizens or our state.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____

Roll Call

MS SA AB TC ML DL JE

XI. 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

MS SA AB TC ML DL JE

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

Roll Call

MS SA AB TC ML DL JE

XII. Other Business

XIII. Announcements:

The Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2014. The next Caucus meeting will be held Monday June 2, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. both will be held in the Media Center.

XIV. 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

MS SA AB TC ML DL JE

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

Roll Call

MS SA AB TC ML DL JE

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

Roll Call

MS SA AB TC ML DL JE

XV. Adjournment

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

Roll Call

MS SA AB TC ML DL JE