

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

East Rockaway, New York

Special Meeting of the Board of Education

7:00 P.M., June 28, 2016

It is anticipated the Board will immediately adjourn into Executive Session and reconvene in Public at 8:00 PM  
Superintendent's Office, East Rockaway Jr. /Sr. High School

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Kristin Ochtera, Neil R. Schloth  
John Giannotti, Jr., Superintendent, Lisa J. Ruiz; Assistant Superintendent  
for Finance & Operations, James P. Robinson; Assistant Superintendent for  
Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, John Piccarella

Patti Nicoletti arrived at 8:15 pm

Absent: Keith Gamache

1. The meeting was called to order by Kristin Ochtera at 7:00 pm and immediately convened into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Executive session conclude at 8:45 pm and the meeting reconvened in the Band Room at 8:45 pm. Ms. Ochtera called the meeting to order at 8:50 p.m. and John Giannotti, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Minutes - None
3. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports - None
4. Correspondence - None
5. Action Agenda
  - A. Personnel

Upon motion made by John Giannotti, Jr., and seconded by Patti Nicoletti, the following Items 1 and 2 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of James P. Robinson, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations effective at the close of business on August 5, 2016.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the probationary appointment of Jacqueline A. Scrio to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, effective August 1, 2016, and authorize the Superintendent to execute the employment agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

## B. Other Items

Ms. Ochtera asked Mr. Robinson to provide an update regarding Other Items (B) (1), the draft settlement agreement. Mr. Robinson explained the details and history of this matter as well as the most recent conversations with our legal counsel and the recommendation for participating in the settlement agreement.

### 1. Discussion Item – LIPA PILOT Settlement Agreement

#### 6. Board Member Comments:

Patti Nicoletti: Ms. Nicoletti commended and thanked Mr. Robinson for his hard work and insight on all matters and specifically the District's Five Year Strategic Plan. She thanked him for impressing our students with the impact of the budget on the school district.

Neil Schloth: Mr. Schloth thanked Mr. Robinson for the good job he has done in streamlining, expanding, improving and implementing cost saving measures in connection with the District's finances and budget.

John Giannotti, Jr.: Mr. Giannotti Jr., thanked Mr. Robinson for helping him and his fellow board members understand the details and impact of the budget.

Ms. Ruiz expressed her deep regret in accepting Mr. Robinson's resignation this evening. Although saddened with his departure, she wished him well. Mr. Robinson has worked very closely with her in making positive changes in the District. She stated that we greatly appreciate his hard work and leadership.

#### 7. Upon motion made by John Giannotti, Jr., and seconded by Neil Schloth, and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James P. Robinson  
Deputy District Clerk