

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
East Rockaway, New York  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
7:30 P.M., February 11, 2014 - East Rockaway Jr. /Sr. High School  
Preceded by Recognition of the Robotics Team, a Presentation on Music Therapy  
and a Public Forum

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2014
3. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports – December 2013
4. Correspondence - None
5. Action Agenda
  - A. Personnel
    1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignation(s):
      - a. Gina Hamsley, monitor, effective January 28, 2014
      - b. Anthony Pignataro, junior varsity baseball coach, effective January 21, 2014
      - c. Teresa Borodin-Rossi, food service worker, effective February 11, 2014
      - d. Lorraine Pieck, substitute food service worker, effective February 11, 2014
    2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of Vincent D'Amico as the Assistant Business Manager, as well as all other ancillary positions held by him, for the purpose of retirement, effective February 28, 2014.
    3. Approve the appointment of Joan L. Colvin, part-time Interim Business Official to serve as the Medicaid Compliance Officer, effective February 17, 2014.
    4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Wendy Beauchesne to the position of leave replacement kindergarten teacher, effective November 13, 2013, through June 30, 2014, at the prorated MA, Step Entry annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association Contract for the 2013-2014 school year.
    5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the spring sports 2013-2014 coaching assignments as more fully set forth on the 2013-2014 Spring Coaching Schedule dated February 11, 2014.

6. Approve the appointment of Lorriane Pieck, to the position of food service worker effective February 12, 2014, at the Step 1 hourly salary set forth in the East Rockaway Food Service and Monitor Union contract for the 2013-2014 school year.
7. 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 substitute workers for the 2013-2014 school year:
  - a. Teresa Borodin Rossi, substitute food service worker, effective February 12, 2014
  - b. Binafshah Hussan, substitute food service worker, effective February 12, 2014
  - c. Maria Rouzinou, substitute food service worker, effective February 12, 2014

#### B. Other Items

1. Rescind Other Item No. 8 from the January 14, 2014 agenda and minutes.
2. Rescind Item No. 40 from the July 2, 2013, Board of Education meeting authorizing the Superintendent of Schools in the absence of the Director of Finance and Operations to serve as purchasing agent.
3. Authorize John Piccarella in the absence of the Director of Finance and Operations to serve as purchasing agent.
4. Accept a donation from the East Rockaway Education Foundation in the sum of Ten Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$10,200.00) for the following:
  - a. \$10,000.00 for the physical education, health and athletics department
  - b. \$200.00 for general purpose as the district deems appropriate
5. Approve the purchase of the following textbook:

Ross Fardo Masterson Towers; Robotics - Theory and Industrial Applications;  
Goodheart-Wilcox, Tinley Park, Illinois 2011
6. Approve the terms and conditions of the following contracts for consultation services during the 2013-2014 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contracts on behalf of the Board of Education:
  - a. RCP Consultants for grant writing professional development services
  - b. BookSmart Accounting for accounting services
  - c. Shari Dorfman, for Dignity for All Students Act training
  - d. Ruth Rosenberg, for Dignity for All Students Act training

7. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, our nation's and New York State's future well-being relies on a high-quality public education system that prepares all students for college, careers, citizenship and lifelong learning, and strengthens that nation's social and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, our nation's school systems have been spending excessive amounts of time, money and energy on high-stakes standardized testing, in which student performance on standardized tests is used to make major decisions affecting individual students, educators and schools; and

WHEREAS, the overreliance on high-stakes standardized testing in state and federal accountability systems is undermining educational quality and equity in U.S. public schools by hampering educators' efforts to focus on the broad range of learning experiences and promote the innovation, creativity, problem-solving, collaboration, communication, critical thinking and deep subject-matter knowledge that will allow students to thrive in a democracy and an increasingly global society and economy; and

WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that standardized testing is an inadequate and often unreliable measure of both student learning and educator effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the over-emphasis on standardized testing has caused considerable collateral damage in too many schools, including narrowing the curriculum, teaching to the test, reducing love of learning, pushing students out of school, driving excellent teachers out of the profession, and undermining school climate; and

WHEREAS, high-stakes standardized testing has negative effects for students from all backgrounds, and especially for low income students, English language learners, and those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Race to the Top funding does not adequately address significant costs associated with the implementation of the new APPR and Common Core Learning Standards, such as hiring professionals to ensure local assessments at grades 4-8 are valid, or other test construction and implementation costs; and

WHEREAS, that the East Rockaway School District calls on Governor Cuomo, Commissioner King, the state Legislature, and the Board of Regents to reexamine public school accountability systems in this state, including the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) and to develop a system based on multiple forms of assessment which does not require extensive standardized testing, more accurately reflects the broad range of student learning, and is used to support students and improve schools; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the East Rockaway School District calls on the U.S. Congress and Administration to overhaul the Elementary and Secondary Educational Act (currently known as the "No Child Left Behind Act"), reduce the testing mandates, promote multiple forms of evidence of student learning and school quality in accountability, and not

mandate any fixed role for the use of student test scores in evaluating educators.

8. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that Carol Hernandez be appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Registration for the annual District Election to be held on May 20, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes Carol Hernandez, a member of the board of registration, to be available for the purpose of registering qualified voters of the District during kindergarten registration periods.

C. Budget Transfers

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following budget transfers:

- a. Transaction No. 14-0006

D. Approval of CSE Recommendations

E. Approval of CPSE Recommendations

6. Policy Matters

1. For Adoption

- a. 5205, Eligibility
- b. 1900, Parental Involvement

2. For Review

- a. 5100, Attendance

7. Good and Welfare

- a. Condolences to Cesar Gil and the family of John Bishop, beloved art teacher, who passed on January 16, 2014
- b. Condolences Karin Leary on the passing of her uncle, Gerard Lagasse, and her grandmother, Genevieve Pollock
- c. Condolences to Lisa Ruiz, on the passing of her uncle, Peter Turner
- d. Condolences to Dominick Vulpis on the passing of his cousin, Jeanine Rinn
- e. Congratulations to Casey Meaney, teaching assistant at Centre Avenue, on her engagement to Jonathan Wise

f. Congratulations to Keri Gang, teaching assistant at Centre Avenue, on her engagement to Kevin Clarke

8. Superintendent's Report

9. Privilege of the Floor

10. Board Member Comments

11. Adjournment