

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
East Rockaway, New York  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
7:00 P.M., August 2, 2016 – East Rockaway Jr. /Sr. High School Band Room  
Preceded by a Public Forum

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Patti Nicoletti, Keith Gamache, Neil R. Schloth, Superintendent, Lisa J. Ruiz; Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Jacqueline A. Scio; Outgoing Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, James P. Robinson; Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, John Piccarella, District Clerk, Vitina Fazi

Absent: Kristin Ochtera  
John Giannotti, Jr.

1. The meeting was called to order by Patti Nicoletti at 7:07 p.m. and Keith Gamache led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Upon motion made by Keith Gamache, and seconded by Neil Schloth, the minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting of July 7, 2016, was unanimously approved.
3. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports - None
4. Correspondence – None
5. Action Agenda

Upon motion made by Neil Schloth and seconded by Keith Gamache, and unanimously approved, Personnel Item 9 was amended (Addendum).

Upon motion made by Keith Gamache, and seconded by Neil Schloth, the following Items 1 through 9 (Addendum) were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

A. Personnel

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation of Valerie Gensheimer, monitor, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 28, 2016.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignations:

- a. Kelsey Erwin, part-time reading teacher, effective July 18, 2016
  - b. Stephen Raimondi, part-time social studies teacher and part-time teaching assistant, effective July 19, 2016
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, rescind the appointment of Thomas Canale as a leave replacement English Teacher, previously approved by the Board of Education at its May 24, 2016, meeting, Personnel Item No. 18.
  4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the three year probationary appointment of Thomas Canale (who served as a leave replacement English teacher for the 2015-2016 school year) as an English teacher (tenure area: English, certification status: initial), effective September 1, 2016, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure, at the BA, Step 1, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2016-2017 school year.
  5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four-year probationary appointment of April Francis to the position of Social Studies/Foreign Language Chairperson, effective September 1, 2016, (tenure area: social studies; certification status: permanent), subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure, at the MA30, Step 13, (plus stipend) annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2016-2017 school year.
  6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Samantha Milwich to the position of leave replacement English teacher, effective September 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, at the MA, Step Entry, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2016-2017 school year.
  7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Dawn Grochmal to the position of substitute special education summer school teacher aide, effective July 6, 2016, through August 16, 2016, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association contract for the 2016-2017 school year.
  8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following temporary assignment(s) upon the terms and conditions established by the East Rockaway Board of Education 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. Kelli Halatas, substitute food service helper, effective upon Civil Service approval
- b. Karen DeCunzo, substitute monitor, effective upon Civil Service approval
- c. Patricia Russell, substitute monitor, effective upon Civil Service approval
- d. Peter Cruz, substitute teacher, effective September 1, 2016

B. Other Items

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

1. Approve the free and reduced lunch program income eligibility schedule for the 2016-2017 school year.
2. Approve the following resolution to authorize the East Rockaway School District to participate in the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, or designee, on behalf of the Board of Education of the East Rockaway UFSD, be and hereby is authorized to participate in Cooperative bidding conducted in conjunction with National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance. Any award of contract pursuant to the Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement will be made by the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance in cooperation with the participating public agencies.

3. Approve the Agreement between the East Rockaway Union Free School District and Jennifer Fitzgerald, OTR/L for occupational therapy services for the period commencing September 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the Agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
4. Approve the Summer Emergency Transportation Contract with WE Transport and authorize the Superintendent and President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

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 2016-2017, amounting to \$38,436,281.00 be and the same is hereby accepted.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$28,871,284.00, the amount which must be raised by taxation for East Rockaway UFSD (#19) of the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County,

NY, for the year 2016-2017 be levied upon the taxable property of the said school district as said property has been certified by the Assessor for the school year 2016-2017.

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, 2016.

- C. Budget Transfers - None
- D. Approval of CSE Recommendations - None
- E. Approval of CPSE Recommendations - None
- 6. Policy Matters - None
- 7. Good and Welfare
  - a. Condolences to Karen Callaghan and family on the passing of her father, Frederick Lee
  - b. Congratulations to Michelle Rodgers and family on the arrival of Stella Ann, born on July 27, 2016
  - c. Congratulations to Erin Kennedy and family on the arrival of daughter Eliana, born on July 29, 2016
- 8. Superintendent's Report

Ms. Ruiz welcomed Ms. Jacqueline Scio to the East Rockaway School District in her position as Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations.

She reported that the administration has been very busy interviewing and observing demonstration lessons to fill a number of vacancies mainly in the high school including Social Studies/Foreign Language Chairperson, Special Education Chairperson, as well as various content area teaching positions.

Tonight we appointed a number of these positions and hope to make our final appointments by the end of August.
- 9. Privilege of the Floor - None

10. Board Member Comments

Keith Gamache: Mr. Gamache thanked Ms. Ruiz and the administration for hiring the staff necessary to start the new school year.

Neil Schloth: Mr. Schloth joined Mr. Gamache in thanking the administration for hiring new staff and welcomed all new staff to the District. He also welcomed Ms. Scio.

Patti Nicoletti: Ms. Nicoletti announced the next Board meeting for August 30<sup>th</sup> and welcomed all to attend.

11. Upon motion made by Keith Gamache, seconded by Neil Schloth, and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. to executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Vitina Fazi  
District Clerk