

Rochelle Park Board of Education  
Executive Meeting 6:30 P.M. Regular Meeting 7:30 P.M.  
February 23, 2021

**I. Call to Order**  
**II. 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  
Mrs. Ellen Kobylarz, Board Recording Secretary

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Open Public Meeting Act**, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975

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” posted on the District website, at least 48 hours prior to the time of this meeting.

**V. Executive Session**

Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education will convene in Executive Session to discuss confidential matters which include contracts and legal matters.

**VI. Reports**

- A. Superintendent Dr. DeNobile welcomed everyone to the meeting, adding that the faculty had a well spent day of professional development. State wide assessments as you know were on hiatus last year. The NJDOE under federal requirements wanted to postpone assessments again this year, however the federal government will not offer a waiver. Testing will take place this year, there has been no discussion as to how that will be administered or how the data will be used. Building repairs are moving forward, it has been a trying time for everyone, the district is taking every step we can and moving forward. We will continue to supply weekly updates on construction you can view them on our website. The trailers are scheduled to be on site March 8<sup>th</sup> and at this time we are looking to bring everyone back in the building on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Business Administrator Mrs. Jiosi stated she was knee deep in the budget, working very diligently. March 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting for the board to approve the budget submission to the state. April 27<sup>th</sup> will be the public hearing on the budget.

- C. Director of Curriculum and Instruction – Mrs. Hurd started by discussing the professional day for faculty. It was an extension of what happened at the Oct. PD day. There was a mental health kinetic workshop, another on technology with google classroom. In the afternoon the focus was instructional with breakouts into K-3 and 4-8. The training was well received by the faculty. Mrs. Hurd received very positive feedback, and a change of pace from what was done in the past.
- D. Principal- Mr. Alberta announced Kindergarten, PreK registration information is on the website, reach out to the school secretary, you will need an appointment. The school is observing Kindness week- students were provided with a number of assemblies focused on meaningful, thoughtful, fun. Read Across America will also be celebrated with activities, mystery readers and a special surprise on Friday.
- E. Board Committees, as needed:
  - Finance- Mr. Kral stated the finance committee will be meeting next Wednesday.
  - Facilities- Mr. Trawinski noted they were working on getting the building back together.
  - Board Liaisons:
    - Liaison to the Township- Mr. Kral announced the Knights of Columbus are having a Fish Fry, Softball and Baseball sign ups are underway.
    - Joint Boards- Mrs. Judge Cravello noted the district is in contract negotiations with Hackensack for the send/receive relationship.

**VII. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)**

The Board of Education reserves the right to hold public comment on agenda items only, at its discretion, at its regular monthly public meetings in accordance with Bylaw 0167. Public comment will be limited to three minutes per person. Citizens should give their name and address when recognized to speak. Please be reminded that this meeting is being recorded.

No one chose to speak

**VIII. Items for Board Action-Resolutions**

Routine Matters Resolutions R1-R5

R1. Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the minutes of the following meetings:

January 26, 2021-Executive and Regular

R2. Attendance

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the attendance report for the month of January 2021 as listed:

<u>Enrollment</u>		<u>Left</u>	<u>Entered</u>
Midland School	484		
Hackensack H.S.	144.5		
Academies/Technical Schools	29.5		
Totals	658		

  

<u>Pupil Attendance</u>		<u>Teacher Attendance</u>	
Possible Days	9191	Possible Days	1121
Days Present	9013	Days Present	1102.5
Days Absent	178	Days Absent	18.5
% Present	98%	% Present	98.3%

% Absent 2%

% Absent 1.7%

**R3. Emergency & Crisis Situations**

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following Fire and Security drills held in the month of January 2021 for the Rochelle Park School District.

Fire Drill- January 29, 2021  
Security Drill – January 25, 2021 & January 26, 2021

**R4. Harrassment Intimidation and Bullying**

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following HIB Report for January 2021 on behalf of the Rochelle Park School District.

January 2021

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

**R5. Pre- K Tuition for the 2021-2022 School Year**

RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the tuition rate of \$5,000.00 for the integrated preschool program.

**R1-R5**

Motion Mr. Abboud Second Mr. Kral  
Roll call 7-0  
Motions Carried

**Personnel Resolutions P1-P8**

**P1. Professional Development**

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the participation of the persons named at the following workshops/conferences:

Faculty	Name of Workshop	Date	Cost
Steven Lahullier	G Suite Admin Trainer	On line self paced to be completed by May 1, 2021	\$350.00
Cara Hurd	Intervention and Referral Services: The Next Generation	3/9/2021	\$60.00
Ji Yon Kim	2021 NJTESOL/NJBE spring conference	May 25-27, 2021	\$399.00 Paid for with Title III funds

**P2. Crossovers**

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following faculty crossover as of February 1, 2020

Tara Mizzoni BA+30 to MA Step 3  
Angel Baker BA to BA+15 Step 4

Recind Appointment

P3. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education rescinds the appointment of Keely Coffey as an Unaffiliated Partial Year Leave Replacement Special Education Aide, effective February 11, 2021.

Appointment

P4. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education appoints Keely Coffey to the position of Unaffiliated Partial Year Leave Replacement Teacher, from February 11, 2021 to June 30, 2021 at a prorated salary per the guide on BA Step 1 \$52,620.

Appointment

P5. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education extends the appointment of Maria Miaoulis as an Unaffiliated Leave Replacement Special Education Aide from February 24, 2021 to June 30, 2021 salary of \$21.00 per hour not to exceed 27.5 hours a week.

Appointment

P6. RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education extends the appointment of Angelo DiCori as an Unaffiliated Leave Replacement Special Education Aide from February 11, 2021 until March 31, 2021 at a salary of \$21.00 per hour not to exceed 27.5 hours a week.

Curricular Writing

P7. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Donna Johnson for revision writing to district curricula, for a maximum of 5 hours at the RPEA rate of \$32.00 per (RPEA Contract Schedule E).

Hiring

P8. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mr. Pasquale Agatone to the position of Full-time custodian, step 4 (prorated) starting at \$45,496.00 per RPEA contract. This appointment will commence on March 16, 2021 pending satisfaction of fingerprinting/background check.

P1-P8

Motion Mr. Kral Second Ms. Holz  
Roll Call 7-0  
Motions Carried

**Finance Resolutions F1-F10**

Bills List

F1. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the payment of bills for February 1, 2020.

A. Regular Bills- Fund 10	323,333.48
B. Federal Grant - Fund 20	35,377.30
C Cafeteria - Fund 60	48.70

A. Afterschool Program -Fund 61	.00
Total for the month of February	358,759.48

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

Secretary & Treasurer's Reports

F2. RESOLVED, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent 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 January 2021.

Transfers

F3. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts, and affixes to the minutes, the line item transfers for January 2021.

Certifications

F4. 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 January 2021 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 as of January 2021 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

Payroll Authorization

F5. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the payroll for January 2021 as follows:

January 2021	
Fund Gross Payroll	
Fund 10	557,616.88
Fund 20	3,912.30
Total	561,529.18

Payroll Authorization

F6. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the payroll for February 2021 as follows:

February 2021	
Fund Gross Payroll	
Fund 10	571,740.47
Fund 20	3,912.30
Total	575,652.77

Grants from Private Sources

F7. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts the *ExxonMobil Grant* award in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for the purpose of Science, Math, and STEM programs.

Title IV Funds

F8. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the following virtual assemblies for the students using Title IV:

Dr. Paul Wichansky	“ Just the Way You Are”	\$600.00
The Hill Brothers	“The Character Show”	\$775.00
Rochel Coleman	“MLK-Amazing Grace”	\$1,195.00
John Marshall	“Weather”	\$1,000.00

Unpaid Meal Charges

F9. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the release of unpaid meal charges based on new collection procedures and the advice of the auditors in the amount of \$4,533.14.

Approval of Temporary Space

F10. RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the Application for temporary instructional space during the 2020/2021 school year due to flood damage on the first floor of Midland School. The temporary space will be utilized during the rebuilding of the first floor.

F1-F10

Motion Mr. Kral Second Mrs. Judge Cravello

Roll Call 7-0

Motions Carried

**IX. Public Comment (Agenda and non-agenda items)**

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Mayor Artola mentioned the Township’s anniversary. Rochelle Park is celebrating it’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. She thought it would be great if the school could incorporate Rochelle Park history into their lessons. The town is trying to make it a year long celebration, a way to bring the town together, which is especially hard this year due to the pandemic.

**X. Executive Session**

Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education will convene in Executive Session to discuss confidential matters which include a grievance matter.

**XI. Announcements**

The Board of Education along with the Rochelle Park Township Committee will hold a Virtual Joint Boards Meeting on February 24, 2021, A Special Board of Education meeting will be held on March 9, 2021 at 7:00PM for the purpose of submitting the preliminary Budget for 2021-2022. The regular monthly Board of Education meeting will be held on March 30, 2021, Executive 6:30 PM, Regular 7:30 P.M. in the Library/Media Center if allowed otherwise the meeting will be virtual.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion Mr. Schaadt, Second Mr. Kral 9:34 P.M.