

East Rockaway, New York
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
7:30 P.M., August 5, 2014 – East Rockaway Jr. /Sr. High School
Preceded by a Public Forum

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Patricia Nicoletti, Neil R. Schloth, John Giannotti, Jr., Keith Gamache; Superintendent, Lisa J. Ruiz; Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations and Deputy District Clerk, James P. Robinson; John Piccarella, Director of Curriculum & Technology; staff members and members of the community

Absent: President, Kristin Ochtera; District Clerk, Denise Lobascio

1. The meeting was called to order by Neil R. Schloth at 7:40 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Patricia Nicoletti.
2. Approval of Minutes – None
3. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports – None
4. Correspondence – None
5. Action Agenda

A. Personnel

Upon motion by Neil R. Schloth, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the following personnel items No. 1 through 6, were unanimously approved:

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept, the following resignations:
 - a. Cinzia Lister, typist clerk, effective August 15, 2014
 - b. Sharon Kitzi, part-time music teacher, effective July 7, 2014
2. Upon the recommendation of the superintendent, grant tenure to Jessica Howell, special education teacher, effective September 1, 2014, subject to continued satisfactory evaluation.

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Sarah Kane to the position of leave replacement elementary teacher, effective August 28, 2014, through June 30, 2015, at the MA, Step 1, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2014-2015 school year.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the two-year probationary appointment of Sabrina Mallor (tenure area: speech; certification status: permanent) to the position of speech/language teacher effective August 28, 2014, through August 27, 2016, at the prorated MA, Step 2 annual salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2014-2015 school year.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the probationary appointment of Wendy Beauchesne to the position of elementary teacher, (tenure area: elementary; certification status: initial), effective August 28, 2014, through November 12, 2016, at the MA10, Step 1, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2014-2015 school year.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the probationary appointment of Jack Bixhorn to the position of elementary teacher, (tenure area: elementary; certification status: initial), effective August 28, 2014, through August 27, 2017, at the MA, Step 1, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2014-2015 school year.

B. Other Items

Upon motion by Keith Gamache, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the following Other Items No. 1 through 13, were unanimously approved:

1. Approve the agreement with Tina Fazi as the temporary business office secretary and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
2. Approve the In-District Calendar Editor stipend as set forth on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule, effective July 1, 2014.
3. Approve the tuition agreement with Oceanside UFSD for one (1) student, Student ID No. 180005183 for 2013 – 2014 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the resulting tuition agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

4. Approve the special education services agreement with Hicksville UFSD for special education services for one (1) student, Student ID No. 180007464 for 2014 – 2015 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the resulting tuition agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
5. Approve the tuition agreement with Great Neck UFSD for one (1) student, Student ID No. 180006250 for 2014 – 2015 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the resulting tuition agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
6. Accept a donation from Carol Hernandez to the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School Life Skills Program for items purchased from Kohl's in the amount of \$231.86.
7. Accept a donation of books from Crystal Spring having an approximate value of \$500 for the Rhame Avenue School.
8. Approve the purchase of the following book:
Morena, Moneti, Melucci, Lazzarino. Da Capo 7th Edition. Heinle Cengage Learning, 2010
9. Approve the free and reduced lunch program income eligibility schedule for the 2014-2015 school year.
10. Approve the school lunch program prices for the 2014-2015 school year as follows:
 - a. Elementary School Lunch, \$2.60
 - b. Secondary School Lunch, \$2.75
11. Approve the contract with HMB Consultants for child nutrition bid specifications and evaluation of food service management company services for use for the 2014-2015 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
12. Authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to extend transportation contracts for the 2014-2015 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. Veterans Transportation Co.
 - g. WE Transport, Inc.
13. Approve the awards of the bids for transportation services to the following companies and authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to execute the resulting contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education:
- a. Bauman Bus Company
 - 1. Career Prep High School
 - 2. Hamza Academy
 - 3. Rosemary Kennedy School
 - 4. St. Martin de Porres School
 - 5. Village High School
 - b. First Student, Inc.
 - 1. Carle Place High School
 - 2. GC Tech
 - 3. United Cerebral Palsy Center
 - 4. Willet Avenue Middle School
 - c. Veterans Transportation Co.
 - 1. Displaced students to Rhame Avenue School
 - d. Independent Coach Corp.
 - 1. St. Agnes Cathedral School

Upon motion of John Giannotti, Jr., seconded by Neil R. Schloth, the following Other Items No. 14 through 16, were unanimously approved:

14. Approve the application to the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Program, #28-02-19-03-0-004-001 East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School as follows:
- 1. Technology Education Building: Interior Reconstruction consisting of structural slab; replacement and reconstruction; electrical replacement; interior finishes.

WHEREAS in 1995, amendments were made to the SEQRA Regulation (Part 617) to classify projects, which will be excluded from the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (Type II Actions). The projects mentioned above are now classified as Type II Actions as determined by 6NYCRR§617.5; and

WHEREAS, these projects fall under the following categories:

- A. Routine Maintenance and Repair 6NYCRR§617.5(c) (1): Maintenance or repair involving no substantial change in an existing facility.
 - B. Replace or Rehabilitation 6NYCRR§617.5(c)(2): replacement or rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, unless the work exceeds a threshold for a Type I action in 6NYCRR§617.4
- and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute to application and further authorize the District Clerk to execute and submit the declaration that the projects fall under Categories "A", "B" or "C" for "No Additional Required Action" under 6NYCRR§617.5(a) – Type II Actions Only as required by SEQRA regulations.

15. Approve the attached bond resolution of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, New York, adopted August 5, 2014, authorizing the refunding of certain outstanding serial bonds of said district, stating the plan of refunding, appropriating an amount not to exceed \$6,100,000 therefor, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$6,100,000 refunding serial bonds of the district to finance said appropriation, and making certain other determinations all relative thereto. See Attachment 1.

16. 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, for the school year 2014-2015, amounting to \$37,295,028.00, be and the same is hereby accepted.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$28,760,630.00, the amount which must be raised by taxation for East Rockaway UFSD (#19) of the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, NY, for the year 2014-2015 be levied upon the taxable property of the said school district as said property has been certified by the Assessor for the school year 2014-2015.

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, 2014.

C. Budget Transfers - None

D. Approval of CSE Recommendations - None

E. Approval of CPSE Recommendations - None

6. Policy Matters - None

7. Good and Welfare

- a. Congratulations to Aida Rubin on the birth of her grandson, Greyson, a 10 pound baby boy

8. Superintendent's Report

At this point, we will not be appointing a principal tonight, but we are continuing our search and will be interviewing additional candidates next week. We have developed a contingency plan for the opening of school that I will be presenting to the Board in the event we do not have a principal in place for the opening of school.

We hired for the following instructional positions: Chairperson for Science and Math, elementary teacher and reading teachers, speech/language teachers, school psychologist, music teachers and science teachers. We will continue in the process for a principal for the Rhame Avenue School as well as reading teachers for the elementary schools. Our custodial staff is working hard preparing the buildings for the opening of school. They are doing a fabulous job and the buildings will all look beautiful for our students return in September. I thank each of them for their hard work.

On July 22, our administrative teach held their retreat at the De Seversky Mansion on the campus of the New York Institute of Technology. Our Director of Guidance, Mona Hecht, arranged for us to hold this event in the library of the mansion which was donated by the New York Institute of Technology along with a catered lunch. We thank NYIT for their donation and Mrs. Hecht's for her efforts. The day was very productive. Several administrators lead workshops on leadership and various other topics tied to student achievement. We look forward to implementing many of the strategies learned during the school year.

9. Privilege of the Floor

- Gym
- Board Walk Through Schedule
- Teenagers and "ruffians" hang out on Centre Avenue grounds
- Cameras and lights
- Groundskeeping at Rhame regarding mowing and snow removal

10. Board Member Comments

Keith Gamache – Thank you for attending tonight's meeting. Enjoy the rest of summer.

John Giannotti, Jr. – Thank you for attending our board meeting.

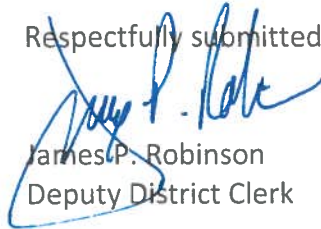
Neil R. Schloth – Congratulations to Mrs. Ruiz on her one-year anniversary as Superintendent with East Rockaway Schools

Patricia Nicoletti – Thank you, Neil, for bringing Mrs. Ruiz' anniversary to the Board's attention.

Mrs. Ruiz – Expressed her gratitude

11. Upon motion by Neil R. Schloth, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James P. Robinson
Deputy District Clerk

