

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Meeting of the Board of Education
7:30 PM, December 11, 2012 – Centre Avenue School All Purpose Room
Preceded by a Music Presentation and a Public Forum

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Kristin Ochtera; Linda Schmidt, Neil Schloth, Patti Nicoletti, John Giannotti, Jr.; Superintendent, Dr. Roseanne Melucci; and Director of Finance and Operations, Marcy Tannenbaum; District Clerk, Denise Lobascio; staff members and members of the community.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:50 by Kristin Ochtera and Linda Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by Patti Nicoletti, the minutes of the November 13, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. Acknowledged Receipt of Financial Reports – October 2012
4. Correspondence – 2
5. Action Agenda

A. Personnel

1. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by Neil Schloth and unanimously approved, grant tenure to the following staff members on the effective date indicated and subject to satisfactory evaluation:

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Staff Member	Tenure Area	Tenure Date
Robert Kennedy.....	Teaching Assistant.....	February 1, 2013
Marcy Tannenbaum.....	Director of Finance & Operations	January 19, 2013

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Upon motion by Patti Nicoletti, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr. the following items #2-10 were unanimously approved:

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation of Phyllis Jencius, for the purpose of retirement, from her part-time reading teacher position, effective February 28, 2013.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignations:
 - a. Nancy Landerer, monitor, Breakfast Program, effective December 6, 2012
 - b. Erica Furman, substitute teacher, effective November 28, 2012
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the probationary appointment of Laura Risorto to the position of account clerk, 12-month, effective January 2, 2013, at the prorated Step 1 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Secretaries Association Contract for the 2012-2013 school year.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the continuation of M. Denise Winter to the position of leave replacement school social worker, effective January 25, 2013, through June 30, 2013, at the prorated MA, Step 1 annual salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2012-2013 school year.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the continuation of Marissa Mauro to the position of leave replacement mathematics teacher, effective January 25, 2013, through June 30, 2013, at the prorated MA, Step 1 annual salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2012-2013 school year and further approve her continuation as the (.50 FTE) Junior High Honor Society Advisor at the stipend salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Extracurricular Compensation for the 2012-2013 school year.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Mary E. Moreno-Ginnane to the position of leave replacement English teacher, effective January 2, 2013 through June 30, 2013, at the prorated MA, Step 1 annual salary established by

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the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2012-2013 school year.

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Jane A. Faiella to the part-time position of reading teacher to provide extended day services, effective December 12, 2012 through June 21, 2013, at the hourly salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2012-2013 school year.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Lucia Castro to the position of monitor, effective December 12, 2012, at the Step 1 hourly salary set forth in the East Rockaway Food Service & Monitor Union contract for monitors for the 2012-2013 school year.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following temporary assignment at the salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education:
 - a. Thomas Dwyer, substitute teacher aide, effective September 4, 2012, through June 30, 2013
 - b. Dana Zingale, short-term substitute teacher, effective December 4, 2012, through January 4, 2013
 - c. Dana Zingale, short-term substitute teacher, effective January 28, 2013, through March 4, 2013
 - d. Judith Nysenhole, substitute teacher, effective December 12, 2012
 - e. Karin Cooney, substitute teacher aide, effective December 12, 2012
 - f. Kelli Hughes, athletic supervisor, effective December 12, 2012
 - g. Mary E. Moreno-Ginnane, substitute teacher, effective December 12, 2012, through December 21, 2012
 - h. Christian Soto, substitute Administrator in Charge for ALPSS, effective November 21, 2012, through June 30, 2013
11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the continuation of the “emergency, conditional” personnel appointment for the following individuals pending

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receipt of notification of fingerprint clearance from the State of New York, Department of Education: None

B. Other

Upon motion by Neil Schloth, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr. the following items numbered 1-16 were unanimously approved:

1. Approve the terms and conditions of the contract with Peter Garrity for mathematics professional development for the period October 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
2. Approve the admission of one (1) Valley Stream UFSD #13 student, Student I.D. No. 83110001, to attend the East Rockaway Public Schools for the special education summer 2012 program and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the resulting tuition agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
3. Approve the Special Education Consultant Services Contract between the East Rockaway UFSD and The Rebecca Center For Music Therapy at Molloy College for music therapy services for the 2012- 2013 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract.
4. Approve the tuition agreement with Maryhaven Center of Hope for special education services for one (1) student, Student ID No. 180005902, for the 2012-2013 school year and approve the Children's Residential Project Agreement with Maryhaven Center of Hope for residential requirements for one (1) student, Student ID No. 180005902, for the 2012-2013 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the resulting tuition agreement and residential agreement on behalf of the East

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5. Approve the purchase of the following textbooks:

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Journeys 2012 Reading Adventures, Grade K-5 Reading Series

6. Approve for purpose of disposal as obsolete the textbooks specifically listed on the attached Textbook Removal Form.
7. Accept a donation in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) from Target Corporation to Rhame Avenue School and increase budget code 2110-450-03-0000 by said amount.
8. Accept a check in the sum of Eighty-Three Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (\$83.91) from Follet Educational Services to Rhame Avenue School representing proceeds from the sale of discarded books and increase budget code 2110-450-03-0000 by said amount.
9. Accept a donation in the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) from Henry D'Alessandro to the Rhame Avenue School for teaching supplies and increase budget code 2705.200 by said amount.
10. Accept a donation in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from MSG Varsity toward the replacement of the gymnasium mats that were lost in Hurricane Sandy and increase budget code 2705.200 by said amount.
11. Accept a donation from Kelvin L.P. valued at Twenty-Three Thousand Sixteen Dollars (\$23,016.00) for the purpose of replacing equipment and supplies for the high school

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technology classes.

12. Accept a donation from LinguSystems, Inc. for speech language materials and supplies having an estimate valued of Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$912.00).
13. Accept a donation from Club Rock of a Daktronics baseball scoreboard and controller having a value of Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$5,295.00) for the athletic department.
14. Accept a donation from the American Heart Association of a defibrillator having a value of One Thousand Six Hundred (\$1,600.00) Dollars.
15. Approve the adoption of the District's Response to Intervention Plan and the re-adoption of the District's Academic Intervention Services Plan (Grades 5-12) and further authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign and file the LEA Response to Intervention (RtI) Assurance Form with the New York State Department of Education.
16. Approve the following vendors as the providers of pizza for the Food Service program for the 2012-2013 school year:
 - a. Anthony's Pizza
 - b. DiFrancesco's Pizza

Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by Patti Nicoletti, the following items numbered 17 & 18 were unanimously approved:

17. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 925-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, Governor Cuomo has received requests to issue an Executive Order to extend the due date for school taxes by 21 days, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to request

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that Governor Cuomo include East Rockaway UFSD in his Executive Order for the purpose of extending the deadline for school taxes by 21 days from the date such taxes are currently due: November 13, 2012.

18. Approve the following resolution regarding the Board of Education of East Rockaway Union Free School District, New York's intention to reimburse expenditures for storm-related costs from proceeds of tax-exempt obligations of the District.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District (the "Board of Education" and "District," respectively), in the County of Nassau, New York, anticipates that it may be necessary and/or desirable to finance storm-related costs, including expenses related to the reconstruction and repair of District facilities, costs of temporary space for housing of students and staff, transportation costs, and all other costs occasioned by and related to the damage wrought upon the District's facilities by the recent storm (herein referred to as the "Storm-Related Costs"), with the proceeds of the sale of serial bonds, bond anticipation notes, budget notes, and/or revenue anticipation notes of the District, the interest upon which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes (the "Obligations"); and

WHEREAS, prior to the issuance of the Obligations, the Board of Education may desire to pay certain expenditures (the "Expenditures") with respect to Storm-Related Costs from available moneys of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that those moneys to be advanced on and after the date hereof to pay the Expenditures may need to be reimbursed to the District from the proceeds of the Obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education of East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York, hereby resolves (by the favorable vote of not less than a majority of all members of said Board of Education) as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education hereby states its intention and reasonably expects to reimburse Storm-Related Costs incurred prior to the issuance of any Obligations with proceeds of such Obligations. The general character, type, purpose, and function of the Storm-Related Costs are stated above.

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Section 2. The reasonably expected maximum principal amount of the Obligations is not to exceed \$3,500,000.

Section 3. This resolution is being adopted no later than 60 days after the date on which the District will start to expend monies for Storm-Related Costs to be reimbursed from proceeds of the Obligations.

Section 4. This resolution is adopted as official action of the District in order to comply with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 and any other regulations of the Internal Revenue. Service relating to the qualification for reimbursement of District expenditures incurred prior to the date of issue of any Obligations.

Upon motion by John Giannotti, Jr. seconded by Neil Schloth, the following items #19 and 20 were unanimously approved:

19. Approve the contract with Stuart G. Lang, CPA, P.C., for accounting services to complete the 2011-2012 financials.
20. Approve the adoption of the revised 2012-2013 school district calendar.

C. Budget Transfers

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

Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr. the following items marked D&E were unanimously approved:

- D. Approval of CSE Recommendations
- E. Approval of CPSE Recommendations

6. Policy Matters

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A. For Adoption - None

B. For Review

1. 4000, Student Learning Standards and Instructional Guidelines
2. 4321, Programs for Students with Disabilities under the Idea and New York's Education Law Article 89
3. 4322, Programs for the Gifted and Talented
4. 8650, 8650E, School District Compliance with Copyright Laws and Checklist
5. 9000, Personnel Policy Goals
6. 9120.1, Conflict of Interest
7. 9160, Personnel Records
8. 9170, Meals and Refreshments
9. 9260, Conditional Appointment
10. 9320, Drug-Free Workplace

7. Superintendent' Report

Thank you to our music department for entertaining us this evening.

I want to thank the Centre Avenue PTA and parents for opening their hearts to the families from Rhame Avenue. I know it has been an adjustment for all involved but there's always a silver lining. As the children said on Channel 2 News last night, they made new friends, and perhaps some of the parents have also made new friends from this experience.

Rhame Avenue Update

I am pleased to inform you that the final test results became available today and the Rhame Avenue children will return to Rhame on Thursday, December 13th. Although Rhame is ready for general instruction, work will continue in the following areas:

Boilers, Elevator, Gym, library, classroom sinks, PA system, some interior doors, and the playground.

Thank you for your patience with this project.

High School Update

At the High School our immediate attention is addressing any environmental issues in the crawl spaces under parts of the high school. The hygienist was at the high school on Monday to take samples. Once we have the results, which we should have over the weekend, a plan

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of action can be implemented. Work is also continuing in the boiler room and on the electrical panel. As you know the auditorium, music rooms, cafeteria and kitchen, tech building and gymnasiums all require restoration as well as some hallways. It is anticipated that this work will continue for a few months.

We met with FEMA a couple of weeks ago and they assigned a team to us. We are working to complete the various forms for the various categories and were told that the person assigned to us would coordinate our efforts. Not only did that not happen, but we had to meet with a new FEMA team today as they reassigned us. It is very frustrating being dependent on different agencies to complete these projects. I am sure that many of you here tonight are also struggling with trying to get information, and information that is consistent. We will continue to do all we can to return our students back to their high school as quickly as possible.

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Calendar changes

Please make sure you check the website calendar for cancelled activities, such as the Holiday Concerts on December 13th and December 19th, or activities that have been moved to new locations. For example, the January High School meetings on 1/7, 1/16 and 1/28 will be at Centre Avenue.

Make-up Days

As a result of Hurricane Sandy, the East Rockaway School District was closed for nine days. To meet the New York State Education Department requirement for 180 school days, seven days, to be taken from upcoming holiday recesses, will be reinstated.

Therefore, the following vacation days will now be instructional days.

February 18, 19, 20, 21, 22; April 1, 2

In addition, the following vacation days will be designated future weather/snow make-up days, should the district need to close at a later date this year:

March 25—1st make-up day; March 26—2nd make-up day

Furthermore, the February 7th half-day Superintendent's conference day will be a full day of instruction. It will not be an early dismissal day. The revised calendar will be available at

www.eastrokawayschools.org

Jr/Sr High School Midterms

Due to our current situation and limited space at Shubert and Milburn Schools, we will not administer formal midterm exams this year. Instead, teachers may administer cumulative assessments during class time, which will be applied toward the second quarter grade. This will also enable us to capture four instructional days. Regents Exam make-ups will be administered and Mr. Spero is working with Ms. Reilly to designate a space for the exams.

Musical

This year's musical will be performed at Malverne's Auditorium. It will be more of a concert. There will be two performances on Saturday, February 2, 2013—a matinée and an evening performance.

Fundraising activities

Many schools have reached out to fundraise for us. Please visit the gratitude page on our website to see the various activities. Last Sunday Haldane High School had a concert on our behalf. Tomorrow night, Jericho High School will be having a Talent Show where students from Jericho and East Rockaway will perform. On December 19, Barton Elementary School in Patchogue-Medford will be having its Holiday concert and a raffle on our behalf.

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Yesterday we learned that National PTA awarded the Rhame Avenue PTA a \$5000 grant. Mrs. Maltempi, Mrs. McGeary and all those who are responsible for this gift, I thank you. Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in helping us in our recovery. We also appreciate how ROK Fitness has assisted us with our weight training program by allowing our students to train there after school from 3:00 – 4:30.

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Other News

Five out of six fall teams have qualified for the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete designation. The teams are: Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Volleyball, Girls Soccer and Girls Tennis. Congratulations to our athletes and their coaches and teachers.

That concludes my report.

8. Privilege of the Floor

- Midterms
- Cost of repairing buildings
- Contract with Baldwin
- Mrs. Guggino thank you.
- Staffing

9. Board Member Comments

Linda Schmidt – Happy holidays. Thank you to the music department; it warms the heart to hear the kids sing. We are working hard to get the job done.

Neil Schloth – Thank you to everyone for working with us to make our job easier. Mr. Silk and Mrs. Guggino working together for all the students taught us lesson to be learned.

Congratulations to those receiving tenure. I want to mention the cross country team, Cara, Carly and Jonathan, who managed to attend a competition right after the storm. Thank you for coming. See you next year.

John Giannotti, Jr. –I want to wish everyone a Happy and healthy New Year.

Patti Nicoletti – Our school district has had a very taxing end to 2012 but I believe the many generous people and organizations who have donated to our district and to staff members like Mr. Ezell and our senior chorus exemplify the diligent spirit of East Rockaway. Despite the challenges they faced, we had a wonderful music presentation tonight. Thank you all. I wish everyone a happy holiday and a healthy, uneventful new year.

Kristin Ochtera – There are two events happening in East Rockaway I would like to mention: Tomorrow at Bay Bark the Town of Hempstead will be giving out 100 free Christmas trees at 5:00 pm. On December 22, the Church of the Nazarene will be hosting SandyClaus for Kids.

10. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by Neil Schloth and unanimously passed the meeting

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was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Lobascio
District Clerk

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