

**Rochelle Park Board of Education
Caucus Meeting Minutes – 7:00 P.M.
December 8, 2014**

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

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

Others Present:

- Dr. Geoffrey Zoeller, Superintendent,
- Mrs. Christine Werner, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Mr. Brian Cannici, Principal
- Mrs. 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 Caucus 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- Deferred to regular meeting

V. Principal’s Report -Mr. Cannici reported the following:

- November 17th the (RAC- Regional Achievement Center staff) conducted a review of the first cycle goals for the school’s School Improvement Plan. Mr. Cannici was happy to report that the school met all interim goals and has successfully completed all action steps for the first cycle.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences took place on November 24th and 25th. Mr. Cannici commented that we had a good turnout and it’s always nice to see our parents getting involved in their children’s education.
- Technology capabilities continue to grow at Midland. Some recent developments. FIOS has been upgraded increasing the speed of our Internet. Two brand new carts of DELL laptops are up and running, and already being used in classrooms. 4 new Smart Boards have been installed in classrooms. Finally, system upgrades in the classrooms are taking place with new laser-jet printers.

- The first Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was a big success. Mr. Cannici thanked Mrs. Weiner, and the TAG chorus, Dr. Sacco, and the TAG band, for their outstanding performances. He also thanked Mr. Woods and his staff for putting in the work to decorate the tree and avoiding injury. It appears that the tree is also a favorite spot for a local squirrel. Mr. Cannici sent a big thank you to the PTA for supplying refreshments, and the Board of Education for encouraging activities like this that connect our school to our parents and our community.

Mr. Woods – Building and Grounds reported:

- His department is currently working on picking up the leaves.
- Mr. Woods expressed the tree lighting was a great success.
- LD sign is up and running.

VI. Business Administrator’s Report -Deferred to regular meeting

VII. Reports – Committee Action Items- Deferred to regular meeting

VIII. Public Questions on the Resolutions (Agenda Items Only)the agenda had no resolutions.

During this portion of the meeting, the residents are invited to address the Board regarding agenda items only.

IX. Items for Board Action - Resolutions (If needed) Not Needed

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

X. Other Business:

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 Mrs. Leakas, seconded by Mr. Allos, to open public comment at 7:03 P.M.

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried

No one from the public choose to speak

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mrs. Cravello, to close public comment at 7:04 P.M.

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried

XII. Announcements

The next Re-organization and Caucus Meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. in the Media Center.

XIII. 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: Personnel.

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 Mrs. Leakas, seconded by Mr. Allos, to open Executive Session at 7:05 P.M.
Roll Call 6-0
Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Buyck, to close Executive Session at 7:29 P.M.
Roll Call 6-0
Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Buyck, to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 7:30 P.M.
Roll Call 6-0
Motion Carried