

Rochelle Park Board of Education  
Executive Session 6:30 P.M. Regular Session 7:30 P.M.  
May 25, 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(6:35PM)
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 and a moment of silence for Covid 19 victims and their families, friends.**

**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, and posted to our website based on the executive order of the Governor 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 (if needed)**

Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education will convene in Executive Session to Discuss confidential personnel matters and contracts. (6:36-7-34)

**VI. Honors and Awards**

Educational Service Professional of the Year

WHEREAS, The Board of Education recognizes the outstanding qualities of its staff and commends them for their dedication to Rochelle Park; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education wishes to commemorate Mrs. Aiello’s superior service by publicly acknowledging her as a recipient of the Educational Service Professional of the year Award for 2020-2021; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education congratulates Mrs. Aiello and takes official notice of her individual accomplishment.

Motion by Ms Holz seconded by Mrs. Judge Cravello

Roll Call 5-0  
Motion Carried

### TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, The Board of Education recognizes the outstanding qualities of its staff and commends them for their dedication to Rochelle Park; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education wishes to commemorate Mrs. Cherello's superior service by publicly acknowledging her as a recipient of the Educator of the Year in Teaching Award for 2020-2021; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education congratulates Mrs. Cherello and takes official notice of her individual accomplishment.

Motion by Mr. Kral seconded by Mr. Abboud

Roll Call 5-0

Motion Carried

*Dr. DeNobile read an excerpt of tributes from Mrs. Aiello and Mrs. Cherello's colleagues on why they should receive this award. Dr. DeNobile thanked both Mrs. Aiello and Mrs. Cherello for their work with the children of Midland School. Similar sentiments followed by the Board Members.*

### **VII. Reports**

#### A. Superintendent Dr. DeNobile

- School Performance Report Dr. DeNobile explained the School Performance Report was just released by the State. The report contains data from last school year and since there were no assessments that data is not available. The report will be posted on the school website, if anyone has any questions you can reach out to Dr. DeNobile. This is not limited to just Rochelle Park it is with every district in the state due to the pandemic.
- Dr. DeNobile also read the Governor's latest ruling on mask wearing. School Districts are still required to abide by the law and wear a mask when at school.
- A reminder that school will be closed on Friday May 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### B. Business Administrator- Mrs. Jiosi

- The Business office is now focusing on the closing of the fiscal school year and looking forward to next year.

#### C. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Mrs. Hurd

- Busy wrapping up the year, working on a summer book list and the summer transition program.

#### D. Principal Mr. Alberta

- Reminded parents of morning drop off procedures
- Incoming Kindergarten screenings and orientation letter will be going out
- Thursday the National Junior Honor Society will hold their ceremony
- June 11<sup>th</sup> NJ Law Enforcement will hold their torch run.
- Mr. Alberta is currently working on some spring activities which will include a clap out and graduation.
- He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day

#### E. Board Committees, as needed:

- Policy Mrs. Judge Cravello thanked the policy committee Mrs. Jiosi, Ms. Holz, and Dr. DeNobile for their work on the latest policy update. It included 24 policies, bylaws and regulations.

G. Board Liaison:

- Joint Boards- Mrs. Judge Cravello stated that Rochelle Park once again has a student in the Top 20 at Hackensack High School.
- Municipality- Mr. Kral announced that the Rochelle Park Swim Club will be opening this year.
- Congratulated the 8<sup>th</sup> graders who made conformation
- Reported on the recent OEM meeting, added he really never realized how many meetings they have.

**VIII. 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.

Mayor Artola and Mr. Mosca stated that it was very hard to hear what was being said. Mayor Artola also inquired as to who is, or would there be a liaison to the Township Committee that would attend their meetings and give updates.

*Dr. DeNobile did state that the district does it's best to get everything out there and to work together with the Township.*

Mrs. Judge Cravello rendered a brief statement on the tistory of the Township liaison that attended Township meetings in the past.

Mayor Artola added that the Township meetings will be opening up soon.

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

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

WHEREAS, Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 7, 2021; 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, 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 4, 2021 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 Mrs. Holz, seconded by Mrs. Judge Cravello  
Roll Call 6-0  
Motion Carried

SPECIAL EDUCATION WEEK IN NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Special Education Week will be celebrated the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021; and  
WHEREAS, more than 232,500 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 "Creating, Learning & Growing"; 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 9<sup>th</sup> through May 15, 2021 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 of our state.

Motion by Mr. Kral, seconded by Ms. Holz  
Roll Call  
Roll Call 6-0  
Motion Carried

NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY

2021 Theme: School Nurses: Champing the Whole Student

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

Whereas, families deserve to feel confident that their children will be cared for when they are at school; and

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

Whereas, students today face more complex and life-threatening health problems requiring care in school; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the essential role school nurses play in student health and academic success; and

Whereas, school nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and in ensuring student's academic success for more than 100 years; and

Whereas, school nurses address the home and community factors (e.g., social determinants) that impact students' health; and

Whereas, school nurses act as a liaison to the school community, families, and healthcare providers on behalf of children's health by promoting wellness and improving health outcomes for our nation's children; and

Whereas, school nurses support the health and educational success of children and youth by providing access to care when children's cognitive development is at its peak; and

Whereas, school nurses are members of school-based teams (e.g., school health services, 504/ IEP, disaster/emergency planning) to address the school population; 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,  
Therefore be it Resolved, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education celebrates and acknowledges the accomplishments of school nurses everywhere and their efforts of meeting the needs of today's students by improving the delivery of health care in our schools and offers gratitude for the nation's school nurses, who contribute to our local communities by helping students stay healthy, in school, and ready to learn, and keeping parents and guardians at work, not just on this National School Nurse Day, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

Motion by Mrs. Holz, seconded by Mrs. Judge Cravello  
Roll Call 6-0  
Motion Carried

### **Routine Matters Resolutions R1-R14**

#### **R1. Approval of Minutes**

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

April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting & Executive  
May 11, 2021 Special Meeting & Executive

#### **R2. Attendance**

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

<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Left</u>	<u>Entered</u>
Midland School 491	None	None
Hackensack H.S. 144.5		
Academies/Technical Schools 29.5		
Totals 665		

  

<u>Pupil Attendance</u>	<u>Teacher Attendance</u>
Possible Days 7854	Possible Days 960
Days Present 7619	Days Present 923.5
Days Absent 235	Days Absent 36.5
% Present 97%	% Present 96%
% Absent 03%	% Absent 04%

#### **R3. Emergency & Crisis Situations**

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following for the month of April 2021:

Fire drill – April 14, 2021  
Security drill- April 29, 2021

#### **R4. Harassment Intimidation and Bullying**

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

April 2021

Reported Cases: 0

Number of Cases open: 0

Number of Cases closed: 0

Number of Incidents determined to be HIB: 0

R5. Bylaws & Policies

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a second reading and adoption of the following Policy:

7510- Use of School Facilities

R6. Bylaws & Policies

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a first reading of the following Policies and Bylaws:

- a. Bylaw 0145 Board Member Resignation and Removal (M)
- b. 0164.6 Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency (M)
- c. Policies:1643 Family Leave (M)
- d. 5330.01 Administration of Medical Cannabis (M)
- e. 7425 Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M)
- f. 2415 Every Student Succeeds Act (M)
- g. 2415.05 Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints (M)
- h. 22415.02 Title 1-Fiscal Responsibilities (M)
- i. 2415.05 Student Surveys, Analysis, and /or Evaluations (M)
- j. 4125 Employment of Support Staff members (M)
- k. 6360 Political Contributions (M)
- l. 8330 Student Records (M)
- m. 9713 Recruitment by Special Interest Groups (M)

R7. Regulations

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

- a. 1642- Earned Sick Leave Law (M) - Revised
- b. 5330.01- Administration of Medical Cannabis (M) -Revised
- c. 7425 Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M) -New 1<sup>st</sup> reading
- d. 2415.20 Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints (M) Revised

R8. Policies & Regulations

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education abolishes following Policies and Regulation:

- a. Policy 3431.01 Family Leave (M)
- b. 4431.01 Family Leave (M)
- c. 3431.03 New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program
- d. 4431.03 New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program
- e. 7430 School Safety (M)
- f. 2415.01 Academic Standards, Academic Assessments, and Accountability (M)
- g. 2415.03 Highly Qualified Teachers (M)
- h. Regulation 7430 School Safety (M)

R9. Special Education 2020-2021 School Year

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a Developmental Pediatric Evaluation for student CST ID #2008 at a cost of \$650.00.

R10. Special Education 2020-2021 School Year

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a Developmental Pediatric Evaluation for student CST ID #2107 at a cost of \$650.00.

R11. Special Education 2020-2021 School Year

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a Developmental Pediatric Evaluation for student CST ID #2108 at a cost of \$650.00.

R12. Special Education 2020-2021 School Year

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a Psychiatric Evaluation for student CST ID #2005 at a cost of \$750.00.

R13. Special Education 2020-2021 School Year

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a Neurodevelopmental Evaluation for student CST ID #2005 at a cost of \$600.00.

R14. Job Descriptions

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a the following job descriptions.

- a. Child Study Team Secretary
- b. Attendance Officer

R1-R14

Motion Ms. Holz Second Mrs. Judge Cravello

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried

**Personnel Resolutions P1-P5**

P1. Hiring Certificated Staff

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the revision to Kaitlyn Gallagher's contract to read MA Step 6 salary for the 21-22 school year \$65,040.00. (previously approved on May 11, 2021 at Step 5)

P2. Substitute Custodians

RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approve the following individuals to the list of substitute custodians for the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

- a. Liridon Leka
- b. Christian Centrella
- c. Besmir Sollaku

P3. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of

Education approves the participation of the persons named at the following workshops/conferences.

Name	Workshop/Conference	Date	Cost
Cheryl Jiosi	Designated Person Upgrade NAEIT	6/14/2021	\$283.00
Cheryl Jiosi	Operations & Maintenance Initial NAEIT	6/7-8/2021	\$480.00

P4. Summer Program

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves Angelo DiCori as an Out of District ESY Paraprofessional from June 28, 2021 to July 30, 2021, at the current rate of \$25.00 per hour, not including July 5, 2021.

P5. Leave Request

RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves a leave request for employee#40258. Utilizing sick time from September 2, 2021 until September 12, 2021 and commencing FLA on September 13, 2021 until December 3, 2021 at which time the employee is requesting an unpaid leave with a return date of January 3, 2022.

P1-P5

Motion Ms. Holz Second Mrs. Judge Cravello  
Roll Call 6-0  
Motion Carried

**Finance Resolutions F1-F6**

F1. Bills List

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the payment of bills for May 2021.

A. Regular Bills- Fund 10	\$372,154.61
B. Federal Grant - Fund 20	\$13,563.22
C. Referendum- Fund 30	\$14,259.49
D. Cafeteria - Fund 60	\$22,178.30
Total for the month of May	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 422,155.62

F2. Additional Bills List in May

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rochelle Park Board of Education authorizes a second check run for the month of May 2021 with the amounts to be approved at the June, 2021 meeting.

F3. Secretary & Treasurer's Reports

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that 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 April 2021.

F4. Transfers

RESOLVED: on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts, and affixes to the minutes, the line item transfers for April 2021.



**F5. Certifications**

RESOLVED: that, 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 April 30, 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 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

**F6. Approval of Food Service Management Company**

Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education "SFA" approves the renewal of the Food Service Management contract with The Pomptonian, Inc. "FSMC" for the food service operation for 2021-2022.

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$16,373.00 to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed in 10 monthly installments of \$1,637.30 per month as a cost of operation. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC.

As a result of the uncertainties during the public health emergency, there is no guaranteed operating result for the 2021-2022 school year.

F1-F6

Motion Mr. Abboud Second Ms. Holz

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried

**F7. Addendum- Facility Use**

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the application for use of school facilities made by the following groups/organizations listed below. The Board reserves the right to schedule activities at any time which may cause changes to the calendar.

Group/Organization	Use/Purpose/Room	Dates	Rental Fee
Parents of the Midland School Class of 2021	Parking Lot and Area right outside gym Pictures before dance	June 18, 2021 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	None

Motion Mr. Kral Second Mrs. Judge Cravello

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried

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

The Board of Education reserves the right to hold public comment on agenda and non-agenda items, at its discretion, at its regular monthly public meetings. Public comment will be limited to three

minutes per person. Citizens should give their name and address when recognized to speak.

Mrs. Mosca asked if there would be remote learning next year and would students have to wear a mask when they return in September. Adding that a number of mandates have been lifted will it remain in effect at Midland.

*Dr. DeNobile responded yes, that under the executive order as it states now the district will be open and students will be wearing masks. The decision is made by the Governor, not the district.*

Mrs. Mosca asked how the district handles a medical exemption.

*Dr. DeNobile referred to the school's re-entry plan that's located on the school website and added that the school nurse Mrs. Meyers is available to answer any questions.*

#### **XI. Announcements**

The next Regular Meeting will be held on June 15, 2021 at Executive at 6:30 P.M. Regular Session at 7:30 P.M. in the Gymnasium.

#### **XII. Executive Session**

Be it resolved that the Rochelle Park Board of Education will convene in Executive Session to Discuss confidential personnel matters.

open at 8:21 P.M.

#### **XIII. Adjournment**

Motion Mr. Kral Second Mr. Abboud 10:15 P.M.

Roll Call 6-0

Motion Carried