

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Meeting of the Board of Education
7:30 PM, June 10, 2014 – East Rockaway Jr/Sr High School,
Recognition of Art Awards for Student Artists, Recognition
of Valedictorian and Salutatorian Recognition of Retirees
and
Installation of PTA Officers
and a Public Forum

MINUTES

Present: Kristin Ochtera, Patti Nicoletti; Neil Schloth; Linda Schmidt; John Giannotti, Lisa J. Ruiz, Superintendent; Dr. Joan Colvin, Interim Business Official; John Piccarella, Director of Curriculum and Technology; Denise Lobascio, District Clerk.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kristin Ochtera.
2. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr. the minutes of the following meetings were unanimously approved:
 - a. May 13, 2014
 - b. May 20, 2014
3. Acknowledged Receipt of Financial Reports – April 2014
4. Correspondence – One
5. Action Agenda

A. Personnel

Upon motion by Patti Nicoletti, seconded by Neil Schloth, the following items #1-12 were unanimously approved:

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignations:
 - a. Andrew Rinn, Varsity Cross Country Coach, effective April 29, 2014
 - b. Ann Marie Itgen, teaching assistant, effective May 21, 2014
 - c. Joseph Wasniewski, food service worker/driver, effective May 21, 2014
 - d. Paul Stellino, school district treasurer, effective June 30, 2014
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Robert Hennessy to the position of food service worker/driver, effective June 2, 2014, at the

Step 1 hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Food Service and Monitor Union contract for the 2013-2104 school year.

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Melinda Best to the position of ESL teacher for the Jump Start Program, effective August 11, 2014, to August 15, 2014, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2014-2015 school year.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following special education summer school appointments, effective July 7, 2014, through August 15, 2014, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2014-2015 school year:

Kathleen Crowley	Special Education Teacher
Kristen Donovan	Special Education Teacher
Erin Kennedy	Special Education Teacher
Marisa Solan	Special Education Teacher
Randi Kilcommons	Special Education Teacher/Resource Room
Allison Gerbert.....	Special Education/Reading Teacher
Jane Faiella.....	Reading Teacher
Monica Saavedra.....	Reading Teacher
AnnMarie Saavedra.....	School Psychologist
Bethany Kinkaid	School Psychologist
Nicole Morreale	Speech/Language Teacher
Eileen Levine	Speech/Language Teacher
.....	Substitute Teacher
Nancy Laurino	Substitute Teacher

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following special education summer school teacher aide appointments, effective July 7, 2014, through August 15, 2014, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association contract for the 2014-2015 school year:

Janet Block
Jessica Giliberti
Linda Lindsley
Stefanie Medina

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following summer school nurse appointments for the special education summer school program, effective July 7, 2014, through August 15, 2014, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for

the 2014-2015 school year:

Alice Calabrese
Renee Duncan
Kristyn Klemm-Smith

- 7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Francesca DeVivo to the position of summer monitor, effective July 7, 2014, through August 15, 2014, at the Step 12 hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Food Service and Monitors Union agreement for the 2014-2015 school year.
- 8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following temporary summer assignments, effective July 7, 2014, through August 15, 2014, at the salary approved by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for the 2014-2015 school year:

Latecia Lee, substitute teacher aide
Jill Toy, substitute teacher aide
Gina Sardegna, substitute teacher aide
Melissa Hawxhurst, substitute summer monitor
Sueann Monzelluzzo, substitute summer monitor [bus monitor]
Kristen Martin, substitute summer school nurse

- 9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following appointments for summer CSE/CPSE meetings, effective July 1, 2014, through August 31, 2014, at the hourly salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2014-2015 school year:

Laura Peterson	General Education Teacher
Dawn O'Shea Rooney.....	General Education Teacher
Laura Peterson	Special Education Teacher
Eileen Levine	Special Education Teacher
Monica Saavedra.....	School Psychologist
Ann Marie Kenny-Chapur	School Psychologist
Bethany Kinkaid	Speech/Language Teacher

- 10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the fall coaching assignments more fully set forth on the 2014-2015 Fall Coaching Schedule at the stipended salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2014-2015 school year.

- 11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Driver and Traffic Safety Instructor appointments, effective June 27, 2014, through August 8,

2014, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years:

Christian Soto
Dominick Vulpis
Nicholas Cimorelli

12. 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 2013-2014 school year:

- a. Suzanne Torborg, athletic supervision, effective May 1, 2014
- b. Scott Miller, substitute cleaner, effective June 11, 2014
- c. Nicholas Maniaci, substitute cleaner, effective June 11, 2014

6. Other

Upon motion by Neil Schloth, seconded by John J. Giannotti, Jr. the following items #1-6 were unanimously approved:

1. Accept a donation from the East Rockaway Education Foundation in the sum of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Six and 10/100 Dollars (\$9,226.10) for:
 - a. \$2,199.00, high school Technology Department, 3D printer
 - b. \$3,500.00, high school Guidance Department
 - c. \$728.46, Center Avenue School, 3 Ipad minis with cases
 - d. \$500.00, Center Avenue School, Reading Program, "Book Club" books
 - e. \$79.84, Enterprise Program, six books
 - f. \$500.00, high school anti-drug assembly
 - g. \$1,418.80, Centre and Rhame Avenue School Elementary Art, mat boards
 - h. \$300.00, Rhame Avenue School second grade garden project
2. Approve the purchase of the following textbooks:
 - a. Appleby, Brinkley, et al. United States History & Geography. Ohio: McGraw Hill Education 2014
 - b. Henretta, Edwards, Self. America, A Concise History for AP. Boston.New York: Bedford/St. Martin's 2012
3. Approve the Professional Development Plan for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016.
4. Approve the tuition agreement with United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County, Inc. for one student, Student ID No. 180005897 for the period July 1, 2014,

through June 30, 2015, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

5. Approve the admission of the following students to attend the East Rockaway Public Schools for the Special Education Summer 2014 Program and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the tuition agreements between the Board of Education of East Rockaway UFSD and the Board of Education of the sending school districts:
 - a. Lynbrook student, I.D. No. 20220959
 - b. Freeport student, I.D. No. 1000452
 - c. Long Beach, I.D. No. 180007592

6. Approve the contract with Mary Joe Brown for physical therapy services for the special education summer program, effective July 7, 2014 through August 15, 2014, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

7. Upon motion by Patti Nicoletti, seconded by John J. Giannotti, Jr. the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District has heretofore duly established the following reserves:

- a. Capital Reserve for Building Improvements and Repairs
- b. Capital Reserve for Technology
- c. Reserve for Retirement Contributions

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District authorize the Director of Finance and Operations to fund the reserves and assign amounts from the unappropriated fund balance as follows:

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount Not to Exceed
General Fund's Unappropriated Fund Balance		\$1,350,000.00
	Capital Reserve for Building Improvements and Repairs II	\$200,000.00
	Capital Reserve for Technology II	\$200,000.00
	Capital Fund for Building Improvements and Repairs	\$200,000.00
	Capital Fund for Technology	\$200,000.00
	Reserve for Retirement Contributions	\$400,000.00
	Assigned for School Lunch Fund	\$150,000.00

8. Upon motion by Linda Schmdit, followed by Neil Schloth the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law section 2034(6)(b), the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District orders the opening and the unsealing of the ballot box for the May 21, 2013, Budget Vote and Election and for all previous District meetings and elections and orders the destruction of all ballots contained therein.

9. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by Neil Schloth, the following reslolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the proposed 2014-2015 budget for school purposes in the total amount of Thirty Seven Million, Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$37,295,028.00) be adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District authorizes the expenditure of said sum during the ensuing school year, and the necessary taxes upon the taxable property of the school district to meet said expenditures after first deducting the monies available from state aid and other sources.

10. Upon motion by John J. Giannotti, seconded by Linda Schmidt, the following items #10 – 18 were unanimously approved:

11. Effective June 16, 2014, terminate the services of Joan L. Colvin, as the Interim School Business Official, from the following positions: Deputy District Clerk, Records Access Officer, Records Management Officer, and Medicaid Compliance Officer.
12. Effective June 16, 2014, terminate the authority of Joan L. Colvin, in her capacity as the Interim School Business Official, to serve as the school district purchasing agent, and sign contracts with the lowest responsible bidders for transportation services and other commodities and services as appropriate.
13. Effective June 16, 2014, approve the appointment of James Robinson, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, to serve as the Deputy District Clerk, Records Access Officer, Records Management Officer, and Medicaid Compliance Officer.
14. Effective June 16, 2014, approve the appointment of James Robinson, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, to serve as the school district purchasing agent, and sign contracts with the lowest responsible bidders for transportation services and other commodities and services as appropriate.
15. Approve the contract with Joan L. Colvin, as the FEMA documentation consultant for the 2014-2015 school year.
16. Approve the appointment of Susan Merims as the school lunch consultant at a rate not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in accordance with her services proposal dated June 5, 2014.
17. Reject all bids received on May 21, 2014, for the 2013-14 Capital Improvement Program, SED No. 28-02-19-03-0-001-034, and authorize that the project be rebid at a future date.
18. Approve the agreement with Nassau BOCES Department of Regional Schools and Instructional Programs for the East Rockaway High School Alternative Learning Program for Student Success for the 2014-2015 school year.
19. Adopt the hearing officer's decision dated June 4, 2014.

C. Budget Transfers

1. Upon motion by Patti Nicoletti, seconded by Neil Schloth, the following budget transfers were unanimously approved:
 - a. Transaction No. 14-0015
 - b. Transaction No. 14-0016
 - c. Transaction No. 14-0017

6. Policy Matters

1. For Review

- a. 8630, Computer Resources and Data Management
- b. 9620, Child Abuse in an Educational Setting

7. Good and Welfare

- a. Congratulations to Petra Schoen, our elementary Library Media Specialist, on achieving her Masters in Instructional Technology from NYIT
- b. Congratulations to all our staff and faculty as their children graduate from their respective institutions of higher learning
- c. Congratulations to the Girls' Junior Varsity Softball team, and coaches, Scott Gerken and Jimmy Lores, on receiving the Nassau County Sportsmanship Award

8. Superintendent's Report

First and foremost, I would like to thank the community for coming out to vote and passing our school budget. Thank you again to the Board of Education for working diligently to ensure that we developed an educationally and fiscally sound budget that preserved all current programs and allowed for several enhancements including additional courses at the high school and the restructuring of our elementary reading intervention model. Thank you also to Dr. Joan Colvin for her considerable efforts as she served as our interim business official. It was a true pleasure to serve with her and I will be forever thankful for being instrumental in developing and helping to pass our budget!

Elementary Schools

- Centre Avenue and Rhame Avenue Schools held the New York State Science Performance and written exams on May 29 and June 1, respectively. The students were well prepared for the test and we should look forward to strong test scores.
- Centre and Rhame Avenue Schools 6th graders were invited to the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School for a comprehensive orientation. Student were introduced to teachers, administrators and other staff members that they will come in contact next school year. They received a tour of the building, sat in during classes, and enjoy lunch in the cafeteria.
- Centre Avenue has received a series of in classroom assemblies to educate and reduce cyber bullying during the month of June presented by CAPS.
- Centre Avenue School participated in Brian Curran's Flag Day Essay/Art Contest in grades K-5. Eight winners were honored last Sunday at Greis Park in Lynbrook. Congratulations to Cameron Peeples, Trevor Bedson, Ashley Buckman, Emma Van

Wickler, John Francis O'Hanlon, Isabella Perdomo, Louis DeSano, and Matthew Pollackov. Thanks to all our students for showing their patriotism.

- Middle School Vision: Centre and Rhame Avenue grades 6 and 7 teachers met at the junior/senior high school to discuss changes for grade 6 into 7.
- Data Driven Instruction: Tomorrow, DDI teams from Rhame and Centre will work on their assessment calendars with BOCES to help frame and drive instruction.
- Centre Avenue's Talent show is scheduled for Thursday night 6:30-8:30 PM. Come out and see your children's talent on stage!
- Centre and Rhame Avenue's Field Days are scheduled for Friday, June 20. Stop by for some healthy competition.
- Centre and Rhame Avenue Graduations are scheduled for June 24
- 12 Centre Avenue sixth graders will represent East Rockaway Schools at Hofstra University and discuss issues pertinent to adolescents with local legislators, social workers, and educators. Many Nassau County districts participate in this event.
- On May 29th, Rhame's third grade paired with the third grade at Centre Avenue for a field trip to the Nassau County Museum of Art. Their spring exhibit, "A Garden Party," featured colorful works including dresses, evening bags, sculptures, and paintings. Students sketched their favorite items from the collection. Outside they visited the sculpture gardens and played in the long flowing field of the former Frick mansion.
- All grade 4 students attended a presentation by The Historical Society of East Rockaway and Lynbrook. I also had the pleasure of participating to learn about the history of the community and see the model of the grist mill. It was a fabulous learning experience for our students presented by volunteers from the historical society.
- Grade 6 – Social Studies - created family crests while studying the Middle Ages; Math - created various types of graphs, histograms, box plots, etc. from data we collected; ELA - learned causes/effects of WW2 and the Holocaust while reading Devil's Arithmetic and Number the Stars; Science-Culmination of Health Smart Nutrition unit; Visitation of 7th grade teachers to our classrooms; culmination of Safety Patrol - trip to Adventureland with Centre Avenue.
- This month, our 5th grade went to the Museum of Modern Art to compliment and contribute to our annual Famous Artists Project. Students will be able to tour the Museum with a MOMA educator while it is still closed to the public in the morning. Students will learn how to do a close read of various works of art from Vincent Van Gogh to more abstract works by Joan Miro, Andy Warhol, and Jackson Pollack. Students will learn how to question, as well as to express their own points of view about contemporary art.
- The third grade students of Rhame and Centre Avenues will each give a recorder performance for parents and second grade students. They have worked all year to learn to play some tunes on the recorder using correct posture and fingerings. Students have begun to read notes on the staff and to respond to dynamic, expressive, and articulation markings in their music. Some of our pieces will be played with piano or classroom instrument accompaniments, others will be unaccompanied.
- Rhame students honored Memorial Day by participating in "Steps for Soldiers" on May 21. Students walked or jogged laps around the field and kept track of how many laps they completed.

- Rhame Avenue Home School Connection Action Team created a PowerPoint to be presented in 2014-2015 school year.
- This month the Math Challenge Committee will be putting the finishing touches on the Summer Homework Challenge Calendars for each grade level. Each week students will record temperatures, practice math facts, work through word problems, think about how they used math in their real life, and find fractions.

East Rockaway Jr/Sr High School

Athletics:

- Jonathan Schloth competed at the State Championships in Syracuse on June 6 and 7 and finished in 12th and 9th place in the 3200 and Steeplechase, respectively. Jonathan was All County in both the 3200 and Steeplechase events and won the Nassau County Championship in the 3200 with a 9:46 time! This is his 7th trip to the States overall, 5th for cross country and 2nd for outdoor track and field!

Middle School:

- On June 3, our senior high school student council representatives met with our seventh and eighth grade students to conduct a DASA lesson. Our senior council representatives collaboratively planned the lesson, the talking points, and relevant DASA themes to discuss with our middle school students. The students were broken up into small groups for discussion sessions in which they had the opportunity to share personal accounts with peers.
- On June 17, our 8th graders will be marking their transition from junior high school to senior high school at their Moving Up ceremony. We congratulate the parents and families of the class of 2018 on a job well done. We look forward to their many accomplishments as they transition into the senior high school community.

Guidance:

- We had our first annual career night program that we titled, “Making the Connection: A School to Career Experience.” The program featured author, speaker, and career development expert, Brooks Harper, followed by a career fair that featured professionals in health care, as well as our own senior seminar students. The evening attracted more than 200 students and parents, and we are looking forward to building on this first program by making it an annual event each year.

English:

- The Summer Reading Assignment is ready and posted on the website. Parents are encouraged to review it carefully as some changes have been made in an effort to encourage students to choose texts that are the most engaging and appropriate for one’s reading level. Texts have also been recommended by staff, former students, and community members in an effort to create an ongoing conversation around reading and literacy.

General:

- The high school hosted several end-of-year celebrations over the last few weeks, including National Honor Society, Broadway by the Bay, Sports Night, Awards Recognition Night, and Music awards. We congratulate all those who received awards, and thank their families for their ongoing support.

9. Privilege of the Floor
 - Student testing
 - After school program
 - Other programs?
 - Summer Reading

10. Board Member Comments

Patti Nicoletti – Congratulations, thank you and best of luck to all of our retirees. Thank you, once again, to the Education Foundation for their generous donation. I would also like to thank Dr. Colvin for all of your help this year. She is not only a financial whiz, but she is a lovely, lovely person. You will be missed.

John Giannotti, Jr. – Basically, I want to say the same that Patti did and include congratulations to the new PTA Board members.

Neil Schloth- The Education Foundation helps us through times we need them most. Thank you Linda for your 6.5 years dedicated service. Linda, as the senior member, helped us through the most trying times.

Linda Schmidt – Thank you for coming. This is officially the last night I will be sitting on this side of the table. It is bittersweet, as it has not always been a smooth ride. I would like to publically thank the past board members; and to the current board members, thank you for your continued support. I wish the board continued success. Keith – good luck. Thank you administrators and staff. See you soon.

Kristin Ochtera – I am looking forward to the 2014-2015 school year. We do what is in the best interest of our students, Have a good summer.

11. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Lobascio

District Clerk