

**Rochelle Park Board of Education  
Public Continuation Meeting Minutes- 7:00 P.M.  
March 19, 2014**

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

Board Members	Present	Absent
Mr. Mark Scully, Vice President		X (arrived 7:48)
Mr. Sam Allos	X	
Mrs. Arlene Ciliento Buyck	X	
Mrs. Teresa Cravello	X	
Mrs. Maria Lauerman	X	
Mrs. Dimitria Leakas	X	
Mr. Robert J. Esposito, President	X	

Others Present:

- Dennis McDonald, Interim Superintendent
- Christine M. Werner, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Cara Hurd, Principal
- 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 Record and Our Town, in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

**IV. State of the School Address**

Dr. McDonald gave the State of the School Address, highlighting the district’s accomplishments from 2011 to present. He went into detail concerning the three C’s, curriculum, collaboration and communication, sharing a vision of where the district is heading. Dr. McDonald talked about the school goals for this school year; he reviewed the NJASK testing analysis as well as areas of communication, technology and facilities. Dr. McDonald turned the meeting over to Mrs. Werner.

**VI. Preliminary Budget Hearing- Resolution**

Mrs. Werner preceded to give an overview on the preliminary budget, highlighted in this session was the revelation that next year there will be more students going into Hackensack High School than graduating; this will cause a significant increase in the tuition to Hackensack.

The session ended with an opening for any questions from the audience. There were no questions. Dr. McDonald stated the State of the School Address which has the budget session included can be found on the school website.

The Board at this time took a five minute break before reconvening.

**1.BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approves the tentative 2014-2015 School District Budget using the 2014-2015 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$11,618,321	\$10,288,539
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 130,000	0
Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 243,931</u>	<u>\$ 243,931</u>
<b>Total Base Budget:</b>	\$11,992,252	\$10,532,470

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the available Banked Cap in the amount of \$125,982 be appropriated in the 2014-15 school district budget.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** included in the general fund budget is \$183,300 to be withdrawn from the Board of Education's approved Capital Reserve Account to provide the Board of Education's local share of SDA State Project #4470-050-14-1003 for the installation of the Midland School New Sprinkler System Infrastructure.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** included in the general fund budget is \$194,375 to be withdrawn from the Board of Education's approved Capital Reserve Account for purpose of payment of the Referendum projects' principal and interest pending receipt of Debt Service Aid which will be provided to the district in 2015-2016 school year.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to advertise said tentative budget in the The Our Town newspaper in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a public hearing be held in the Rochelle Park Midland School #1 Media Center, 300 Rochelle Avenue, Rochelle Park, New Jersey on May 5, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2014-2015 School Year.

Motion by Mr. Scully, seconded by Mrs. Leakas,  
Roll Call 7-0 Motion Carried

**VII. Announcements**

**The next Caucus Meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 2014, at 7:30 PM in the Media Center.**

**VIII. Executive Session Announcement (if needed) Not Needed**

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. Cravello, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to adjourn meeting at 8:08 p.m.  
Roll Call 7-0 Motion Carried