

**Rochelle Park Board of Education  
Special Public Meeting – 7:00 P.M.  
March 28, 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	
Mrs. Maria Lauerman	X	
Mr. Mark Scully		X
Mrs. Patricia Bilka, President	X	

Others present:

- Bert Ammerman, Interim Superintendent
- John DiPaola, School Business Administrator
- 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 Meeting were sent to all concerned individuals, associations and sent to the Star Ledger, The Record and Our Town, in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

**IV. Presentation of the 2012-2013 School Year Budget:**

John DiPaola presented the budget to the Board of Education and Public.

**V. Public Questions on the 2012-2013 School Year Budget**

*Mrs. Leakas- residing at 41 Powell Ave- questioned the reduction of salary- asked if it was correct to assume not replacing a teacher.*

*Mr. Ammerman stated that was correct- “we will be fine, if we didn’t do that we would have to find the money elsewhere, however, we are able to absorb it.*

*Mrs. Valdyka-residing at 26 Peek St- asked Mr. Ammerman if he was going to make a presentation at the PTA meeting, stating it was done in the past.*

*Mr. Ammerman stated he would if the PTA requested it in writing.*

**Questions from the Board:**

*Mr. Verhasselt asked for a clarification of 2% versus 2.6% and what constitutes that jump?*

*Mr. DiPaola explained that it was the health care costs.*

*Mr. Verhasselt asked if it was allowable by the state.*

*Mr. DiPaola replied yes- state can approve it- they acknowledge that there are increases from 10% to 20% annually in health premiums.*

*Mr. Ammerman complimented John on the presentation, they had met numerous times over the budget along with President Bilka and Vice President Verhasselt.*

*Mr. DiPaola- expressed his thanks to Tatyana for the time she put in working on the PowerPoint and for being at the meeting.*

*Mrs. Lauerman asked if the information would be on the web site.*

*Mr. DiPaola stated a document will be posted on the website- he didn't know what format it would be in.*

## **VI. Item for Board Action - Resolutions**

### **POLICY # 6220 BUDGET PREPARATION**

#### **ADOPTION OF 2012-2013 BUDGET**

**1. Resolved, that the Rochelle Park Board of Education adopts the following 2012-2013 school budget 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>

**Be It Further Resolved,** that the **GENERAL FUND** tax levy \$9,691,383. Is approved to support Current General Expense and \$275,473. To support Debt Service, for the 2012/2013 school year budget; and

**Be It Further Resolved,** that the 2012/2013 school year budget includes automatic adjustments and/or banked cap, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-39(e), in the amount of \$60,000. as an adjustment for health care costs.

Motion by Mrs. Lauerman, seconded by Mr. Esposito  
Roll Call 5-0  
Motion carried

## **VII. 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 Mrs. Cravello, seconded by Mr. Verhasselt, to open public comment at 7:26 p.m.  
Roll Call 5-0

*Mrs. Leakas-residing at 41 Powell Ave- complemented the teachers on the great job they did with the play.*

## **VIII. Executive Session Announcement**

WHEREAS, the Rochelle Park Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") will convene in Executive Session to discuss confidential matters which include:

Parent/Student Legal

NOW THEREFORE 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. Esposito, seconded by Mrs. Lauerman, to open Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.  
Roll Call 5-0

Motion by Mr. Esposito, seconded by Mrs. Cravello, to close Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.  
Roll Call 5-0  
Motion carried

## **IX. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Esposito, seconded by Mrs. Cravello, to adjourn meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Roll Call 5-0  
Motion carried