

**Rochelle Park Board of Education
Executive/Work Sessions - 7:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting Minutes -7:30 P.M.
January 12, 2017**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**

Board Member	Present	Absent
Mrs. Maria Lauerman, Vice President		X (7:05)
Mrs. Shirley Abraham	X	
Mrs. Arlene Ciliento Buyck	X	
Mrs. Theresa Judge Cravello	X	
Mr. Sam Allos	X	
Mr. Matt Trawinski	X	
Mrs. Dimitria Leakas, President	X	

Others present:

- Dr. Geoffrey Zoeller Jr., Superintendent of Schools
- Mrs. Cara Hurd, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Mr. Brian Cannici, Principal
- Mr. Kevin Woods, Building and Grounds Supervisor
- Mrs. Ellen Kobylarz, Board Secretary

- III. Executive Session Announcement** (if needed) The Board will reconvene in Public Session at approximately 7:30 P.M.

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, Litigious and Contractual matters

NOW HEREOFRE 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public in an appropriately redacted form within a reasonable period of time after the privilege or confidentiality is no longer applicable to such minutes.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portion of the executive session minutes will not be released until such time as the privilege or confidentiality is no longer applicable.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 Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, to open Executive Session at 7:06 P.M.
Roll Call 6-0
Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, seconded by Mrs. Abraham, to close the Executive Session and enter the Work Session at 7:25P.M.

Roll Call

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IV. Work Session

Board Member discussed the following:

Bylaw 0164- Conduct of Board Meeting. Dr. Zoeller explained the bylaw and what the Board would have to do to restructure the BOE meetings. They discussed one open public session verses two. Dr. Zoeller explained that the Board can have a first reading tonight as an addendum. If down the road the Board wanted to change it they can.

President Leakas informed the Board that their NJ School Board representative has retired and the district has a new representative. He would like to come out to talk to the Board. She is willing to set up a mutual agreeable time for him to come to a meeting. The suggestion was made to do this at the April meeting maybe at 6:00 PM. President Leakas asked the BOE members to get back to her if that was ok.

Finally President Leakas asked the Board members if they would like to make a donation to the 8th grade tricky tray. If interested please contact President Leakas.

Motion by Mrs. Abraham, seconded by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, to enter the regular meeting agenda 7:14P.M.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

V. 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”

VI. Flag Salute was led by Mr. Houser, Township Committeeman, and liaison to the Board of Education.

VII. Superintendent’s Report Dr. Zoeller reported the following:

- We have a resolution to approve several workshops. In addition on January 16th the faculty will have an in-service day.
- Two field trips, the Class of 2017’s trip to Washington DC and the 5-8 Concert Band trip to NYC
- We will have a resolution to approve the submission of a Statement of Assurance. This report is given to the County Department of Education on a bi-yearly basis. The report focuses on our use of paraprofessionals.
- There are also a number of personnel resolutions on the agenda as well.
- Dr. Zoeller explained resolution F9. The resolution is to reallocate salary to be paid by grant money. They are title grants given by the State Mrs. Hurd does a wonderful job in acquiring these grants for us.

VIII. Director of Curriculum & Instruction’s Report Mrs. Hurd reported the following:

- Teachers in grades 1-5 completed essential questions and skill sets for all units of instruction in ELA. They will need one more meeting to complete the remaining required areas.
- Science teachers in grades 4 & 5 will have their first meeting on January 24th. Starting with 4-5 so that grades 1 and 2 will have something to go by.
- PARCC all student information was uploaded into NJSMART in November. Once that has been released to us. Mrs. Hurd can go in and add proctors and the rest of the information required.
- PARCC training is in February. Mrs. Hurd will attend the training; bring the information back to the district and turnkey that information to the faculty. Prior to the testing all proctors will participate in a brief training to become better prepared as “test administrators”.
- I&RS- all staff members will participate in training during the PD day in January and with the IEP Direct system. In turn they will use this in implementing the I&RS process on line. I&RS stand for Intervention and Referral Services.

IX. Principal’s Report Mr. Cannici reported the following:

- Martin Luther King Day- School closed to students, Faculty PD day.
- Today our annual National Geographic Bee was held. Mr. Grossman the Bee coordinator does a wonderful job with the students. He is proud to announce that the winners were 1st- Ava LoManto 2nd- Alexandra Castillo 3rd- Jacqueline Regan 4th- Kevin Aldana .Very competitive this year, kids did a great job.
- The annual Spelling Bee will be held on January 18th. Any parents of students participating in this competition are welcome to attend.
- The second marking period comes to an end on Friday, January 27th. Report cards will be distributed on Friday, February 10th.
- PTA wrestling event coming up.
- **PTA Report** Mrs. Kral mentioned Wrestling Day is coming up. Everyone is excited to see the event headliner “Mr. Cannici” in the ring. Doors open at 6:30 event starts at 7:00. Book fair is the first full week in February.

X. Building and Grounds Supervisor’s Report Mr. Woods reported the following:

- Completed the concrete and paving project. Company will be back in the spring to fix some ground work.
- Our shed will be delivered next week.
- The bumpers were removed from Williams St. surrounding area was cleaned up. There was a discussion on the bumpers. Mr. Woods explained it became a safety issue, they were falling apart the metal posts were all that was left in some areas. Dr. Zoeller explained that in the near future they will look at redesigning the area, so that there is a safe walking area for the students as well as a place to put the snow once the parking lot is plowed.
- Mr. Woods would like to invite the Fire Dept. in for a training scenario, added that with all the renovations done there are a number of new systems in the building. *Mrs. Judge Cravello thought a drill is a wonderful thing and she thanked Mr. Woods for his initiation.*

XI. Open Public Forum (Pursuant to Board Policy 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings)

During this portion of the meeting, district residents and staff are invited to address the Board of Education on any topics specifically addressed in this agenda or on any other questions, comments, or concerns that may be in respect to the operation of their schools. The Board requests that individuals sign the speakers' list giving name and address, and asks that all remarks be directed to the Board as a whole (not to individuals). The public is reminded that their remarks are being recorded.

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Motion by Mrs. Cilento Buyck, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to open public comment at 8:04 P.M.
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

Mrs. Verhasselt Forest Pl. – asked if the agenda can be posted for the public sooner. She then asked the Board when it is available to them. Can the public get it earlier?

President Leakas explained that the Board gets it on Tuesday.

Dr. Zoeller explained that we try to capture as many financials as possible.

Mrs. Verhasselt continued stating there is a history on William St. of residents parking overnight in the lot, sometimes for days and that causes a problem when you're trying to clear the area of snow. She suggested having more signage, and talk to the Police Department. A discussion followed.

Mrs. Verhasselt- informed the Board that she is working with Mr. Hines in the Department of Education with the Science standards. They will be looking at resources for district to use, so it will be coming.

Board Committees, she was surprised that Mr. Trawinski was not put on the building and grounds committee. She inquired about a personnel issue and was told by the Board that they can't talk in public on issues regarding personnel, but she can contact administration.

Ms. O'Brien (PE) Approached the Board with having the 5K on April 2nd this year, that's the first Sunday in April.

Dr. Zoeller feels that the BOE has always been supportive with the 5K and they will again.

Mrs. O'Brien stated that the money raised will be going to a lighting detection system. She admits that she knows nothing about that type of system and is leaving that up to the people in the town that have more experience. For this year she is also hoping to buy a rock wall for the gym. *Mrs. Judge Cravello thanked Ms. O'Brien for her work with the 5K.*

Ms. O'Brien graciously stated she had had help from many people including Mrs. Leakas, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Buyck, Mr. Connors, Ken Stapleton from the Police Department, as well as so many others that help make it a success.

President Leakas added that it really is a community effort, with everyone working together, Police, Ambulance, and Township. It's everyone's cooperation.

Mrs. Lauerman asked about the fun run still would have one.

Ms. O'Brien stated she would like to do the fun run again, but change it up somehow.

Township Committeeman Houser- Introduced himself, he is also the liaison to the Board. He works in education, wanted to let the BOE know that he will be attending the meetings and is open at any time if the Board would like to reach out to him. He mentioned that the next meeting will be a joint meeting with the town on February 8th.

Mr. Scully Oldis St- thanked the board for giving the public the opportunity to speak. He thinks the committee assignments are fair and well divided among the members of the board. He thanked Mr. Houser for being at the BOE meeting, he wishes he was here when Mr. Scully was on the Board, and having an open communication from the Board to the town is welcomed.

The last two years on the Board he learned more than any other time on the board, adding it was the best education. The best thing they did was hire Dr. Zoeller, adding that Dr. Zoeller has turned around not only the physical part of the building but also the attitude in the building. He believes in Dr. Zoeller's vision, and that's why he wants to come back to board meetings. He acknowledged Mrs. Hurd, Mr. Cannici, Mr. Woods, and Mrs. Kobylarz in thanking them for what they are doing. He is concerned about the current BOE with confidentiality with what he hears in the public. He believes in what the board is doing.

Motion by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, second by Mrs. Lauerman, to close public comment at 8:46 P.M.

Roll Call 7-0

Motion Carried

XII. Items for Board Action-Resolutions

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

School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2017 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Rochelle Park Township Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Rochelle Park Township Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

- WHEREAS,** School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and
- WHEREAS,** Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and
- WHEREAS,** New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation, and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Rochelle Park Township Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2017 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the Rochelle Park Township Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

Mrs. Abraham read the resolution
Motion by Mr. Allos, second by Mrs. Lauerman,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

ROUTINE MATTERS RESOLUTIONS R1-R8
POLICY #0168- APPROVALS OF BOARD MINUTES

R1. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the minutes of the following meetings:

December 8, 2016 Regular Meeting and Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, second by Mrs. Lauerman,
Roll Call 4-0-3
Motion Carried
Mr. Trawinski abstained; he was not on the board for this meeting.
Mrs. Abraham abstained from this resolution she was not present at the meeting.
President Leakas abstained she was not at the executive session.

POLICY#5200 ATTENDANCE

R2. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the attendance report for the month of December 2016 as listed:

<u>Enrollment</u>		<u>Left</u>	<u>Entered</u>
Midland School	499	-	-
Hackensack H.S.	131.5		
Academies/Technical Schools	18		
Totals	648.5		

Pupil Attendance

Possible Days 8468
Days Present 8109.5
Days Absent 358.5
% Present 95.7%
% Absent 4.3%

Teacher Attendance

Possible Days 1020
Days Present 981
Days Absent 39
% Present 96.1%
% Absent 3.9%

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

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 2016 for the Rochelle Park School District.

Fire Drill December 21, 2016
Security Drills December 14, 2016

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

POLICY #5512.01 HARRASSMENT INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING

R4. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the following HIB Report for December 2016 on behalf of the Rochelle Park School District.

December 2016

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

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

POLICY #2340 – FIELD TRIPS

R5. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the eighth grade class trip as follows:

Class of 2017
8th Grade Class Trip

DATE: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, June 7th – 9th, 2017

DEPARTURE: Midland School -Wednesday, June 7, 2017- approx.7:00 A.M.

DESTINATION: Washington, D.C.

ITINERARY: Visit Arlington National Cemetery, National Archives, Dinner at California Pizza kitchen, Military Twilight Performance, Lincoln, Vietnam and Korean Memorials, Driving guided tour of Embassy Row, The National Cathedral, visit the National Zoo, tour US Capital Building (pending availability), US Supreme Court, Library of Congress, Jefferson Memorial, WWII Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial, dinner at Hard Rock Cafe,

performance of "Shear Madness" at the Kennedy Center, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (pending ticket availability), lunch at Ronald Regan Building.

RETURN DEPARTURE: Washington D.C. Friday, June 9, 2017-approx. 2 P.M., with an estimated time of arrival at Midland School 8:00 P.M.

COST: To be borne by the parents

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

R6. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following field trip request:

Dr. Sacco, Mrs. Meyers, and Mrs. Fletcher to accompany the 5-8 Concert Band to NYC on April 5, 2017, at a cost of \$29.00 per student to be borne by the parents/guardians.

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

POLICY #4125 EMPLOYMENT OF SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS

R7. 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 2016-2017 school year, to the New Jersey Department of Education.

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

R8. First reading bylaw 0164

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

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS P1-P9

POLICY #4125 EMPLOYMENT OF SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS

***P1. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves Robert Hoffman to the list of Substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year at a rate of \$85.00 per day:**

Motion by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

***P2. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education**

approves Nalinikumari Balakrishnan to the list of Substitute Latchkey Aides for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year at a rate of \$19.30 per hour:

Motion by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

***P3. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the following individuals to the list of Substitute Classroom aides, and Substitute Cafeteria/Playground aides for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year at a rate of \$10.05 per hour:**

Mary Pichardo

Motion by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

POLICY #9180 SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

***P4. RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education approves the following persons (pending criminal history checks), as parent volunteers for the 8th grade trip.**

Susana Becker
Terence Connors
Billy Kero
Kari Occhiuto

Motion by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

POLICY #3240 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

***P5. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the participation of the persons named at the following workshops/conferences:**

Barbara Weiner to attend “NAfME Eastern Conference” on April 6-7, 2017 in Atlantic City at a cost to the district of \$180.00 for registration.

Emily Kotwica to attend “Update training of WCJ-IV Educational Assessments” on January 25, 2017 in Montclair at a cost to the district of \$200.00 for registration.

Cara Hurd & Melanie Ferla to attend Pearson Regional Training for the PARCC Assessment” on February 9, 2017 in Whippany at no cost to the district for registration.

Cara Hurd to attend “Science Supervisor Technical Assistance” on February 13, 2017 in East Orange on February 13, 2017 at no cost to the school district for registration.

Melanie Ferla to attend “HIB and Students w/Disabilities” on March 17, 2017 in Oradell at no cost to the district for registration.

Melanie Ferla to attend “504 vs. Health Plans” on March 7, 2017 in Oradell at no cost to the district for registration.

Motion by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

P6. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves tuition reimbursement for courses taken during the fall of 2016-2017 school year as follows:

Danielle Barbieri	3 credits \$ 846.63	(pending official transcripts)
Susan Carney	3 credits \$ 825.00	(pending official transcripts)
Thomas Hornes	6 credits \$ 489.00	
Jennifer O’Brien (Art)	3 credits \$ 825.00	
Jennifer O’Brien (PE)	6 credits \$ 1,692.26	(pending official transcripts)

Motion by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

P7. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Sheryl Meyers to cover two days a week, two periods for a student in an extracurricular activity. During the months of December 2016 – February 2017 at the current cover rate which may be subject to change upon approval of the 2016-2017 contract.

Motion by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

P8. RESOLVED: that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education appoints Jessica DeFalco to the position of part time Cafeteria/Playground Aide (no benefits) at a salary of \$11.75 per hour for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

P9. RESOLVED: that on recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves on December 8, 2016, Krista Fuchs for 40 minutes of extra time due to a field trip she attended, at the prorated amount of \$19.30/hr.

Motion by Mrs. Ciliento Buyck, second by Mr. Allos,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

FINANCE AND INSURANCE-RESOLUTIONS F1-F7
POLICY #6460 PAYMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

F1. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approve the January 2017 Bill List as approved by the Finance Committee, attached and listed below:

10 – General Fund	\$646,559.94
20- Federal Grants	\$18,248.41
30 – Referendum Account	\$8,941.90
61 – Afterschool Program	\$504.48
10 – General Fund	\$20,837.44
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR January	\$695,092.17

ATTACHEMENT

Motion by Mr. Allos, second by Mrs. Judge Cravello,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

F2.Approval of December Payroll – that the Board approve the payroll for December 2016 as follows:

Payroll

Month December

Fund	Gross Payroll	Employer Share of Social Security	Employer DCRP Contribution	Total Payroll Expense
Fund 10	476,118.29	5,681.26	586.62	482,386.17
Fund 20	3,236.30	-		3,236.30
Fund 30	-			-
Fund 61	16,180.91	1,237.84		17,418.75
				-
Total	\$ 495,535.50	\$ 6,919.10	\$ 586.62	503,041.22

Motion by Mr. Allos, second by Mrs. Judge Cravello,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

F3. RESOLVED: that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accept the Student Activity Fund Financial Report for the month of December 2016.

ATTACHMENT

Motion by Mr. Allos, second by Mrs. Judge Cravello,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

Transfers

F4. RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the December 2017 line item transfers see attached list.

Motion by Mr. Allos, second by Mrs. Judge Cravello,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

Monthly Budgetary Line Item Status Certifications

F5. RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary for the Rochelle Park Board of Education certifies that pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11 (c) 3, as of December 31, 2016 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).

Motion by Mr. Allos, second by Mrs. Judge Cravello,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

Treasurer’s Report

F6. RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accept the School Treasurer’s Financial Report for the months of December 2016.

ATTACHMENT

Motion by Mr. Allos, second by Mrs. Judge Cravello,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

F7. RESOLVED: that the Board approves the allocation of the following salaries to NCLB grants:

Emily Kotwica in the amount of \$32,593 - Title 1

Motion by Mr. Allos, second by Mrs. Judge Cravello,
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

XIII. BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES B1
POLICY # 0155 BOARD COMMITTEES

B1. Standing Committees:

The acknowledgement of all Standing Committees for 2017 as follows:

2017 School Year

Committees	Chairperson	Co-Chairperson
Buildings & Grounds	Shirley Abraham	Sam Allos, Arlene Ciliento-Buyck
Business, Finance, and Transportation	Dimitria Leakas	Sam Allos, Arlen Ciliento-Buyck
Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment	Maria Lauerman	Shirley Abraham, Dimitria Leakas

Legislative and Policy	Teresa Judge Cravello,	Shirley Abraham, Arlene Ciliento-Buyck
Personnel/Negotiations/ Staff Relations	Sam Allos	Maria Lauerman, Matt Trawinski
Special Education	Arlene Ciliento-Buyck	Shirley Abraham, Teresa Judge Cravello
Technology	Matt Trawinski	Maria Lauerman, Dimitria Leakas

Board Liaison Assignments:
 NJSBA-Teresa Judge Cravello
 BCSBA- Teresa Judge Cravello
 Joint Boards- Dimitria Leakas
 Municipality- Sam Allos
 Community- Matt Trawinski

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Allos

Roll Call6-1 (No: Mr. Trawinski)

Motion Carried

Discussion: *Mr. Trawinski felt he should have been on the Building and Grounds committee due to his background in construction. Being the chair of the technology committee, anyone that knows him knows that he knows nothing about technology.*

President Leakas, stated that she understands that he is not comfortable in technology, adding that this has happened to all BOE members at some time. Everyone needs to learn all the areas that the Board handles, and since building and grounds is his trade he didn't need to learn in that area. Also being a local contactor there could be a conflict of interest.

The discussion continued giving examples where Mrs. Buyck who has a financial background was not put on the finance committee. Nothing in committee meetings are voted on so he would still be informed like the rest of the board as to what was going on with that committee.

Committee reports were not expected to be given, due to the fact that the committees were just agreed upon, however, there is a NJ School Boards meeting coming up prior to the board's next meeting, therefore, Mrs. Judge Cravello informed the board of that meeting on January 31st, and requested any board member who is interested to please contact Mrs. Kobylarz to register.

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Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

Mr. Luyster James St. Stated he also feels Mr. Trawinski should have been on the Building and Grounds committee. They voted for him to be on this committee.

Mr. Scully- Oldis St. If a member of the public wants to reach out directly to the head of a committee how can they do that. He reminded everyone that when a BOE member speaks you are speaking for the board.

Dr. Zoeller the emails are on the website, you can contact them at any time. There are some things that Board members cannot talk about. He did state that BOE members are volunteers, where the administration are employees so you can reach out to the administration.

Mr. Scully On OPRA requests asked Dr. Zoeller if it was easy for him to meet with Dr. Zoeller.

Dr. Zoeller stated it is very easy. Simply make an appointment

Mr. Scully further stated that at every meeting this board offers to the public that you can contact him. Consistently people wait for the meeting to ask questions.

Last week at the reorg meeting one of the trustees talked about transparency, it was in the Our Town, that this trustee felt the Board wasted taxpayer money on the sign issue. Mr. Scully OPRA'ed all the OPRA requests from 2014 to present there were 27. 5 -2015, 21 were filed in 2016. He can't image the amount of time and paperwork to answer these. The people who asked for the information didn't even come to the board meetings, they hand the information over to other people, ones that were running for the board so they could ask the question. He would like to know the time and money it took to answer all of these, being it is a waste of time and administration could be doing other things.

Dr. Zoeller stated that we don't keep track of that we would only be able to give you an estimate.

Mr. Scully understood and thanked Dr. Zoeller.

Motion by Mrs. Judge Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to close public comment at 8:56 P.M.
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried

XV. Announcements

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 this is a Joint meeting with Township Council at Town Hall 7:00 P.M. , the Board will then reconvene at Midland School to finish their regular meeting in the school cafeteria.

XVI. Executive Session Announcement (Not Needed)

President Leakas once again thanked the Board, adding she looks forward to working with the administration, teachers, staff and the community in this school year, quoting Henry Ford "If everyone moves forward together then success takes care of itself. She couldn't agree more.

XVII. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to adjourn meeting at 8:57 P.M.
Roll Call 7-0
Motion Carried