

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
East Rockaway, New York  
Meeting of the Board of Education  
7:30 PM, February 12, 2013 – Centre Avenue School All Purpose Room  
Preceded by a Presentation on High School Construction,  
a Presentation from the President of the East Rockaway Education Foundation  
and a Public Forum

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Kristin Ochtera; Linda Schmidt, 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.

Absent: Neil Schloth

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Linda Schmidt.
2. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr. the minutes of the January 15, 2013 meeting was unanimously approved.
3. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports – December 2012
4. Correspondence - None
5. Action Agenda

A. Personnel

Upon motion by John Giannotti, Jr., seconded by Patti Nicoletti the following items 1 – 9 were unanimously approved:

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, grant tenure to the following staff member on the effective date indicated and subject to satisfactory evaluation:

Staff Member	Tenure Area	Tenure Date
Gina Sardegna.....	Teaching Assistant.....	February 1, 2013

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignations:
  - a. Maribeth Frankini, monitor, effective January 24, 2013

- b. Rachele Kempton, junior varsity volleyball coach, effective January 28, 2013
  - c. MaryBeth Palazzolo, mathematics teacher for the ALPSS program, effective February 14, 2013
  - d. Emanuela Matthews, science teacher for the ALPSS program, effective March 1, 2013
  - e. Valerie Gensheimer, monitor (breakfast program), effective February 8, 2013
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, terminate the services of Steven Duggan, as a custodian, effective January 25, 2013.
  4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Heather Loughran to the position of leave replacement teaching assistant, effective January 17, 2013, through June 30, 2013, at the prorated Step 1, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for teaching assistants for the 2012-2013 school year.
  5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Sherina Lugo to the position of part-time (.8 FTE) reading teacher, effective March 1, 2013, through June 30, 2013, at the prorated MA, Step 1, 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 Angela Debellis to the position of part-time (.2 FTE) foreign language teacher, effective January 28, 2013, through June 30, 2013, at the prorated BA, Step Entry, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2012-2013 school year.
  7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the probationary appointment of Sara Licklider to the position of teaching assistant, (tenure area: teaching assistant; certification status: initial), effective February 13, 2013, through February 12, 2016, at the prorated Step 1, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for teaching assistants for the 2012-2013 school year.
  8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the spring sports 2012-2013 coaching assignments as more fully set forth on the 2012-2013 Spring Coaching Schedule dated February 12, 2013.
  9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following temporary assignments at the salary approved by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for the 2012-2013 school year:
    - a. Francesco Florio, substitute cleaner, effective January 24, 2013

- b. Allison McKeon, substitute teacher aide (ALPSS), effective February 13, 2013
- c. Thomas Dwyer, substitute teacher aide (ALPSS), effective February 13, 2013
- d. Michael Periera, substitute cleaner, effective February 13, 2013

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

B. Other

Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the following items #1-5 were unanimously approved:

1. Accept, with regret, the resignation, dated February 2013, of Roseanne C. Melucci, Ed.D., for the purpose of retirement, from her position as Superintendent of Schools, effective July 31, 2013.
2. Approve the 2013-2014 school district calendar.
3. Accept the following donations from the East Rockaway Education Foundation:
  - a. \$2,000 for the sixth grade Greenkill trip and deposit said funds into the East Rockaway Student Activity Account for that purpose
  - b. \$2,500 for the physical education/athletic program and increase budget code 2855-450-09-0000
  - c. \$5,000 for technology education and increase budget code 2110-450-01-0026
  - d. \$7,500 for the music department and increase budget code 2110-200-01-0028
4. Accept the following donations for the purpose of replacing items lost in Hurricane Sandy:
  - a. a Jupiter baritone saxophone valued at \$4,800 from the Syosset School District
  - b. \$1,000.00 from the Long Island Association of Special Education Administrators (LIASEA) and increase budget code 2250-450-04-0000
  - c. \$500.00 from Juan E. Gonzalez to replace science equipment lost at East Rockaway Jr/Sr High School and increase budget code 2110-200-01-0030
  - d. \$1,000.00 from the American Legion Post 958 and increase budget code 2110-450-01-0028
  - e. \$1,607.69 from Patchogue-Medford Schools Helping Hands Program and increase budget code 2110-450-01-0000
  - f. Tiles for the auditorium having a value of \$5,125.00 from Tile by Design Inc.
  - g. School supplies and materials for Rhame Avenue School from the Jewish Institute of Queens valued at \$1,000.00

- h. \$3,345.30 from the Haldane Central School District high school fundraiser, *Concert for Sandy Relief* and increase budget code 2110-200-01-0000
  - i. Children's books from Random House Children's Books valued at \$600
5. Accept the following donations to the Rhame Avenue School and authorize an increase in budget code 2110-450-03-0000:
- a. \$874.00 from South Mountain Elementary School; Wausau, Wisconsin
  - b. \$100.00 from Lorraine Liberti
  - c. \$6,052.20 from Tritt Elementary School; Marietta, Georgia
  - d. \$158.55 from Kingston Elementary School; Conway, South Carolina

Upon motion by Patti Nicoletti, seconded by Linda Schmidt, the following items #6-8 were unanimously approved:

6. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement dated February 6, 2013, between the Board of Education and the East Rockaway Teachers Association, concerning a one-time retirement incentive for members of the teachers bargaining unit and authorize the Superintendent to execute the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

7. Approve the terms of the Letter Agreement dated February 12, 2013, between the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District and the East Rockaway Teachers Association for the employment of a school social worker currently on a child rearing leave of absence to render services as needed on a per diem basis to students in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Letter Agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

8. WHEREAS, the District has been generously offered a donation of supplies and labor, valued at \$15,000, for a construction project involving the renovation of the Jr/Sr High School Auditorium, which was damaged during Superstorm Sandy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the donation and hereby authorizes and approves all requisite agreements and contracts made to date relating to the foregoing project, subject to their review and approval by the District's legal counsel, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute such agreements and contracts on behalf of the Board.

C. Budget Transfers - None

D. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the CSE recommendations were unanimously approved.

E. Upon motion by John Giannotti, Jr., seconded by Patti Nicoletti the CPSE recommendations were unanimously approved.

6. Policy Matters - None

7. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent read a retirement message to the community. Message was posted to website and Superintendent's webpage.

8. Privilege of the Floor

- One community member thanked Dr. Melucci for her years of service.

9. Board Member Comments

**Patti Nicoletti** – Congratulations to Ms. Sardegna on her tenure. Thank you to the Education Foundation. It saddens me that East Rockaway will lose Dr. Melucci as our superintendent. She has been hard-working, diligent, and conducted herself with grace through all the hardships we have endured as a result of the storm. I wish her only the best in her retirement.

**John Giannotti, Jr.** – I wish I had more time with Dr. Melucci.

**Linda Schmidt** – Thank you Richard for all the donations. Dr. Melucci, we will miss you dearly.

**Kristin Ochtera** – Eleven years ago, when Dr. Melucci was hired as the Director of Curriculum and Technology, I was active in the PTA and vocal about my concerns for the district. Over the years, Dr. Melucci has suffered through many, many, many of my questions. She has always responded with grace and integrity. With the help of her administration team and the dedicated staff, she has made great strides in this district. We thank her for her service to the children and wish her "Good luck" in all her future endeavors.

10. Upon motion by John Giannotti, Jr. seconded by Linda Schmidt and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Lobascio  
District Clerk