

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
5:30 P.M., August 4, 2015, East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Kristin Ochtera, Patricia Nicoletti, Neil R. Schloth, Keith Gamache, Superintendent, Lisa J. Ruiz; Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations and Deputy District Clerk, James P. Robinson; Director of Curriculum & Technology, John Piccarella, District Counsel, Florence Frazer, Esq.; District Clerk, Vitina Fazi

Neil R. Schloth arrived at 5:50 pm

Absent: John Giannotti, Jr.

1. The meeting was called to order by Kristin Ochtera at 5:36 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Keith Gamache.
2. Approval of the Minutes – Kristin Ochtera stated that the minutes, which were not originally on the agenda, would be reviewed. No further action was taken at this time with regard to the minutes.
3. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports - None
4. Correspondence – Three
5. Action Agenda

A. Personnel

Upon motion by Keith Gamache, seconded by Patricia Nicoletti, the following Items Nos. 1 through 6 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignations:
 - a. Kristen Silk, per diem substitute teacher, effective July 1, 2015
 - b. Nancy Laurino, permanent substitute teacher, effective July 14, 2015
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four-year probationary appointment of Cindy Dower to the position of teaching assistant, (tenure area: teaching assistant; certification status: permanent), effective September 1, 2015, at the Step 2, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2015-2016 school year, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of

tenure.

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four-year probationary appointment of Michelle Rehs to the position of teaching assistant, (tenure area: teaching assistant; certification status: initial), effective September 1, 2015, at the Step 1, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2015-2016 school year, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the part-time (.5 FTE) appointment of Amy S. Weissman, to the position of school social worker, 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.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Barbara Winters, to the position of senior typist clerk (12 month), effective August 17, 2015, at the prorated Step 2, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Secretaries Association contract for the 2015-2016 school year.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the continuation of the "emergency, conditional" personnel appointments for the following individuals pending receipt of notification of their fingerprint clearance from the State of New York, Department of Education:
 - a. Loreen Peknic
 - b. Stephen Politano

B. Other Items

Upon motion made by Patricia Nicoletti, and seconded by Keith Gamache, the following Items Nos. 1 through 5 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

1. Accept a donation of two cases of 8/12 x 11 paper valued at \$93 from The Cathedral of the Incarnation.
2. Declare obsolete for the purpose of disposal the following equipment:

Description	ERSD#	Serial #
Mitsubishi XD221LP	200142	3004804
SmartBoard	101559	030114
Mitsubishi XD205	101932	6818505
Mitsubishi SD 221AR	200130	3002751
Dishwasher (Rm. 210)	100041	100046

3. Approve the free and reduced lunch program income eligibility schedule for the 2015-2016 school year.

4. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, by resolution duly adopted at a public meeting held November 8, 2012, the Board of Education declared certain capital projects (necessitated by storm damage resulting from Hurricane Sandy) as emergency projects essential for the protection of the health and safety of students and staff and for the preservation of District property as an ordinary contingent expense under New York State Education Law (“Emergency Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, at the time of the Emergency Resolution, the maximum costs of such restoration projects could not be estimated, but were to be financed through insurance proceeds, Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) funds, and appropriations from the unassigned fund balance in an amount not to exceed the balance of such funds as of June 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has directed and authorized the Superintendent of Schools and all officers and employees of the District to take all appropriate steps reasonably necessary to carry out the restoration projects in accordance with the Emergency Resolution; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2013, the Board authorized the issuance of Revenue Anticipation Notes in an amount not to exceed \$8 million to fund the continuing restoration projects while awaiting anticipated reimbursements from FEMA; and

WHEREAS, during the ongoing restoration efforts, the District applied to the New York State Education Department (“SED”) for state aid for the building restoration and associated costs of such projects; and

WHEREAS, State Aid in the amount of \$1,059,387 directly applicable to restoration project costs was received and placed in the District’s General Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to transfer the sum of \$1,059,387 received as State Aid applicable to building restoration costs necessitated by storm damage as outlined above from the General Fund to the Capital Fund to offset expenses incurred by the District in connection with such restoration projects.

5. Approve the following resolution:

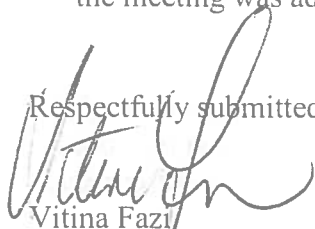
RESOLVED, that the following budget of the necessary claims and expenditures in East Rockaway UFSD (#19) in the Town of Hempstead, for the school year 2015-2016, amounting to \$37,994,804.00, be and the same is hereby accepted.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$29,215,176.00, the amount which must be raised by taxation for East Rockaway UFSD (#19) of the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, NY, for the year 2015-2016 be levied upon the taxable-property-of the said school-district as-said property-has been certified by the Assessor for the school year 2015-2016.

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, 2015.

- C. Budget Transfers - None
 - D. Upon motion made by Keith Gamache, and seconded by Patricia Nicoletti, the CSE Recommendations were unanimously approved.
 - E. Upon motion made by Patricia Nicoletti, and seconded by Keith Gamache, the CPSE Recommendations were unanimously approved.
- 6. Policy Matters – None
 - 7. Good and Welfare
 - a. Congratulations to Emanuela and Sean Matthews on the birth of their son, Leonardo Sebastian Matthews, 7 pounds 12 ounces
 - b. Condolences to Kathy Kelly and family on the passing of her father, James Cregan
 - 8. Superintendent’s Report - None
 - 9. Privilege of the Floor - None
 - 10. Board Member Comments - None
 - 11. Upon motion made by Kristin Ochtera, and seconded by Patricia Nicoletti, and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm to executive session to discuss negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,



Vitina Fazi
District Clerk