

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education
7:00 P.M., July 7, 2015, East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Kristin Ochtera, 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; Christie Medina-Jacobson, Esq.; Vitina Fazi (District Clerk after being sworn in), staff members and members of the community

Absent: John Piccarella, Director of Curriculum & Technology

1. The meeting was called to order by Kristin Ochtera at 7:48 p.m. who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Swearing in of Elected Trustee, John Giannotti, Jr., for the 2015-2018 term was performed by Christie Medina-Jacobson, Esq.
3. Upon motion by Patricia Nicoletti, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., and unanimously approved, Kristin Ochtera was elected President of the Board of Education for the 2015-2016 school year.
4. Upon motion by Neil R. Schloth, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., and unanimously approved, Patricia Nicoletti was elected Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2015-2016 school year.
5. The swearing in of the Board of Education Officers, Kristin Ochtera and Patricia Nicoletti, was performed by Christie Medina-Jacobson, Esq.
6. The swearing in of District Clerk, Vitina Fazi, was performed by Christie Medina-Jacobson, Esq.
7. Upon motion by John Giannotti, Jr., seconded by Keith Gamache, and unanimously approved, the following employees were appointed as Officers of the District:

District Clerk.....Vitina Fazi
District TreasurerDebra Muller
Deputy District ClerkJames P. Robinson
Deputy District TreasurerKristin Ochtera
District Tax CollectorJames P. Robinson

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8. The swearing in of District Officers was performed by Christie Medina-Jacobson, Esq.

9. Upon motion by Neil R. Schloth, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the following District Standing Committee Liaisons were unanimously approved:

District Standing Committee Liaisons:

Budget Advisory Committee/Fiscal.....Patricia Nicoletti, Neil R. Schloth
Prevention Task ForceKristin Ochtera
Education FoundationKeith Gamache
PolicyBoard of Education
Super PTA.....John Giannotti, Jr.

10. Upon motion by Patricia Nicoletti, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the following Board of Education Liaisons were unanimously approved:

Board of Education Liaisons:

Curriculum & StandardsKeith Gamache
Health & Safety.....John Giannotti, Jr.
Legislation & Government RelationsNeil R. Schloth
Pupil PersonnelPatricia Nicoletti

11. Upon motion by Patricia Nicoletti, seconded by Neil R. Schloth, Item 11 was discussed. After discussion, upon motion by Patricia Nicoletti, seconded by Neil R. Schloth, the following Items 11 through 52 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

Asbestos Designee.....Anthony Quercia
Attendance Officer, Centre Avenue School.....Alice Calabrese
Attendance Officer, ERHS.....Marilyn Brekke
Attendance Officer, Rhame Avenue SchoolReneé Duncan
Attendance Officer, St. Raymond’s SchoolPatricia Woloszyn
Extra Classroom Activities Central TreasurerLaura Risorto
Insurance Consultant.....NYSIR
Records Access Officer.....James Robinson
Records Management OfficerJames Robinson
School PhysicianRichard Addes, D.O.
Title IX Officer.....Laura Guggino Hastings
504 Hearing Officers.....See Attachment “A”
Medicaid Compliance Officer.....James Robinson
Dignity Act Coordinators.....Maureen Schutta
James O’Driscoll
Mona Hecht
Timothy Silk
Dawn Ragone
Kristen Mednick
Ann Marie Kenny-Chapur
Erik Walter
Dr. Alissa Nunes
Monica Saavedra

12. Approve the appointment of Frazer and Feldman, LLP, as General Counsel, in accordance with the terms of an agreement dated July 1, 2015.

13. Approve the appointment of Committee Members to District CSE

Chairperson.....Laura Guggino-Hastings
Alternate ChairpersonBarbara Gerber
Alternate ChairpersonDr. Alissa Nunes
Alternate ChairpersonLaura Peterson
Alternate ChairpersonMonica Saavedra
Alternate ChairpersonAnn Marie Kenny-Chapur
Special Education Teacher.....(teacher of the child)
Physician.....Richard Addes, D.O.
School Psychologist.....Barbara Gerber
School Psychologist.....Dr. Alissa Nunes
School Psychologist.....Monica Saavedra
School Psychologist.....Ann Marie Kenny-Chapur
Parent of Child
Parent Member
General Education Teacher

14. Approve the appointment of Parent Members for District CSE

Theresa Devlin
William Muller
Maria Riley
Emily Vetrano

15. Approve the appointment of Committee Members to District CPSE

Chairperson.....Laura Guggino-Hastings
Alternate ChairpersonDr. Alissa Nunes
Alternate ChairpersonLaura Peterson
Alternate ChairpersonMonica Saavedra
Alternate ChairpersonAnn Marie Kenny-Chapur
Special Education Provider.....(teacher of child; service provider)
Physician.....Richard Addes, D.O.
General Education Teacher.....(teacher of child)
School Psychologist.....Dr. Alissa Nunes
School Psychologist.....Monica Saavedra
School Psychologist.....Ann Marie Kenny-Chapur
Parent of Child
Parent Member

16. Approve the appointment of Parent members for District CPSE

Theresa Devlin
William Muller
Maria Riley
Emily Vetrano

17. Approve the appointment of Theresa Devlin to serve as the Surrogate Parent.

18. Designate the following depositories for District funds:

Capital One Bank

19. Designate the following newspapers as newspapers for the publication of school district legal notices:

“Oceanside, Rockville Centre, East Rockaway Tribune”
“The Lynbrook East Rockaway Herald”
“Newsday Media Group, Inc.”

20. Designate the use of the IRS mileage reimbursement rate to compensate employees and board members for use of personal vehicle for district business.

21. Designate Capital Markets Advisors, LLC as District Fiscal Advisors.

22. Designate Hawkins, Delafield and Wood as Bond Counsel.

23. Designate Nawrocki Smith LLP as Internal Auditor.

24. Designate R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP as External Auditor.

25. Designate Deans Archer & Co., CPA as Claims Auditor.

26. Designate Keeping Your Books as the District Accounting Services firm.

27. Designate JAG Architect as Architect.

28. Designate School Aide Specialist as Special Education State Reporting Consultant.

29. Designate Insight Environmental Inc. as Environmental Consultants.

30. Designate Omni Financial Group as the third party administrator of 403(b) and 457 plans.

31. Designate Dr. Joan L. Colvin as the FEMA Coordinator.

32. Designate Nancy Nunziata as the transportation consultant.

33. Designate H.M.B. Consultants as the food service consultant.

34. Designate the New York Secretary of State as the school district’s agent for service of Notices of Claim and authorize the District Clerk to file a Certificate of Designation with the New York Department of State.
35. Designate the day and time of regular Board of Education meeting dates as more fully set forth on Attachment “B”
36. Authorize the President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk to execute and file with the Office of the Receiver of Taxes, Town of Hempstead, New York, the Certification for the School District Treasurer and banking information for wiring funds.
37. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to certify payroll for the 2015-2016 school year.
38. Authorize, in the absence of the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to certify payroll for the 2015-2016 school year.
39. Authorize the President of the Board of Education to certify the District annual payroll to the Civil Service Commission.
40. Authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to serve as the school district purchasing agent.
41. Authorize the Director of Curriculum and Technology in the absence of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to serve as purchasing agent.
42. Authorize the Board President to sign the contract with BOCES for services for the 2015-2016 school year.
43. Authorize the Board President, Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to sign contracts with the lowest responsible bidders for transportation services and other commodities and services as appropriate.
44. Authorize, in the absence of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education to be the presiding officer of meetings and further authorize the Vice President of the Board of Education to execute any and all documents in the absence of the Board President, upon which the Board has taken action.
45. Authorize the attendance at conferences, conventions, and workshops by members of the Board of Education and Superintendent during the 2015-2016 school year.
46. Authorize the Superintendent to approve the attendance at conferences, conventions, and workshops of district employees during the 2015-2016 school year.
47. Authorize the Superintendent to apply for grants during the 2015-2016 school year.
48. Authorize the Following Petty Cash Funds:

East Rockaway High School.....	Doreen Johnson.....	\$100
Centre Avenue School	Theresa Garcia	\$100

Rhame Avenue School.....	Antonella Keane.....	\$100
Pupil Personnel (ERHS)	Ellen Blumlein	\$100
District Office (Business Office)	Debra Muller.....	\$100
District Office (Board of Education)	Mary Volino.....	\$100
Curriculum and Technology	Linda Jarnel.....	\$100
Custodial Office	Kathleen Keating	\$100

49. Authorize the Following Persons to Sign Checks:

Debra Muller	District Treasurer
Lisa Ruiz	Superintendent
Kristin Ochtera.....	President, Board of Education East Rockaway UFSD
Laura Risorto	Extra Classroom Activities Central Treasurer

50. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to approve budget transfers in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

51. Approve the following resolution for purpose of adopting coverage provided by §18 of the New York State Public Officers Law

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway School District hereby adopts the coverage provided by §18 of the New York State Public Officers law for the following job titles: members of the board of education, the superintendent of schools, the assistant superintendent for finance and operations, the director of pupil personnel services, the director of curriculum and technology and the director of facilities. The adoption of this provision is intended to supplement and not supplant the protection available to such employees by virtue of already existing statutory provisions or other sources. Such coverage shall include, but not be limited to, being called to testify as a witness or to answer questions concerning their acts or omissions within the scope of their office, agency or employment before a Grand Jury, the Office of the District Attorney, or other law enforcement official. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize or require defense or indemnification to a member of the board of education, the superintendent of schools, the assistant superintendent for finance and operations, the director of pupil personnel services, the director of curriculum and technology and the director of facilities, who has been identified as a defendant in a pending criminal prosecution, or where such individual or the school district has reason to believe that such individual is a target in a criminal investigation or prosecution by the Office of the District Attorney or other law enforcement entity. This benefit shall not be available to and shall not cover any employee serving in any of the job titles listed herein who is represented for collective bargaining purposes by a duly designated collective bargaining agent unless and until such coverage is negotiated with the collective bargaining agent representing said employee. The superintendent or her designee shall take steps necessary to obtain insurance protection against the potential liability to the district arising out of the adoption of this provision.

~~52. Approve the following Schedule of Fees for facilities use:~~

Annual Facilities Use Application Fee:	\$25
Auditorium.....	\$50/hour

Cafeteria	\$35/day
Classroom	\$10/day
Gymnasium	\$35/day
Custodial Overtime	\$45/hour
Field Use	\$10/session
Field Use - Groomed.....	\$55/session
Field Use - Groomed & Lined	\$100/session

ACTION AGENDA

53. Upon motion of Keith Gamache, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the Minutes of the June 16, 2015, Board of Education meeting were approved.

54. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports – May 2015

55. Correspondence – Two

A. Personnel Items

The Superintendent notified the Board of Education of a change to Item 13 which deleted Item 13-b. After accepting that deletion, the Board of Education approved renumbering Item 13 (a-d).

Upon motion by Patricia Nicoletti, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the following Personnel Items 1 through 13 were unanimously approved, as amended, on a consent agenda

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignation(s):
 - a. Heather Loughran, teaching assistant
 - b. Suzy Gennaro, food service worker

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following special education summer school teacher aide appointments, effective July 6, 2015, through August 14, 2015, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association contract for the 2015-2016 school year:

Linda Lindsley	Teacher Aide
Dawn Grochmal	Teacher Aide

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Barbara Gerber as a Chairperson for summer CSE/CPSE meetings, effective July 1, 2015, through August 31, 2015, at the hourly salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2015-2016 school year.

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the part-time appointment (.5 FTE) of Samantha Clarke to the position of music teacher, effective September 1,

- 2015, through June 30, 2016, at the prorated BA, Step 1, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2015-2016 school year.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the part-time appointment (.5 FTE) of Bethany Kinkaid to the position of speech/language teacher, effective September 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, at the prorated MA, Step 2, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2015-2016 school year.
 6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the part-time appointment (.7 FTE) of Amanda Shirreffs to the position of science teacher, effective September 1, 2015, through January 29, 2016, at the prorated MA, Step Entry, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2015-2016 school year.
 7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the part-time appointment (.8 FTE) of Jordan Church, to the position of art teacher, effective September 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, at the prorated MA, Step Entry, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2015-2016 school year.
 8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four-year probationary appointment of Kelly Cabasso as an art teacher (tenure area: art), effective September 1, 2015, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure, at the MA, Step Entry, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2015-2016 school year.
 9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four-year probationary appointment of Frank Altamore as a mathematics teacher (tenure area: mathematics), effective September 1, 2015, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure, at the BA, Step Entry, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2015-2016 school year.
 10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Thomas J. Canale to the position of leave replacement English teacher, effective September 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, at the BA, Step Entry, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2015-2016 school year.
 11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Sarah Kane to the position of leave replacement elementary teacher, effective September 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, at the MA, Step 2, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2015-2016 school year.
 12. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the probationary appointment of Kristyn Smith, R.N. to the position of school nurse, effective July 8, 2015, at the Step 2 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Nurses Association contract for the 2015-2016 school year.
 13. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following temporary assignments upon the terms and conditions established by the East Rockaway Board of

Education:

Seasonal Cleaners, effective July 1, 2015

- a. James Lores
- b. Paul Bergensen
- c. Ayala Dania
- d. Iviana Jofre

Substitute Clerical, effective July 1, 2015

- a. Mary Boll

Per Diem Substitute Teachers, effective September 2, 2015

- a. Clare Marco
- b. Christopher Considine
- c. Kevin Denis
- d. Bryan Adams
- e. Theresa Hempstead
- f. Luke Tesoriero
- g. Lauren Wolkin
- h. Cindy Dower
- i. Nancy Laurino
- j. Angela Bond
- k. Caitlyn Klingbeil
- l. Tina Johnson
- m. Amy Britt
- n. Donna DiFrancisca
- o. Noreen McDougal
- p. Diane DiSantis
- q. Elizabeth Freeman
- r. Christina Artusa
- s. Kevin Fuller

B. Other Items

Upon motion by Keith Gamache, seconded by Neil R. Schloth, the following Other Items 1 through 21 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

1. Approve the terms of the Letter of Agreement dated June 30, 2015, between the Board of Education of the East Rockaway UFSD, and the East Rockaway Teachers Association for the employment of a tenured school psychologist currently on a child rearing leave of absence to return to work for the period September 1, 2015, through January 29, 2016, on a part-time, per diem basis; and authorize the Superintendent to execute the Letter Agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
2. Approve the terms of the employment agreement with Vitina Fazi as the Secretary to the

Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations and School District Clerk, effective July 8, 2015, through June 30, 2016, and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

3. 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 the following individuals as qualified lead evaluators:

James DeTommaso	Lisa J. Ruiz
TJ DiPietro	Thomas Schloen
Laura Guggino-Hastings	Tim Silk
Meridyth Hansen	Joseph Spero
Laura Peterson	Dominick Vulpis
John Piccarella	Erik Walter
Dina Reilly	

The District hereby authorizes the above-listed individuals to conduct and/or complete the annual professional performance reviews of classroom teachers within the District.

The District hereby authorizes Lisa J. Ruiz to conduct and/or complete the annual professional performance reviews of building principals within the District.

4. Approve the admission of the following students to attend the East Rockaway Public Schools for the Special Education Summer 2015 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. Long Beach, I.D. No. 180007592
 - b. Freeport student, I.D. No. 1000452
5. Approve the consultation services contract with Daniel M. Tramuta, financial aid speaker, on January 6, 2016, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
6. Approve the Affiliation Agreement with Molloy College for the purpose of providing clinical experience for student nurses during the 2015-2016 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.
7. Accept the following donations:
 - a.—\$75.00 from Target Take Charge-of Education Program for the Rhame Avenue School

- b. \$321.33 from Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program for the Rhame Avenue School
8. Accept a grant from the Italian American Committee on Education for the Foreign Language Department, Italian language studies in the sum of \$9,000.
 9. Accept a STEM grant from Northrop Grumman in the sum of \$300.
 10. Approve the participation in cooperative bids for:
 - a. Athletic equipment reconditioning (LIMCPG)
 - b. Custodial and facilities items – Rockville Centre Cooperative
 - c. Automotive supplies, materials, parts and services – Long Beach UFSD
 - d. Nassau County Facilities Director Cooperative
 - e. Services provide by Nassau BOCES
 - f. Services provided by Suffolk BOCES
 - g. Investigative services
 - h. Educational Data Services, Inc.
 11. Approve the contracts with First Student, Inc. and Nassau BOCES for summer 2015 transportation services and authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to execute the contracts on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
 12. Approve the contract renewal with Aramark Food Services Management Company for the 2015-2016 school year.
 13. Approve the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan.

WHEREAS, in response to extensive and significant damage sustained to the East Rockaway High School, the Rhame Avenue Elementary School and other District facilities as a result of Hurricane Sandy, the District has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) to obtain funding for the implementation of preventative measures to minimize or prevent future similar damage; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the District’s Architect and the Superintendent of Schools, it is essential to undertake certain work in order to implement such preventative measures, as set forth in greater detail in the draft Hazard Mitigation Proposals developed by FEMA for the East Rockaway High School and Rhame Avenue Elementary School (“HMP”); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District hereby declares that the scope of work contained in the draft HMPs is essential for the protection of the health and safety of students and staff and for the protection and preservation of the District’s property, and that such work constitutes an ordinary contingent expense of the District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the draft HMPs, subject to final revisions as recommended by the District’s Architect and approved by FEMA, and authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Schools to take such steps reasonably

necessary or appropriate to implement the draft HMPs in accordance with this resolution, and authorizes the Board President to execute any and all contracts for public work and professional services or the purchase of supplies, material or equipment in connection therewith; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to expend an amount not to exceed \$5,500,000 in connection with said HMPs, 90% of which shall be funded by FEMA grants with the balance to be funded from available sources as permitted by law.

14. Approve the license agreement with SCOPE Educational Services for the After School Child Care Program for the 2015-2016 school year.
15. Approve the application to State Environment Quality Review for the 2015-2016 Capital Improvement Program, #28-02-19-03-0-002-012 East Rockaway UFSD, Rhame Avenue Elementary School, Window Replacement:
 - 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 the applications and further authorize the District Clerk to execute and submit the declaration that the projects fall under Categories “A” or “B” above. The procedure for Type II Actions, with regard to SEQRA Process for Capital Projects noted above is “No Additional Required Action under 6NYCRR§617.5(a).”

16. Approve the terms of the Letter of Intent with Nassau BOCES for a five-year lease for three Xerox multi-task copy machines and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to execute the Letter of Intent on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
17. Approve the following vendors for the 2015-2016 school year for the services indicated and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the resulting service contracts:

	Vendor	Service
1	C-BIZ Evaluation Group LLC	Valuation & License Agreement
2	Capital Computers/Harris School Solutions	WinCap Financial Software
3	Capital Markets Advisors, LLC	Financial Advisory Services
4	Deans Archer & Co, CPA	Internal Claims Auditor
5	Dr. James Tolle	Hearing Officer / Superintendent Hearings
6	Richard Addes, D.O.	School Physician

7	Frazer & Feldman	General Counsel
8	School Aid Specialists	Special Education State Reporting Consultants
9	LICADD	Employee Assistance Program Drug, Alcohol, Counseling
10	Nawrocki Smith LLP	Internal Auditors
11	Omni Financial Group	403b and 457 management services
12	RCP Consultants, Inc.	Professional Development for NCLB Grant
13	RS Abrams & Co LLP	External Auditor
14	Schindler Elevator	Elevator Repair Service
15	Village of Lynbrook	Fuel
16	GCN	Dignity Act Training
17	Sharp School	School Website
18	Dr. Nancy Doda	Professional Development
19	Ideal Consulting	Professional Development
20	Winters Bros.	Garbage removal

18. Approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the following service providers for Tax Shelter Annuities are approved by the Board of Education:

SERVICE PROVIDERS	TYPE OF PLAN
ING/Aetna Opportunity Plus	403b
Equitable Life Assurance	403b
Fidelity Retirement Services	403b
Legend Service Corporation	403b
Mutual Financial Services	403b
Travelers	403b
Lincoln Investments	403b
NYS Deferred Compensation Plan	457

BE IT RESOLVED, the employees who work 1000 hours in a school year or expect to work 1000 hours in an ensuing school year are eligible to make contributions to a tax deferred annuity under IRS code 403b or 457.

19. Approve the purchase of the following textbook:

Clois E. Kicklighter, et ano., Architecture, Residential Drafting and Design, 11th edition.
Tinley Park, Illinois: The Goodheart-Willcox Company, Inc., 2014

20. Declare obsolete for the purpose of disposal, the following equipment:

Equipment	Model	Serial	Tag Number
Buhl Overhead Projector	90ED	3275	ERSD 001230
Buhl Overhead Projector	90ED	C3262	1804

21. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2016 reorganizational meeting of the Board of Education will be held on July 7, 2016.

C. Budget Transfers

Upon motion by Patricia Nicoletti, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the following Budget Transfer was unanimously approved:

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

a. Transaction No. 15-0014

D. Upon motion by Patricia Nicoletti, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the CSE Recommendations were unanimously approved.

E. Upon motion by Patricia Nicoletti, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the CPSE Recommendations were unanimously approved.

56. Policy Matters

Upon motion by John Giannotti, Jr., seconded by Keith Gamache, the following policies were unanimously readopted and reaffirmed:

1. For Re-Adoption/Reaffirmance

- a. All Current Policies and Regulations
- b. 5300, Code of Conduct
- c. 6240, Investments
- d. 6700, Purchasing

57. Good and Welfare – Board of Education President Kristin Ochtera

- a. Congratulations to Marie and Justin Anderson on the birth of their first child, Ryan Howard, born June 26, 2015, 9 lbs, 3 ozs.

58. Superintendent's Report

Congratulations to Marie and Justin Anderson on the birth of their first child, Ryan, born, June

26, 2015.

Congratulations and welcome to our new District Clerk, Tina Fazi.

The school year ended successfully and we were very pleased with the attendance at all the graduations and the end of year activities. This year for the first time, the high school hosted a Senior Awards Night and Rhame Avenue School held a Sixth Grade Awards Assembly. The graduations were beautiful and we wish all of our students and families the best.

Summer got off to a busy start. District Administrators and Department Chairpersons attended a leadership retreat on June 29. Dr. Jarvis Director of Penn State Equity and Excellence initiative facilitated the retreat. Thank you to Adelphi University for hosting and providing refreshments during the workshop.

Beginning in September, all students in Grades 5 and 9 will be provided with tablets. A parent meeting will be held in the fall to discuss the tablet initiative, their use and the user agreement. Grade level teachers are involved in training this summer for this initiative.

Teachers are also actively involved in curriculum writing for the implementation of our new Middle School Advisory Model. Student groups will meet with an advisor during the second half of lunch, which will be led by a teacher. Dr. Doda, consultant, will be returning during the 2015-16 school year to continue professional development in support of this initiative. High School teachers are working on the Advanced Placement curriculums.

The district will be launching a Facebook page on website. Please like us on Facebook.

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee has completed its work. During the summer months district administrators will begin the work on the district's Strategic Plan. The information and data collected will be presented to the community at the November Board of Education meeting.

Thank you to the buildings and grounds crew for the beautification of the gardens and oval at the high school.

At that point Mrs. Ruiz asked Mr. Quercia of the status of the Beautification Project. Mr. Quercia explained that Hugh Howard and some of his students helped design the new landscaping with the goal of trying to keep a nautical theme.

The Superintendent asked James P. Robinson to provide the Board of Education with updates on construction projects. Mr. Robinson provided the following reports.

Floor replacement work started throughout the Technology Building. Equipment was moved and storage containers were delivered on the grounds. Mr. Robinson indicated that SED documentation for the window replacement has been submitted but this work will most likely not commence until next summer due to the lag time of SED approvals.

Mr. Robinson indicated that renderings for the electronic marquis sign for the High School have been received and both Mr. Robinson and Mr. Quercia were discussing various options to present to the Board of Education prior to the work commencing.

Mr. Robinson thanked Mr. Quercia for his planning and coordination in getting these projects underway.

59. Privilege of the Floor - None

60. Board Member Comments:

John Giannotti, Jr.:

Mr. Giannotti, Jr., congratulated Tina Fazi on becoming the District Clerk. He thanked the audience for their attendance and looks forward to seeing everyone in August.

Keith Gamache:

Mr. Gamache thanked and congratulated Tina Fazi on her new position and is looking forward to working with her.

As I begin my second year as a school board trustee, I want to take a moment to thank some people who have helped make my first year a rewarding experience.

Thank you Mrs. Ruiz for your leadership in initiating a strategic plan that brought various stakeholders together in forming an educational vision for our district. With two elementary aged children, I am excited for their futures here in our East Rockaway schools.

Thank you Mr. Robinson for your financial leadership as you continue to search for efficiencies geared not simply toward saving money, but for maximizing resources and staffing so that our children receive the most opportunities that our community can afford.

Thank you to all of the building level administrators and especially the teachers. You are the ones who must implement new instructional strategies and technology. You make things happen, bring learning to life, and care for our children on a daily basis.

Thank you to the parents and community members who come to meetings, join committees, volunteer at events, and come out to vote for the budget. None of this would be possible without your continuous support.

Thank you to my fellow board members for making me feel welcome. I appreciate your patience, willingness to listen, and look forward to another year working with all of you.

Finally, thank you to my wife and two boys who understand that I need to disappear a couple of nights each month to attend meetings.

Neil R. Schloth:

Mr. Schloth welcomed and congratulated Tina Fazi on her appointment as the District Clerk and Samantha Clarke on her teacher appointment. Ms. Clarke was a former East Rockaway student and graduated with his child. Mr. Schloth expressed how proud he was that a former student had aspired and achieved a teaching position in the East Rockaway School District. He also thanked the administrators, teachers and staff who continuously work toward improving the District. He wished everyone a happy summer.

Patricia Nicoletti:

Ms. Nicoletti welcomed Tina Fazi and congratulated her on her new position. She also thanked the Italian American Committee, Northrop Grumman, and Stop & Shop for their donations. She wished a successful year to all the new appointees.

Kristin Ochtera:

Mrs. Ochtera “echoed” the comments of all the Board Members and looks forward to another year and all initiatives put in place for the future. She thanked the Village of East Rockaway for hosting the pre-prom party. She wished all in attendance a happy summer.

61. Upon motion by John Giannotti, Jr., seconded by Neil R. Schloth, and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm to executive session to discuss negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Fazi
District Clerk