

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
7:30 P.M., August 7, 2012 – East Rockaway Jr. /Sr. High School
Preceded by a Public Forum

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Linda Schmidt; Neil Schloth; Patti Nicoletti; John Giannotti, Jr.; Superintendent, Dr. Roseanne Melucci; and Director of Finance and Operations, Marcy Tannenbaum

Absent: Kristin Ochtera

1. The meeting was called to order by Linda Schmidt at 4:40 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Neil Schloth.
2. Upon motion by Neil Schloth, seconded by Patti Nicoletti, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the refunding of certain outstanding serial bonds of the District, stating the plan of refunding, appropriating an amount not to exceed \$700,000. Therefore, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$700,000 refunding serial bonds of the district to finance said appropriation, and making certain other determinations all relative thereto.

3. Upon motion by Patti Nicoletti, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel matters and will reconvene at 7:30 pm.
4. The meeting reconvened and was reopened by Linda Schmidt at 7:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Patti Nicoletti. Those present: Members of the Board of Education: Linda Schmidt; Patti Nicoletti; John Giannotti, Jr.; Superintendent, Dr. Roseanne Melucci; and Director of Finance and Operations, Marcy Tannenbaum; District Clerk, Denise Lobascio and members of the community. Those absent: Kristin Ochtera and Neil Schloth.
5. Upon motion by Patti Nicoletti, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr. the minutes of the July 3, 2012 Board of Education meeting were unanimously approved.
6. Acknowledged Receipt of Financial Reports – May 2012
7. Correspondence – 3

8. Action Agenda

A. Personnel

Upon motion by Patti Nicoletti, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the following items #1 – 15 were unanimously approved:

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept, the following resignations:
 - a. Brian Redash, junior high football assistant coaching position, effective August 7, 2012.
 - b. Katherine Tollin, lead monitor, effective August 1, 2012
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of Lauren Stein, from her probationary position as a teaching assistant, effective July 24, 2012.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Dina Reilly to the position of part-time (.7 FTE) assistant principal, effective August 8, 2012, through June 30, 2013, at the prorated Step 1 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Administrators' Association contract for an assistant principal for the 2012-2013 school year.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request for a child rearing leave of absence for Allison Corvi from her speech language teacher position effective September 24, 2012, through December 17, 2012.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the part-time appointment (.67 FTE) of Philip Linder to the position of teaching assistant, effective August 30, 2012, through June 30, 2013, at the prorated Step 2 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for teaching assistants for the 2012-2013 school year and further approve the part-time appointment (.3 FTE) of Philip Linder to the position of Social Studies teacher, effective August 30, 2012, through June 30, 2013, at the prorated MA, Step 2 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2012-2013 school year.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of M. Denise Winter to the position of leave replacement school social worker effective August 30, 2012, through the end of the fall semester of the 2012-2013 school year, at the prorated MA, Step 1 annual salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2012-2013 school year.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Maryann Raffaniello to the position of per diem substitute teacher effective September 4, 2012, through September 28, 2012, and further appoint Maryann Raffaniello to the position of permanent substitute teacher, effective October 1, 2012,

through June 21, 2013, at the per diem salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for substitute teachers for the 2012-2013 school year.

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following coaching appointments at the stipend salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for coaches for the 2012-2013 school year:
 - a. Allison Cerasoli, .65 FTE Junior High Cheerleading, Step 1, Year 1
 - b. Gus Baco, Junior Varsity Soccer (girls), Step 2, Year 3

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following appointments for summer CSE/CPSE meetings, effective July 1, 2012, through August 31, 2012, at the hourly salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2012-2013 school year:
 - a. Kristen Donovan, special education teacher
 - b. Kimberly Rosenkrantz, speech/language teacher

10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Judy Fahrenkrug to the position of teacher aide for the special education summer school program, effective July 5, 2012, through August 10, 2012, at the Step 8 hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association contract for the 2012-2013 school year.

11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Michelle Mahlstadt to the position of leave replacement reading teacher, effective August 30, 2012, through June 30, 2013, at the MA, Step 1 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2012-2013 school year.

12. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of David Katof, to the position of part-time bus driver, effective September 4, 2012, through June 30, 2013, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for part-time bus drivers for the 2012-2013 school year.

13. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following summer temporary assignments, effective August 8, 2012, through August 31, 2012, at the hourly salary approved by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for seasonal cleaners for the 2012-2013 school year:

Seasonal Cleaners:

- a. Matthew Froman
- b. Kathleen Graf

14. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following temporary assignments, effective September 4, 2012, through June 21, 2013, at the salary approved by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for substitute teachers for the 2012-2013 school year:

Per Diem Substitute Teachers:

- a. Danielle Zanoni
- b. Erica Furman
- c. Christina Artusa

15. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the continuation of the “emergency, conditional” personnel appointment for the following individual pending receipt of notification of fingerprint clearance from the State of New York, Department of Education: None

B. Other Items

Upon motion by John Giannotti, Jr., seconded by Patti Nicoletti, the following items #1 – 12 were unanimously approved:

1. Approve the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
2. Approve the following employment agreements and authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreements on behalf of the Board of Education:
 - a. Marcy Tannenbaum, Director of Finance & Operations
 - b. John Piccarella, Director of Curriculum & Technology
 - c. Debra LoVerde, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
 - d. Anthony Quercia, Director of Facilities
 - e. Mary Volino, Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education
 - f. Denise Lobascio, Business Office Secretary, District Clerk
 - g. William Fortgang, Part-time Supervisor of Fine Arts
3. Declare obsolete for purpose of disposal the equipment more fully set forth on the List of Equipment for Disposal dated August 7, 2012.
4. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to enter into agreement with Lionis Pizzeria d/b/a Francesca’s Italian Restaurant as its provider of pizza for the Food Service program for the 2012-2013 school year.

5. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to enter into agreement with the vendors more fully set forth on the Award of Bid – Food Service 2012-2013 dated July 23, 2012, for the East Rockaway Public Schools' Breakfast and Lunch Programs for the 2012-2013 school year.

6. Approve the award of the bid for pupil transportation services for the 2012-2013 school year pursuant to the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement as set forth on the BOCES Bid of June 6, 2012 for Region 2.

7. Approve the award of bids for transportation services to the following companies and authorize the Director of Finance and Operations to execute the resulting contracts on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education:

- a. Acme Bus Corp.
- b. First Student, Inc.
- c. Independent Coach Corp.
- d. WE Transport

8. Authorize the Director of Finance and Operations to extend contracts for the 2012-2013 school year at the Consumer Price Index with the following:

- a. Acme Bus Corp.
- b. Dell Transportation Corp.
- c. First Student, Inc.
- d. Independent Coach Corp.
- e. Suburban Bus Transportation
- f. WE Transport, Inc.

9. Accept the following donations from Holy Moly Productions:

- a. Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for the Music Scholarship Fund
- b. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for the Centre Avenue Class of 2013

10. Accept a donation in the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$1,624.00) from the East Rockaway Kiwanis to compensate the club advisor(s) for the Builders Club during the 2012-2013 school year, and further authorize an increase in budget code 2850-152-00-0000 by said amount.

11. Renew the contract with Carter Brothers Fire & Life Safety and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

12. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the following budget of the necessary claims and expenditures in East Rockaway UFSD (#19) in the Town of Hempstead, school year 2012-2013, amounting to \$35,601,664.00, be and the same is hereby accepted.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$27,335,613.00, the amount which must be raised by taxation for East Rockaway UFSD (#19) of the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, NY, for the year 2012-2013 be levied upon the taxable property of the said school district as said property has been certified by the Assessor for the school year 2012-2013.

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk of this School District is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to Section 6-20.0 and amendments thereto of the Nassau County Administrative Code, to file a certified copy of these resolutions with the Nassau County Legislature and the Department of Assessment, Mineola, NY, on or before August 15, 2012.

C. Budget Transfers

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following budget transfers: None

D. Approval of CSE Recommendations - None

E. Approval of CPSE Recommendations - None

6. Policy Matters

- A. Upon motion by Patti Nicoletti, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the following policies were unanimously approved:

1. 2111, Board Member Authority
2. 2111-E, School Board Member Code of Conduct Exhibit
3. 2120.1, Candidates and Campaigning
4. 2130, Board Member Resignation
5. 2140, Board Member Removal From Office

B. For Review

1. 0100, Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination
2. 0110, E1, E2, Sexual Harassment and exhibits
3. 9140.1, 9140.1 R, Staff Complaints and Grievances and regulation

4. 5300, Code of Conduct

7. Superintendent's Report

We welcome Dina Reilly as the new part-time High School Assistant Principal. We wish her much success.

The school district calendar is now posted on the district website. The calendar will not be mailed to each resident this year. Instead, residents will receive notification that the calendar has been posted.

The administrators and I have met to review the recent 3-8 assessment data for 2011-2012. We will be looking at the data as it compares to the state, to the county, to the other average needs schools in the county and to each cohort. When compared by cohort we notice that students in grades 3-6 have improved their performance in mathematics. We recognize that we need to maintain this progress and also address improvements that are necessary in ELA. We are also looking at the data student by student to determine how we can meet their needs. We plan to use more benchmark assessments this year to identify students' strengths and challenges and apply interventions as they are needed.

There are still a number of staffing positions that we are trying to fill. The administrators are interviewing candidates and we expect to have everyone in place for opening day.

That concludes my report.

8. Privilege of the Floor

9. Board Member Comments

Patti Nicoletti – Welcome Mrs. Reilly. I wish you many years of success here.

John Giannotti, Jr. – Welcome Mrs. Reilly. This is my first year here also.

Linda Schmidt – Welcome to East Rockaway Mrs. Reilly.

10. Upon motion by John Giannotti, Jr., seconded by Patti Nicoletti and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Lobascio
District Clerk

