

**Rochelle Park Board of Education  
Regular Meeting– 8:00 P.M.  
March 12, 2012**

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

Board Members	Present	Absent
Mr. Robert Verhasselt, Vice President	X	
Mr. Sam Allos	X	
Mrs. Teresa Cravello	X	
Mr. Jay Esposito	X	
Mr. Mark Scully		X
Mrs. Maria Lauerman	X	
Mrs. Patricia Bilka, President	X	

Others present:

- Bert Ammerman, Interim Superintendent
- 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 Star Ledger, The Record and The Our Town, in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.”

**IV. Superintendent’s Report-** Mr. Ammerman reported the following:

- On Friday clay was delivered for the baseball/softball fields. Parents, Students and Coaches worked together to get the field’s ready. Now the District is asking for people to stay off the fields for a week in order for the clay to settle. Someone did go on the fields over the weekend. The district has posted signs stating to remain off the field.  
*Mrs. Greico- Peek St. – stated she saw adults on Sunday playing on the field.*  
Mr. Ammerman stated that he has contacted the Rochelle Park Police Department and requested that if they see someone using the field’s over the weekend to ask that they stay off the field until it has a time to settle. He further thanked everyone who came together to get these fields ready for the upcoming season.
- The school board elections will now be held in November. Nomination packets will be available shortly for pickup and packets must be returned to the County Board of Elections.  
*President Bilka asked if it could also be put on our website.*  
Mr. Ammerman- stated that can be done.
- Due to the election being moved, the Board will approve meeting dates tonight up until the reorganization meeting which will now be the beginning of January 2013.  
*President Bilka- requested that the board receive the information at least one week before the double meetings, so that the board has a chance to thoroughly review the information.*

**V. Business Administrator's Report-** Mr. Ammerman reported:

- Tonight you received a memo from Mr. DiPaola explaining the reason we are amending the tentative budget. The County office of Education has requested other figures to be added to the resolution. There are no changes, just different format.

**VI. Public Questions on the Resolutions (Agenda Items Only)**

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

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mrs. Cravello, to open public comment at 8:06 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0

NONE

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Esposito, to close public comment at 8:07 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0

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

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

**ROUTINE MATTERS RESOLUTIONS 1-3**

**POLICY #0168 – APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

**R1. Resolved, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the minutes of the following meetings:**

- February 6, 2012 Caucus Meeting & Executive Session**
- February 13, 2012 Regular Meeting**
- February 29, 2012 Special Public Meeting**

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 6-0

**POLICY #5200 - ATTENDANCE**

**R2. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the attendance report for the month of February 2012 as listed:**

<b><u>Enrollment</u></b>		<b><u>Left</u></b>	<b><u>Entered</u></b>
Midland School	467		1- Kndg.
Hackensack H.S.	127		
Academies/ Technical Schools	<u>10</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>604</b>		
<b><u>Pupil Attendance</u></b>		<b><u>Teacher Attendance</u></b>	
Possible Days	8401	Possible Days	891.1

Days Present	8005.5	Days Present	860.6
Days Absent	395.05	Days Absent	30.5
% Present	95.2%	% Present	96.5%
% Absent	4.8%	% Absent	3.5%

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 6-0

**POLICY #2431 – ATHLETIC COMPETITION**

**R3. RESOLVED:** on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the 2012 Baseball and Softball Schedules as presented.

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 6-0

**PERSONNEL- RESOLUTIONS 1-2**

**POLICY #3240 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**P1. RESOLVED:** on the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the participation of the persons named at the following workshops/conferences:

E. Rainone, A. Cahill & B. Loverich to attend “Professional Learning Communities” on March 12, 2012 at the Passaic County Public Safety Academy, no cost to the district for registration.

L. Fletcher, B. Stack & D. Repka to attend “Making Meaningful Connections” on March 14 & March 27, 2012 in Paramus at no cost to the district for registration.

J. Grossman to visit an exemplary Middle School “Black River” in Chester NJ, run by Department of Education Bergen County Office, on March 22, 2012, at no cost to the district for registration.

Motion by Mr. Esposito seconded by Mr. Verhasselt  
Roll Call 6-0

**POLICY #4111 – HIRING – CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

**\*P2. RESOLVED:** on the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education appoints Raymond Soff Jr. to the position of Maternity Leave replacement 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher (no benefits) starting on or before April 20, 2012 until the end of the 2011 2012 school year on BA, Step 1 salary to be determined upon settlement of the master contract for the 2011- 2012 school year.

Motion by Mr. Esposito seconded by Mr. Verhasselt  
Roll Call 6-0

**FINANCE AND INSURANCE- RESOLUTIONS- F1-F10**

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator to the Superintendent:

**Public Hearing on the 2012-2013 School Year Budget**

**F1. RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education establish the date of March 28, 2012 for the public hearing on the 2012-2013 school budget. The meeting is to be held at the Midland School Media Center at 7:00 P.M.**

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 6-0

**POLICY #6460 – PAYMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES**

**F2. RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the March 2012 Bill List as approved by the Finance Committee, attached and listed below:**

A. Regular Bills - Fund 11	\$467,699.72
B. Regular Bills - Fund 20	\$ 15,339.80
C. Capital Projects - Fund 30	\$ 0
D. Debt Service – Fund 40	\$ 0
E. Food Service – Fund 50	\$ 17,396.69
F. Enterprise - Fund 51	350.74
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR MARCH</b>	<b><u>\$500,786.95</u></b>

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **\$500,786.95**

**SUPPORT DOCUMENT 1**

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 6-0

**F3. RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the March 2012, payroll in the amount of \$415,426.50.**

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 6-0

**POLICY #6820 – FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Monthly Budgetary Line Item Status Certifications**

**F4. 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 January 30, 2012 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, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 6-0

**Transfers**

**F5. RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education approves the line item transfers for February 2012.**

**SUPPORT DOCUMENT 2**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Source Account</i>	<i>Target Account</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2/30/12			See Attachment	\$52,582.00
			<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$52,582.00</b>

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 6-0

**Secretary’s Report**

**F6. RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts the Board Secretary’s Financial Report for the months January 2012.**

**SUPPORT DOCUMENT 3**

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 6-0

**Treasurer’s Report**

**F7. RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education accepts the School Treasurer’s Financial Report for the month of January 2012.**

**SUPPORT DOCUMENT 4**

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 6-0

**F8. RESOLVED, that the Rochelle Park 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 school activities at any time.**

<b>Group/Organization</b>	<b>Use Purpose/Room</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Rental Fee</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>			

<b>Girl Scouts of America</b>	<b>GS Meeting/Sport Theme/Multi Purpose Room</b>	<b>Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents</b>	<b>Meeting/Media Center</b>	<b>Wednesdays, March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup>, &amp; May 9, 2012 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>PTA Fun Night</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade /Multi Purpose Room</b>	<b>Friday, April 20, 2012 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Rochelle Park Baseball</b>	<b>Spring Baseball workouts/Multi Purpose Room</b>	<b>Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> and 21st and April 3, 4, 16, 19, 24, 25, &amp; 26 from 6 PM to 9 PM.</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Midland School PTA</b>	<b>General Meeting/Media Center</b>	<b>Thurs, April 5th 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (rescheduled April 3<sup>rd</sup> Mtg. already approved)</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>RP Girl Scouts</b>	<b>Bingo/Multi Purpose Room</b>	<b>Friday, May 11th from 5:30 Pm to 10:00 PM (originally approved for Cub Scout event that was withdrawn)</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Rochelle Park Baseball</b>	<b>Baseball/Ballfield</b>	<b>Sundays from March 25<sup>th</sup> through May 27, 2012 form 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM</b>	<b>None</b>

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 6-0

**F9. Designation of Meetings (18A:10-6)**

**WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board of Education to provide notice of regularly scheduled meetings within seven days following the Annual Organization Meeting of the Board.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Township of Rochelle Park that the following notice of regularly scheduled meetings be adopted thru January 2013.**

**Notice is hereby given that a Caucus Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Rochelle Park will be held on or about the first Monday of each month at which, "*ACTION MAY BE TAKEN*," commencing at 7:00 P.M., prevailing time; provided that should a Meeting date fall on a holiday, said Meeting shall be held on the Tuesday immediately following such holiday.**

**Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Rochelle Park will be held on or about the second Monday of each month commencing at 8:00 p.m., prevailing time.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid notice of regularly scheduled meetings be kept posted in the Midland School on the community bulletin board located outside the Main Office at 300 Rochelle Avenue, Rochelle Park, New Jersey.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid notice be mailed to The Record and The Our Town, the newspapers designated by this Board to receive the notice required by the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid notice be filed with the Clerk of the Township of Rochelle Park.**

ROCHELLE PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING DATES May 2012- January 2013

**Caucus Meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month unless otherwise noted with the Public Meeting immediately following:**

Caucus/Public	Monday, May 14, 2012	7:00 P.M.
Caucus/Public	Monday, June 11, 2012	7:00 P.M.
Caucus/Public	Monday, July 16, 2012	7:00 P.M.
Caucus/Public	Monday, August 13, 2012	7:00 P.M.
Caucus/Public	Monday, Sept. 17, 2012	7:00 P.M.
Caucus/Public	Monday, Oct. 8, 2012	7:00 P.M.
Caucus/Public	Monday, Nov. 12, 2012	7:00 P.M.
Caucus/Public	Monday, Dec. 10, 2012	7:00 P.M.

**Annual Organization Meeting - Monday, Jan. 7, 2013-7:00 P.M.**

- NOTE:**
- 1. Special Public Meetings where official action is taken will be scheduled as needed with proper notice.**
  - 2. Closed Executive Sessions with the public excluded for discussion of personnel, legal matters, negotiations, child placements or any other**

**exception as defined in NJSA 10:4-12 will be authorized as needed by resolution during public meetings or by special notice.**

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 6-0

**Adoption of the 2012-2013 Tentative Budget**

**F10. Resolved, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education amend the resolution approved on February 29, 2012 and adopt the following tentative 2012-2013 school budget figure for submission to the Department of Education as required by NJ State Statute:**

**Total General Fund Budget: \$ 10,198,708.00 as follows:**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>
• Fund 11 Operating Expense	= \$ 10,120,487.00	-----
• Fund 12 Capital Outlay	= \$ <u>78,221.00</u>	-----
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>= \$ 10,198,708.00</b>	<b>\$9,691,383.</b>
• Fund 20 Special Revenue (Federal Grants)	= \$ 111,000.00	-----
• Fund 40 Debt Service	= \$ <u>275,473.00</u>	<u>\$ 275,473.</u>
<b>TOTAL 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET</b>	<b>= \$ 10,585,181.00</b>	<b>\$9,966.856.</b>

**Note: As stated this is the Tentative Budget figure, which may or may not increase, decrease or remain unchanged between now and the Public Hearing on March 28, 2012 at 7PM.**

Motion by Mr. Allos, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 6-0

**IX. Reports – Committee Action Items**

**Finance-** *President Bilka had nothing to report*

**Education-** *Mr. Esposito had nothing to report*

**Transportation-** *Mrs. Cravello stated everything is good*

**Building & Grounds-** *Mr. Verhasselt reported that in the coming weeks the district will be purchasing a lawn tractor. NJQSAC came last Monday with regard to facilities and reported all was goo. He thanked the faculty and staff.*

**Community & School Activities-** *Mr. Allos had nothing to report*

**Legislation-** *President Bilka stated there was nothing new to report*

**Policy-** *Mr. Allos stated there were no policy changes this month*



**Board/Staff Relations-***Mrs. Lauerman stated there was nothing to report*  
**Negotiating-** *President Bilka made the following statement “The truth will set you free” the RPBOE on March 7<sup>th</sup> made an offer to the RPEA and on March 12<sup>th</sup> the board received a reply that the offer was rejected. This is after the previous offer given on January 19, 2012 was rejected on February 9, 2012.*

**Joint Boards-** *Mrs. Cravello reported on the following: Hackensack High School Art show March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 6-13 Spring Break, March 28, HBOE meeting, Play in April.*

**Bergen County School Boards-** *Mrs. Lauerman had nothing to report*

**New Jersey School Boards-** *Mrs. Lauerman reported that we have a new field rep. Robin Mann*

**Municipal Alliance Liaison-** *Mrs. Cravello reported that applications for the Hackensack youth academy, held during spring break, are available at the Police Department, space is limited.*

### **VIII. 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 Mr. Esposito, seconded by Mr. Verhasselt, to open public comment at 8:12 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0

*Elaine Rainone President of the RPEA stated “The truth will set us free” then proceeded to read a letter from the association regarding negotiations, she expressed that the association members understand the restraints, they are sensitive to the issues. Stated that after the last meeting on September 13, 2011 the association had the understanding that a final agreement had been reached. The Union representative was so confident that he sent the association a bill. Not until the middle of December was the union informed by Fogarty thru Tondi that the RPBOE would not sign. Board didn’t offer to communicate to the union or simply explain why it would not be signed- the union would have met to listen to any offer. Last week they were given another offer, not a fair and reasonable offer. 1<sup>st</sup> offer rejected since September. During this time the association has continued to support the PTA, maintains educational process in the classrooms, lent a hand in recent monitoring, and cares about quality of education. We the members of RPEA are tired of delayed response, fair and equitable settlement the time is now to speak. President Bilka- stated she was glad Mrs. Rainone clarified the last letter. Mrs. Rainone- the other offers never came to the RPEA, no offer was made to this association after September’s meeting.*

*Samantha Rhodes-Our Town Newspaper- last Saturday was cold and windy, children from PreK up were on hand to help out. Children proud of their parents, positive for the town and school spirit.*

Motion by Mrs. Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to close public comment at 8:20 p.m.

Roll Call 6-0

### **X. Announcements**

**The Special Public Hearing on the 2012-2013 School Year Budget will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. in the Media Center.**

**The next Caucus and Regular Meetings will be held on Monday, April 2, 2012, at 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM respectively in the Media Center.**

### **XI. Executive Session Announcement - No Executive Needed**

**XII. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Verhasselt, seconded by Mrs. Lauerma, to adjourn meeting at 8:21 p.m.  
Roll Call 6-0