

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Special Meeting of the Board of Education
5:00 P.M., August 3, 2022
Centre Avenue Elementary School Library

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Members of the Board of Education: Peter McNally, Dominick Vulpis, Daniel DeMatteo, Michael Motherway, Superintendent, James DeTommaso, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Technology, Sean Murray, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations Jacqueline A Scio, Director of PPS, Vincent Healy and District Clerk, Nereyda Amaya Moran.

Absent: Joseph Kilgus.

1. Mr. McNally called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.; and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Mr. McNally asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Items A-O below. There were none and Mr. McNally asked for a motion to approve Items below.

Upon motion made by Mr. Vulpis, seconded by Mr. DeMatteo, all in favor AYE, opposed: none; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following items A-O were approved on a consent agenda.

- A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignations:
 1. Ciara Mancusi, teacher aide, effective July 20, 2022
 2. Alycia Fahrenkrug, substitute teacher aide, effective August 31, 2022
 3. Serena Zingale, part-time monitor, effective August 31, 2022
- B. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four-year probationary appointment of Jack Bixhorn to the position of elementary principal, (tenure area: Elementary Principal, certification: Initial), effective August 22, 2022, at the Step 1 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Administrators' Association contract for an elementary principal for the 2022-2023 school year.
- C. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of the following ENL teachers to conduct the screening of new entrants, effective July 15, 2022, through August 31, 2022, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association Contract for the 2022-23 school year for Other Educational Assignments, Appendix B.A:

Marie Anderson
Melinda Best

- D. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the revised 2022-2023 fall coaching appointments more fully set forth on the 2022-2023 Fall Coaching Schedule at the stipend

salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2022-2023 school year.

- E. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Kellie Hughes for a 12-week FMLA leave of absence from her elementary teacher position, effective September 1, 2022, through November 30, 2022.
- F. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Tracy Gatto for a six-week FMLA leave of absence from her elementary teacher position, effective September 1, 2022, through October 12, 2022.
- G. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Brianna Ostrander for a 12-week FMLA leave of absence from her special education teacher position, effective September 1, 2022, through November 30, 2022.
- H. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Francesca Ciullo for a leave of absence for personal medical reasons from her special education teacher position effective September 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.
- I. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the part-time appointment of Cheryl Carroll to the position of ENL teacher (.5 FTE), effective September 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at the prorated MA30, Step 9 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teacher’s Association Contract for the 2022-2023 school year.
- J. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Josefina Dilluvio to the position of leave replacement ENL teacher, effective September 1, 2022, through January 27, 2023, at the prorated MA, Step 1 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teacher’s Association Contract for the 2022-2023 school year.
- K. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Heather Bolanos to the position of part-time (.5 FTE) speech/language teacher, effective September 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at the prorated MA15, Step 10, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2022-2023 school year.
- L. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Alycia Fahrenkrug to the position of teacher aide, effective September 1, 2022, at the Step 1 hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association agreement for the 2022-2023 school year.
- M. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following appointments for the Summer Enrichment Program at Centre Avenue School, effective July 26, 2022, through August 11, 2022, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway School Nurses Association contract for the 2022-2023 school year:

Michele Daniels Substitute Nurse
Kristyn Smith Substitute Nurse

N. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following special education summer school monitor appointments, effective July 5, 2022, through August 12, 2022, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway UFSD Monitor and Security Unit agreement for the 2022-2023 school year:

Linda Ricciardi..... Bus monitor
Serena Zingale Bus monitor

O. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following temporary assignments upon the terms and conditions established by the East Rockaway Board of Education:

1. Denise Powell, substitute monitor, effective September 6, 2022
2. Denise Powell, substitute security aide, effective September 6, 2022
3. Hedwig Renee Macchio, substitute monitor, effective September 6, 2022
4. Hedwig Renee Macchio, substitute teacher aide, effective September 6, 2022
5. Serena Zingale, substitute teacher aide, effective September 6, 2022

3. Mr. McNally asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Items A-C below. There were none and Mr. McNally asked for a motion to approve Items below.

Upon motion made by Mr. Motherway, seconded by Mr. DeMatteo, all in favor AYE, opposed: none; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following items A-C were approved on a consent agenda.

A. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with the provisions of New York State Education Law §3012-c and Subpart 30-2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District (“District”) hereby certifies Jack Bixhorn as a qualified lead evaluator and the district hereby authorizes him to conduct and/or complete the annual professional performance reviews of classroom teachers within the District.

B. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway UFSD hereby approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement dated July 20, 2022, between the District and the East Rockaway Nurses Association for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations is authorized to execute the resulting collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

C. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District hereby denies the appeal from the July 15, 2022, decision of the Superintendent of Schools, upholding the suspension of the student named in confidential attachment A.

4. Policy Matters

Upon motion made by Mr. Vulpis, and seconded by Mr. Motherway, and unanimously approved, the following polices below were approved for Re-adoption/Reaffirmance.

A. For Re-Adoption/Reaffirmance

1. All Current Policies and Regulations
2. 0000, Mission Statement and Goals
3. 1900, Parent & Family Engagement
4. 5151, Homeless Children
5. 5300, Code of Conduct
6. 6240, Investments
7. 6700, Purchasing

- B. For Review: Mr. McNally stated that the polices 1-15 below will be reviewed when the policy committee reconvenes at the beginning of the school year, and they will be on the district website.

Mr. Vulpis raised a question regarding the use of the new program Board Docs to update policies.

Ms. Scerio answered: new policies updates will be available thru BoardDocs in phase II, there will be a one location where community members can see the board agendas as well as school policies. In the coming days, the board will be trained in phase I for BoardDocs to get familiar with the new agenda format and a different training session will be provided in the future for phase II for policies.

1. 0111, Title IX Sexual Harassment
2. 1420, Complaints About Curricula or Instructional Materials
3. 2160, School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics
4. 1900, Parent and Family Engagement
5. 5151, Homeless Children
6. 5300, Code of Conduct
7. 6680, Internal Audit Function
8. 6700, Purchasing
9. 8110, School Building Safety
- 10.8112, Health and Safety Committee
- 11.8220, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection
- 12.8635-E, Parents Bill of Rights for Student Data Privacy and Security
- 13.9630, Sexual Misconduct
- 14.9150, Non-Fraternization “New”
- 15.9520.2, Family and Medical Leave

5. Board Member Comments

Mr. Vulpis: Congratulated Jack Bixhorn as the new principal at Rhame Avenue school. Mr. Bixhorn started as a teacher in the district, and it is nice to see him coming back.

Mr. McNally: Welcomed to our new principal at Rhame Avenue, Jack Bixhorn!

6. Upon motion made by Mr. DeMatteo, and seconded by Mr. Motherway, and passed unanimously, the public meeting was adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nereyda Amaya-Moran

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District Clerk