

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Meeting of the Board of Education
7:30 PM, May 14, 2013 – East Rockaway Jr/Sr High School,
Preceded by the Installation of PTA Officers for 2013-2014 and
a Public Forum

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Kristin Ochtera; Linda Schmidt, Neil Schloth; Patti Nicoletti, John Giannotti, Jr.; Superintendent, Dr. Roseanne Melucci; and Director of Finance and Operations, Marcy Tannenbaum; District Clerk, Denise Lobascio; staff members and members of the community.

1. The meeting was called to order by Kristin Ochtera at 7:45 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Linda Schmidt.
2. Upon motion by Patti Nicoletti, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the minutes of the April 16, 2013 and April 17, 2013 meetings were unanimously approved.
3. Acknowledged Receipt of Financial Reports – March 2013
4. Correspondence - None
5. Action Agenda

A. Personnel

1. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by Neil Schloth and unanimously approved, the following staff members have been granted tenure on the effective date indicated and subject to satisfactory evaluation:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Tenure Date</u>
Ashley Cole.....	Elementary Teacher	September 1, 2013
Kathleen Rottkamp	Elementary Teacher	September 1, 2013

Upon motion by Neil Schloth, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the following items #2-11 have been unanimously approved

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignations:
 - a. Jessica DeJoseph, teacher aide, effective April 18, 2013
 - b. Marisa R. Rascionato, permanent substitute teacher position, effective April 22, 2013

- c. Christine A. Circo, part-time monitor, effective May 2, 2013
 - d. Wendy Beauchesne, probationary teaching assistant position, effective June 30, 2013
 - e. Linda Lindsley, after school monitor, effective May 6, 2013
3. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent, approve the part-time appointment of Corinne Meaney to the position mathematics teacher for the ALPSS program, effective May 15, 2013, through June 30, 2013, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for ALPSS teachers for the 2012-2013 school year.
 4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Clare Marco to the position of permanent substitute teacher, effective April 29, 2013, through June 21, 2013, at the per diem salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the non-contractual salary schedule for the 2012-2013 school year.
 5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Danielle Anderson to the position of teacher aide, effective May 15, 2013, at the Step 1, hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association contract for the 2012-2013 school year.
 6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Marissa Mauro to the position of leave replacement mathematics teacher, effective August 29, 2013, through January 31, 2014, at the MA, Step 2, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teacher's Association contract for teachers for the 2013-2014 school year.
 7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Heather Loughran to the position of leave replacement teaching assistant, effective August 29, 2013, through June 30, 2014, at the Step 2 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teacher's Association contract for teaching assistants for the 2013-2014 school year.
 8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of M. Denise Winter to the position of leave replacement school social worker, effective August 29, 2013, through June 30, 2014, at the MA, Step 2, annual salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2013-2014 school year.
 9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request for a child rearing leave of absence of Kimberly Rosenkrantz from her speech/language teacher position, effective August 29, 2013, through January 31, 2014.
 10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the probationary appointment of Jennifer Spiteri to the position of school guidance counselor (tenure area: guidance counselor; certification status: provisional), effective August 29,

2013, through August 28, 2016, at the MA, Step 1 (plus stipend), annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2013-2014 school year.

11. 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 the 2012-2013 school year:

- a. Nicholas Cimorelli, substitute technology teacher, ALPSS, effective April 1, 2013
- b. Nicholas Tomasso, athletic supervisor, effective April 15, 2013
- c. Leticia Leigh, substitute teacher aide, effective May 15, 2013; and substitute teacher aide and substitute monitor, ALPSS, effective May 15, 2013
- d. Darlene Chase, substitute clerical, effective May 15, 2013

Seasonal Cleaners, effective May 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013:

- e. Matthew Froman
- f. Kathy Graf

12. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the continuation of the “emergency, conditional” personnel appointment for the following individuals pending receipt of notification of fingerprint clearance from the State of New York, Department of Education:

None

B. Other

Upon motion by John Giannotti, Jr., seconded by Linda Schmidt, the following items #1 – 11 were unanimously approved:

1. Accept the following donations for the purpose of replacing instructional items lost and/or for the restoration of district facilities damaged in Hurricane Sandy:

For Deposit to Special Aid Revenue Account F-216-2112-200:

- a. \$6,441.37 from Hamilton Central School District
- b. \$100.00 from Mary Shanley Hicks, Class of 1955
- c. \$20,000.00 from the East Rockaway Education Foundation

For Deposit to Special Aid Revenue Account F-213-2113-200:

- d. \$384.67 from Mineola Schools Department of Fine and Performing Arts and the Mineola Music Parents
 - e. \$15,000.00 from an anonymous donor to be applied toward the purchase of new band uniforms
2. Accept the following donations to the Rhame Avenue School for the purpose of purchasing books and supplies and authorize an increase in budget code 2110-450-03-0000:
 - a. \$2,200.00 from Vail Farm Elementary School
 - b. \$3,129.00 from Park Avenue Elementary School
 - c. \$300 from Alanna O'Toole which was raised through the fundraising efforts of the LIU-Brooklyn, Student Affiliates of School Psychology
 3. Accept a donation of 92 books valued at \$1,600.00 from Crystal Spring Book for Rhame Avenue School.
 4. Accept a grant in the sum of \$750.00 from First Book for the purpose of purchasing books for Rhame Avenue School.
 5. Approve the agreement with Textbook Central, a division of Tel/Logic Inc. d/b/a CentralEd with East Rockaway UFSD for textbook information and management services for the 2013-2014 school year and authorize the Director of Finance and Operations to execute the Letter of Intent and agreement for said services on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
 6. Approve the award of the bid for AC Split Systems for the 2013-2014 school year to the lowest responsible bidders: Absolute Comfort, Best Climate Control and L & J Heating & AC as more fully set forth in the Facilities Directors Consortium bid run for AC Split Systems April 2013 and authorize the Director of Finance & Operations to execute the resulting contracts on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
 7. Approve the License Agreement with SCOPE Education Services for the SAT Preparatory Program for the 2013-2014 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
 8. Approve the Vending Service and License Agreement with Dover Gourmet Corporation for vending services at East Rockaway Jr/Sr High School for the period April 29, 2013, through June 30, 2015, and authorize the President of the East

Rockaway Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

9. Rescind Other, Item B, 13 from the April 16, 2013 minutes, and approve the contract dated April 18, 2013, with Hess Small Business Services, LLC, HESS Corporation, as the natural gas service provider for the period September 1, 2013, through August 31, 2015, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
10. Declare obsolete for the purpose of disposal and/or recycling, three (3) cafeteria tables, ERHS Tag Nos. 000420, 100938 and 100940.
11. Approve joining in the 2013-2014 Nassau County School Districts Southwest consortium with Valley Stream School District Thirteen as the lead district assisted by Baldwin UFSD, Valley Stream CHSD, West Hempstead UFSD and Malverne UFSD.

Upon motion by John Giannotti, Jr., seconded by Neil Schloth, the following items #12 – 15 were unanimously approved:

12. 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:

Joseph Cangemi	Laura Peterson
James DeTommaso	John Piccarella
TJ DiPietro	Dina Reilly
William Fortgang	Tim Silk
Laura Guggino	Joseph Spero
Debra LoVerde	Dominick Vulpis
Roseanne C. Melucci	

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

b) The District hereby authorizes Roseanne C. Melucci to conduct and/or complete the annual professional performance reviews of building principals within the District.

13. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement dated April 19, 2013, between the Board of Education and the East Rockaway Food Service & Monitor Union and authorize the Superintendent to execute the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

14. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District approves the following school-sponsored field trip:

TO: London, England; Paris, France; Barcelona, Spain
WHEN: Departing: April 12, 2014; Returning: April 21, 2014
WHO: East Rockaway Jr/Sr High School Students and 4 Adult Chaperons
COST: No cost to the East Rockaway UFSD
TOUR: EF Educational Tours

15. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Dr. William H. Kaplan be appointed to serve as director of school health services in order to perform the duties of a medical inspector pursuant to Education Law Section 913.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to section 913 of the Education Law, the individual referred to in Confidential Attachment 1 is directed to report for a medical examination in order to determine the capacity of such person to perform his/her duties as an employee of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, the said medical examination to be before Dr. William Kaplan at his office located at 29 Barstow Road, Suite 104, Great Neck, New York on the date(s) as directed by the Superintendent of Schools; and the findings of such examination shall be reported to the Board of Education for the purposes specified in Education Law section 913.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that said individual is directed to produce at said medical examination any and all medical records related to the present state of his/her health.

C. Budget Transfers

1. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by John Giannotti, the following budget transfers were unanimously approved:
 - a. Transaction No. 13-0006
 - b. Transaction No. 13-0007
 - c. Transaction No. 13-0008
 - d. Transaction No. 13-0009
 - e. Transaction No. 13-0010

D. Upon motion by Patti Nicoletti, seconded by Neil Schloth, the CSE recommendations were unanimously approved.

E. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr. the CPSE recommendations were unanimously approved.

6. Policy Matters

1. Upon motion by Neil Schloth, seconded by Patti Nicoletti the following policies have been unanimously approved for retirement:
 - a. 4325, Remedial Programs
 - b. 8417, Use of Private Vehicles on School Business
 - c. 9630, Student/Staff Relationships
2. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr the following policies have been unanimously approved for adoption.
 - a. 2270, School Attorney
 - b. 2520, Board Member Training
 - c. 9420, Staff Evaluation
 - d. 9700, Staff Development
3. For Review
 - a. 5000, Student Policies Goals
 - b. 5020.3, Rights of Students With Disabilities Under Section 504
 - c. 5040, Prayer in Schools
 - d. 5130, Compulsory Attendance Ages
 - e. 5152, Admission of Non-Resident Students
 - f. 5182, Release Time for Religious Instruction
 - g. 5252, Student Activities Funds management
 - h. 5450.1, Notification of Sex Offenders
 - i. 5710, Violent and Disruptive Incident Reporting

- j. 8410, Student Transportation
- k. 9240, Recruiting and Hiring

7. Superintendent's Report

Welcome back to ERHS! Thank you to everyone who made the return possible. Thank you to our PTA for a wonderful celebration on our first day back.

Here's what's happening in our schools.

Enterprise students visited NYC as a culmination of their unit of study on Architecture.

The Centre Avenue Grade 6 Science Fair was held May 2nd. Student presentations were fantastic.

Each year Hofstra University holds a poetry contest for students who are enrolled in various levels of foreign language study. This year our Spanish students, under the guidance of Mrs. Rebeca Rodriguez Pagan, participated in the poetry recitation portion of the competition. The students selected and recited different poems from the author Federico Garcia Lorca. Our participants were: Joanna Ambrosio, Isabel Araujo, Conor Irvine, Sarah Jaskowiak, Kelly McLafferty, James Tierney, and Shannon Warner.

At Rhame Avenue the Kindergarten students celebrated Earth Day by planting seeds outside in a garden with Ms. Kempton. The students are charting the growth of their seeds and measuring the flower stems. First grade students are writing poetry- Cinquains and Acrostic Poems. The second graders have been learning about the classification of animals, their habitats, and adaptations through an interdisciplinary project involving research, technology, water color painting and poetry. The students' work will be presented and displayed for all to see on Visitor's Day. In the Fifth grade, students are working on their Entrepreneur Day projects and they will begin their State play by the end of the month. Sixth grade students are writing about Harry Houdini. For more information on what is happening at Rhame Avenue each month please visit the Rhame Avenue website.

Our Life Skills teachers participated in a consortium with other Life Skills teachers in the County to share and learn more about the different Life Skills programs that are offered.

High School Regents Academies will begin soon. Schedules will be posted on the high school website.

Summer reading and math assignments, 6-12, will soon be finalized and announced. Advance Placement exams began last week and will end tomorrow. Preparations for all other end of the year assessments, including NWEA, in-class finals, SLO assessments, as well as finals and Regents exams are being finalized.

In Athletics, the Varsity Boy's Baseball team made the playoffs and played their first game on Saturday at 11:00am in Cold Spring Harbor. The Varsity Girl's Softball team finished in a tie for first place. The Varsity Track team has two State hopefuls in Carly Howard and Jonathan Schloth as they begin their championships.

Physical Education FITNESSGRAM reports were mailed home to parents in grades 4-6. The Mileage Club at Rhame, an optional running recess program where students earn tokens when they complete a designated amount of distance, returned on Monday, May 13.

The combined Elementary Schools Concert will be here tomorrow night. All are invited to attend. The Jr./Sr. High School Concert will be next Tuesday on 5/21. An Elementary Art Shows was held at Centre Avenue on 5/9 and will be at Rhame Avenue on 5/30. The District Art Exhibit will be on display all day on Tuesday, 5/21. Guided tours, provided by the district art teachers, will be available from 3:00 - 4:00.

Our third grade students are taking a field trip to the Nassau County Art Museum in Roslyn to see abstract art, sketch art, and interpret the art.

From our SEL curriculum, the Garden of Kindness continues to grow at Centre Avenue with the goal of every student being recognized with a letter of recognition and their photo on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Centre Avenue SEL words of the month are jubilant and enthusiasm. The Sixth grade SEL words at Rhame this month are anxiety and Self-Esteem. Also from the SEL curriculum, our third grade students are completing the "Too Good For Drugs Program" with our Social Worker Mrs. Winter. Students learn how to think before they act, set goals and work on achieving those goals.

News from the Facilities Department includes repaving the drop-off at Centre Avenue School and adding safety painting as well as a larger sign reminding people not to make a left turn out of the drop-off. The HS large gym is progressing and is expected to be completed soon.

Tonight begins the wiring phase of the electronic key-card and buzzer system at the High School. The new front doors for the HS are expected during the first week of June. They will be wired into the system to complete the project.

In other news, Regent Tilles and Chancellor Tisch, from the New York State Education Department, will be visiting ERHS on Tuesday, May 28th. They visited us after the destruction and I have invited them back to see the finished product.

Please don't forget to come out and vote next Tuesday, May 21st. Parking will be around the oval for entrance by the red benches and near the tech building for entrance directly into the gym. If you are planning to stay for the concert after voting, please park in the back or where indicated by the signs.

That concludes my report.

8. Privilege of the Floor

- Security system
- Field testing
- Hiring of Superintendent
- Shooter training
- Required summer reading
- Conflicts on calendar

9. Board Member Comments

Patti Nicoletti – Congratulations to Ms. Cole and Ms. Rottkamp on receiving their tenures. Welcome Ms. Spiteri to the East Rockaway staff. Please come and vote on May 21st in the

high school gym. Congratulations and thank you to out going and incoming PTA officers. We are very fortunate here in East Rockaway that we have such dynamic PTAs. I want to thank you for the time you give all our students. Thank you all for coming out tonight.

John Giannotti, Jr. – Congratulations to Ms. Spiteri, Ms. Cole and Ms. Rottkamp. Thank you to the PTA.

Linda Schmidt – Thank you for coming out. See you next month.

Neil Schloth – Please get your friends and family to come out and vote on Tuesday, May 21st from 6:30 am to 9:30 pm.

Kristin Ochtera – I would like to recognize the work that was put into having the school done while making it look the same. I would like to acknowledge the teachers and the administration. A sincere thanks to Marcy and Dr. Melucci. This has been a major accomplishment in their careers.

Thank you and ditto to everything else.

10. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by Neil Schloth and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Lobascio
District Clerk