

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
7:00 P.M., May 23, 2017– East Rockaway Jr. /Sr. High School
Preceded by Tenure Recognitions,
Art & Music Awards, DECA Presentation, and a Public Forum

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Patti Nicoletti, Keith Gamache, Kristin Ochtera, John Giannotti, Jr., Superintendent, Lisa J. Ruiz; Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Jacqueline A. Scio; Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; John Piccarella; District Clerk, Vitina Fazi

Absent: Neil Schloth

1. The meeting was called to order by Patti Nicoletti at 7:00 p.m. Kristin Ochtera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board President Patti Nicoletti welcomed everyone to the meeting. She stated that tonight there will be three presentations: DECA, art and music awards, and tenure recognitions. There will be a brief intermission for refreshments and then the regular board meeting will begin. She turned the meeting over to Ms. Ruiz who welcomed everyone. Ms. Ruiz was happy to see a full audience and announced that we will be recognizing both students and staff tonight.

Ms. Ruiz spoke about the DECA club. This inaugural business club was launched this school year and students have already advanced to the New York State level. Ms. Ruiz introduced Mr. DeTommaso who spoke on behalf of DECA Club advisors, Mr. Lores and Ms. Robbins who were not able to attend. Mr. DeTommaso thanked Ms. Ruiz, the Board of Education and staff for recognizing and supporting this new club. He spoke about the purpose of this business club. He then introduced James Tierney, DECA Club President who shared his personal experiences. Connor Irvine also spoke about his personal experiences. A video presentation was shown recapping the events that took place during the year. Mr. Tierney thanked the Board of Education for supporting this business program. Mr. DeTommaso thanked the students for a great job. Ms. Ruiz also thanked the students for an outstanding job and was impressed with what was shared this evening. She looks forward to next year's accomplishments.

Ms. Ruiz introduced Mr. Schloen who spoke about the music and art awards being presented tonight. Mr. Schloen introduced music teachers, Ms. Mihalik, Mr. Ceglio, Mrs. Lalama, Ms. Silver, and Ms. Weill. The teachers introduced elementary and high school students who were selected to participate in various performances. Students were awarded certificates for NYSSMA, All County Honors Ensembles, the Long Island String Festival Association, and All-State. The

students were all called to the stage with their certificates and a photo was taken.

Mr. Schloen then introduced the art teachers, Ms. Brody, Ms. Hirten, and Ms. Cabasso. The art teachers spoke about the art shows, exhibits and competitions the students have participated in. The students were called up, presented with certificates and a photo was taken. Elementary and high school students participated in: New York State School Board Association Exhibit, Colors of Long Island, The NYSATA Legislative Exhibit, The Art Supervisors Association (ASA), Art in the Heart, NYS Martin Luther King Jr. Contest and Exhibit, NYSATA Portfolio Project, NYIT Exhibit, LIU Advanced Visions 13 High School Artists for Excellence, Scholastic Art, Art Guild-Port Washington, Nassau Community College Student Art Exhibit, Heckscher Best of Long Island, Rockville Centre Art Guild, and Congressional Art Competition.

Ms. Ruiz said she was amazed, impressed and grateful to the Art and Music Departments. She thanked the art teachers for an outstanding art program. Many of the students' works were on display at the Art Show during the budget vote and at the Village Art Show held on the waterfront this past weekend. She congratulated the students on their achievements.

Ms. Ruiz stated that tonight we are celebrating the wonderful work our staff does and granting tenure to nine staff members. She spoke about the requirements and process that is involved when granting tenure. The first educator being recommended for tenure was Laura Guggino-Hastings, Pupil Personnel Director. Ms. Ruiz spoke about her background and accomplishments, and recommended her tenure to the Board of Education. Ms. Guggino-Hastings thanked the Board for recognizing her efforts for tenure.

Ms. Guggino-Hastings then spoke about the background and accomplishments of elementary teacher Erin Kennedy, who had previously been granted tenure, and Dawn McCabe, social worker. She recommended their tenure to the Board of Education and the Superintendent.

Ms. Guggino-Hastings then introduced Mr. Erik Walter. Mr. Walter spoke about Mr. Jack Bixhorn and Ms. Wendy Gorman, elementary teachers. He recommended their tenure to the Board of Education and the Superintendent.

Mr. Walter introduced Mr. John Piccarella who spoke about Ms. Sherina Lugo and Ms. Danielle Schaetzle, reading teachers. Both teachers were part of the planned expanded reading department. He recommended their tenure to the Board of Education and the Superintendent.

Mr. Piccarella then introduced Mr. Joe Spero who spoke about Ms. Patricia Murphy, science teacher, Ms. Seanna Burke, and Ms. Marichelle Weill, music teachers. He recommended their tenure to the Board of Education and the Superintendent.

Ms. Ruiz returned to the podium to speak about the background and accomplishment of Mr. Erik Walter, Rhame Avenue School principal. She recommended his tenure to the Board of Education. Ms. Ruiz thanked the administrators for speaking so highly of their staff. She also thanked faculty,

staff, and ERTA for being present tonight and for supporting the tenure candidates.

Ms. Ruiz also wanted to recognize new appointments that are on tonight’s agenda for approval. Joining our staff are: Mr. Alex Goldberg, Director of Technology and Learning Analytics, Mona Hecht, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Maryann Raffaniello-Zirbes (promoted to elementary classroom teacher), and Heather Loughran, (elementary classroom teacher).

The audience and Board were invited to the band room for refreshments. Ms. Nicoletti continued with the agenda at 9:00 pm.

2. Upon motion made by Kristin Ochtera and seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the following minutes were unanimously approved:
 - a. April 20, 2017, Regular Meeting of Board of Education
 - b. May 9, 2017, Budget Hearing
 - c. May 16, 2017, Budget Vote and Trustee Election
3. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports – March 2017
4. Correspondence - None
5. Hearing of visitors on items in the Agenda - None
6. Action Agenda

A. Personnel

Upon motion made by John Giannotti, Jr., and seconded by Keith Gamache, the following Items 1 through 20 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, grant tenure to the following staff members on the effective date indicated and subject to satisfactory evaluation:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Tenure Date</u>
Laura Guggino-Hastings.....	Director of Pupil Personnel Services	August 18, 2017
Jack Bixhorn	Elementary Teacher	August 28, 2017
Sherina Lugo	Reading Teacher	August 28, 2017
Patricia Murphy	Science Teacher	August 28, 2017
Danielle Schaetzle.....	Reading Teacher	August 28, 2017
Seanna Silver Burke.....	Music Teacher.....	August 28, 2017
Marichelle Weill	Music Teacher.....	August 28, 2017
Dawn Ragone.....	School Social Worker ...	September 1, 2017

Erik C. WalterElementary Principal.....September 1, 2017

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Paula DePietro from her Senior Typist/Clerk position, effective August 31, 2017.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignations:
 - a. Mona Hecht, Director of Guidance, effective June 30, 2017
 - b. Frederick Cange, security guard and monitor, effective May 23, 2017
 - c. Juan C. Bosques, groundskeeper, effective May 23, 2017
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four year probationary appointment of Heather L. Loughran to the position of elementary teacher, (tenure area: elementary; certification status: Initial), effective August 31, 2017, through August 30, 2021, at the MA, Step 1, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2017-2018 school year.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four year probationary appointment of Maryann Raffaniello-Zirbes to the position of elementary teacher, (tenure area: elementary; certification status: Professional), effective August 31, 2017, through August 30, 2021, at the MA, Step Entry, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2017-2018 school year.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the three year probationary appointment of Patricia Sertzoglou to the position of elementary teacher, (tenure area: elementary; certification status: Professional), effective August 31, 2017, through August 30, 2020, at the MA, Step 3, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2017-2018 school year.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Sara Perrone for a FMLA leave of absence, effective October 16, 2017, through January 22, 2018.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve an extension of Donna Smith's leave of absence for medical reasons from her special education teacher position through May 12, 2017.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Noreen McDougal to the position of leave replacement reading teacher, effective August 31, 2017, through June 30, 2018, at the MA, Step 1, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following coaching appointments for the 2017-2018 school year at the stipended salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2017-2018 school year:
 - a. Frank Altamore, Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Coach, Year 1, Step 1
 - b. Paul Collins, Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, Year 3, Step 1
 - c. Anthony Weber, Girls Junior High Soccer Coach, Year 3, Step 3
 - d. Theresa Amabile, Junior Varsity Soccer Coach, Year 2, Step 1
 - e. Patricia Murphy, Varsity Traditional Cheerleading Coach, Year 1, Step 1
 - f. Patricia Murphy, .5 FTE Varsity Competition Cheerleading Coach, Year 1, Step 1
 - g. Julia Evans, .5 FTE Varsity Competition Cheerleading Coach, Year 1, Step 1

11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Frederick Cange to the position of Security Aide, effective May 24, 2017, at the hourly salary set forth by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for the 2016-2017 school year.

12. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Juan C. Bosques, to the position of cleaner, effective May 24, 2017, at the Step B annual salary established by the East Rockaway Custodial Unit agreement for the 2016-2017 school year.

13. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Denise Cipriano to the position of Summer Textbook Monitor, effective May 29, 2017, through August 31, 2017, at the salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education Food Service Worker and Monitor Unit Agreement for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years.

14. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Marie Anderson to the position of ENL teacher for the Jump Start Program, effective July 10, 2017 to July 14, 2017, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2017-2018 school year.

15. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following special education summer school appointments, effective July 5, 2017, through August 15, 2017, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2017-2018 school year:

Dr. Alissa Nunes.....	Psychologist
Bethany Kinkaid.	Speech Language Teacher
Diana Collins.....	Resource Room Teacher
Randi Kilcommons.....	Resource Room Teacher
Kathleen Crowley.....	Special Education Teacher
Kristen Donovan.....	Special Education Teacher
Allison Gerbert.....	Special Education Teacher
Jacqueline Purtee.....	Substitute Special Education Teacher
Eileen Levine	Substitute Special Education Teacher
Kathleen Crowley.....	Specialized Reading Teacher

16. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following appointments for summer CSE/CPSE meetings, effective July 1, 2017, through August 31, 2017, at the hourly salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2017-2018 school year:

Dr. Alissa Nunes.....	School Psychologist
Robert Kennedy	Special Education Teacher
Eileen Levine.....	Special Education Teacher
Jacqueline Purtee.....	Special Education Teacher
Nick Taylor.....	Special Education Teacher
Michelle Rehs.....	Special Education Teacher
Kim Rosenkrantz.....	Speech Language Teacher
Bethany Kinkaid.....	Speech Language Teacher
Michelle Rehs.....	General Education Teacher
Nick Taylor.....	General Education Teacher
Eileen Levine.....	General Education Teacher
Robert Kennedy.....	General Education Teacher
Nick Taylor.....	Chairperson, CSE/CPSE
Dr. Alissa Nunes.....	Chairperson, CSE/CPSE

17. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following special education summer school teacher aide appointments, effective July 5, 2017, through August 15, 2017, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association contract for the 2017-2018 school year:

Stefanie Medina.....	Teacher Aide
Janet Block	Teacher Aide
Carolyn Fernandez.....	Teacher Aide
Darlene Woods.....	Teacher Aide
Linda Lindsley.....	Teacher Aide
Jill Toy.....	Substitute Teacher Aide

Nicole Winters.....Substitute Teacher Aide
Dawn Grochmal.....Substitute Teacher Aide

18. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following summer school monitor appointment for the special education summer school program, effective July 5, 2017, through August 15, 2017, at the salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education Food Service Worker and Monitor Unit Agreement for the 2017-2018 school year.

Jeanne Abrami Monitor (Bus)

19. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Driver and Traffic Safety Instructor appointments, effective June 21, 2017, through June 30, 2018, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2017-2018 school year:

- a. Nicholas Cimorelli
- b. Christian Soto
- c. Michael Soto

20. 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 substitute workers for the 2016-2017 school year:

- a. Katherine Rich, short term substitute teacher through May 5, 2017
- b. Darlene Woods, concert supervisor, effective May 23, 2017
- c. Aldelys Collado de Loveras, substitute cleaner, effective upon Civil Service approval
- d. Seasonal Cleaners, effective May 24, 2017 through September 30, 2017
 - 1. Gateano Barone
 - 2. Lucia Castro
 - 3. Bradley Kaufman
 - 4. Jennifer Lemus
 - 5. Aldelys Collado de Loveras
 - 6. Sebastian Salazar

B. Other Items

Upon motion made John Giannotti, Jr., and seconded by Kristin Ochtera, the following Items 1 through 16 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

1. Approve the revised Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for the 2016-2017 school year.
2. Approve the four year probationary appointment of Alex Goldberg as the Director of Technology and Learning Analytics, effective July 1, 2017, and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the resulting Employment Agreement.
3. Approve the four year probationary appointment of Mona Hecht as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, effective July 1, 2017, and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the resulting Employment Agreement.
4. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the President of the Board President is authorized to establish the “Phil Di Chiara Lacrosse Scholarship” to be awarded to a one female varsity lacrosse player and one male varsity lacrosse player who love the game of lacrosse.

5. Approve the following Resolution to authorize Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure Propositions:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway UFSD is the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the purpose of required determinations respecting the proposed Capital Improvement Projects as follows:

**WINDOW REPLACEMENT AT RHAME AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(SED #28-02-19-03-0-002-015)**

WHEREAS, in 1995, amendments were made to the SEQRA Regulation (Part 617) to classify projects, which will be excluded from the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (Type II Actions). The project mentioned above is now classified as Type II Actions as determined by 6NYCRR§617.5; and

WHEREAS, these projects fall under the following categories:

- A. Maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure of facility;
- B. Replacement, Rehabilitation, or Reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in Section 617.4 of this Part;

THEREFORE, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, the above referenced

project falls under Categories “A” or “B” above. The procedure for Type II Actions, with regard to the SEQRA Process for Capital Projects noted above is “No Additional Required Action under 6NYCRR§617.5(a).”

6. Approve the following Resolution For the purpose of participating in a Cooperative Bid for Investigative Services for School Year 2017-2018:

WHEREAS, the Boards of Education of East Rockaway UFSD, Island Park UFSD, Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD, Long Beach CSD, Valley Stream UFSD Thirty, Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-Four, and Valley Stream CHSD, desire to participate in a Cooperative Bid during the 2017/2018 school year as authorized by General Municipal Law Section 119-0, the Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD Board of Education through its Assistant Superintendent for Business, or designee, has assumed responsibility for drafting specifications, advertising for Bids, accepting and opening Bids, tabulating Bids, and reporting the results for each of the respective bids to the participating Boards of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, or designee, on behalf of the Board of Education of East Rockaway UFSD, be and hereby authorized to participate in Cooperative bidding in conjunction with the Boards of Education of Island Park UFSD, Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD, Long Beach CSD, Valley Stream UFSD Thirty, Valley Stream Twenty-Four and Valley Stream CHSD for the Cooperative Bid for Investigative Services. Any award of any contact pursuant to this Cooperative Bid will be made by the respective Board of Education in cooperation with the participating Districts.

7. Approve the arrangement letter with Nawrocki Smith LLP, for professional services rendered to the East Rockaway UFSD for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and authorize the Superintendent and President of the Board of Education to execute the arrangement letter on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
8. Approve the extended second 30- day Emergency Contract with First Student, Inc. for one East Rockaway student attending Sagamore Children’s Center Day Hospital, and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations and President of the Board of education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
9. Approve the Health and Welfare Services Agreement between the East Rockaway UFSD and the Lynbrook UFSD for health and welfare services for the 2016-2017 school year and authorize the Superintendent and the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

10. Approve the award of the bid for the AC Split Systems for the 2017-2018 school year to the lowest responsible bidders: L&J Heating and Air Conditioning and Emcor Services NY/NJ, as more fully set forth in the Facilities Directors Consortium bid run for AC Split Systems on April 4, 2017, and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to execute the resulting contracts on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
11. Accept the IDEA Grant 611 Amendment No. 1 increasing the budget by \$10, 360.
12. Accept the IDEA Grant 611 Amendment No. 2 increasing the budget by \$8, 096.
13. Accept the IDEA Grant 619 Amendment No. 1 increasing the budget by \$671.
14. Approve the following items for disposal:
 - a. Two art room tables
15. Accept checks in the total sum of \$5,050 from various donors delivered to the district by Stacy Lane for the “Keith Lane Visual & Media Arts Scholarship.”
16. Accept the following donations:
 - a. From Margaret McKeon, a check in the sum of \$100 for the “Margaret McKeon Attendance Award”
 - b. From the Kiwanis Club of East Rockaway, Inc., a check in the sum of \$2,125, for the publication and delivery of an anti-drug publication
 - c. From the Richard R. Ong and Heidi Lem Ong Charitable fund, a check in the amount of \$4,000
 - d. From the East Rockaway Post No. 958 American Legion, Inc., a check in the sum of \$100 for Pre-Prom Party 2017
 - e. From the Village Foundation of East Rockaway, a check in the sum of \$100 for Pre-Prom Party 2017
 - f. From the Centre Avenue PTA:
 1. A check in the sum of \$400, curriculum enhancement for a fifth grade field trip
 2. A check in the sum of \$67.51, for classroom supplies
 3. A check in the sum of \$150, curriculum enhancement for an Enterprise trip
 - g. From the Rhame Avenue PTA:
 1. A check in the sum of \$200.00, for kindergarten curriculum enhancement
 2. A check in the sum of \$400.00, for fourth grade curriculum enhancement
 3. A check in the sum \$400.00, for sixth grade curriculum enhancement
 4. A check in the sum \$400.00, for third grade curriculum enhancement
 5. A check in the sum \$400.00, for fifth grade curriculum enhancement

C. Budget Transfers

Upon motion made by Keith Gamache, and seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the following Budget Transfers were unanimously approved.

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

- a. Transaction No. 17-0005
- b. Transaction No. 17-0006
- c. Transaction No. 17-0007
- d. Transaction No. 17-0008
- e. Transaction No. 17-0009
- f. Transaction No. 17-0010
- g. Transaction No. 17-0011
- h. Transaction No. 17-0012
- i. Transaction No. 17-0013
- j. Transaction No. 17-0014
- k. Transaction No. 17-0015

D. Upon motion made by Kristin Ochtera, and seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the CSE Recommendations were unanimously approved.

E. Upon motion made by Keith Gamache, and seconded by Kristin Ochtera, the CPSE Recommendations were unanimously approved.

7. Policy Matters

1. Policy for Review

- a. 5151, Homeless Children

8. Good and Welfare

- a. Congratulations to Judy Fahrenkrug on the birth of her grandson Peter John Luzon, born on April 10, 2017
- b. Congratulations to Jack Bixhorn on his marriage to Jenn Raimondi on May 20, 2017
- c. Condolences to Keith Gamache and family on the passing of his mother-in-law, Kathleen M. Estabrook
- d. Condolences to Jennifer Fitzgerald and family on the passing of her mother-in-law, Anne Fitzgerald

9. Superintendent's Report

Ms. Ruiz announced that she will not be reading her report this evening but will post it on the website. She encouraged everyone to read it as it will contain more information and updates on

end of year activities.

10. Privilege of the Floor - none

11. Board Member Comments

Kristin Ochtera: Ms. Ochtera congratulated all the tenure recipients and welcomed the new professionals in their positions. She was pleased to celebrate the end of year activities and all that was accomplished this year.

John Giannotti, Jr.: Mr. Giannotti, Jr. echoed the comments of Ms. Ochtera. He congratulated Mr. Walter and all the staff members who received tenure. He wished them a long future with the District.

Keith Gamache: Mr. Gamache thanked everyone in the community for their expression of sympathy on the recent loss in his family. He congratulated all the tenure recipients. He reflected on his 23 years of teaching experience, noting that some 14-18 year olds are not the same as they were years ago. Students are more in need of stability and guidance than ever before, as they are more savvy and vulnerable in social media, etc. He looks forward to our newly tenured staff to have long careers in the District. Mr. Gamache congratulated Ms. Ruiz on receiving the “Friends of Education” award from the Phi Delta Kappa International at Stony Brook University. It is a great tribute and well-deserved.

Patti Nicoletti: Ms. Nicoletti shared the sentiments of her board members. She thanked the DECA Club members who spoke this evening, the presenters of the art and music awards, and the staff for giving them those opportunities. She wished the tenure candidates for a long life in East Rockaway and welcomed Ms. Hecht and Mr. Goldberg in their new positions.

12. Upon motion made by John Giannotti, Jr., and seconded by Kristin Ochtera, and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vitina Fazi
District Clerk