

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
7:30 P.M., August 30, 2011 – East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School
Preceded by a Public Forum

MINUTES

Present: Neil Schloth, President; Michaelene Abbott-Cooper, Vice President; Linda Schmidt, Patti Nicoletti, Kristen Ochtera, Roseanne Melucci, Superintendent of Schools; Marcy Tannenbaum, Director of Finance and Operations; Denise Lobascio; District Clerk and members of the community.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Neil Schloth and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kristin Ochtera.
2. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by Kristin Ochtera the minutes from the following Board of Education meetings were unanimously approved:
 1. July 5, 2011
 2. July 28, 2011
 3. August 11, 2011
3. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports – None
4. Correspondence – One
5. Action Agenda

A. Personnel

Upon motion by Patti Nicoletti, seconded by Michaelene Abbott-Cooper, the following items #1-9 were unanimously approved:

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignation:
 - a. Kristina R. Cicio, teacher aide, effective August 2, 2011
 - b. Wendy Crocco, substitute food service worker, effective September 5, 2011
 - c. Christine Circo, substitute monitor, effective September 5, 2011
 - d. Christie Marrone, substitute teacher aide, effective August 30, 2011
 - e. Arianne Millar, substitute teacher aide, effective August 30, 2011
 - f. Angela Prisciandaro, substitute teacher aide, effective August 30, 2011
 - g. Diana Manz, permanent substitute teacher, effective August 29, 2011
 - h. Josephine DeVenuto, food service worker, effective August 25, 2011
 - i. Jessica Vilardi, teacher aide, effective August 25, 2011
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the probationary appointment of Jessica Cavolo to the position of special education teacher (tenure area: special education; certification status: initial), effective September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2014, at the MA, Step 1 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2011-2012 school year.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the probationary appointment of Jessica Howell to the position of special education teacher (tenure area: special education; certification status: Professional), effective September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2014, at the MA, Step 1 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2011-2012 school year.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the probationary appointment of Allison Corvi to the position of speech/language teacher (tenure area: speech; certification status: initial, two-year extension), effective September 1, 2011, through June 30, 2014, at the MA, Step 3 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers

Association contract for the 2011-2012 school year.

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Elizabeth Duffy to the position of leave replacement reading teacher, effective September 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, at the MA, Step 1 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2011-2012 school year.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following teacher aide appointments, effective September 1, 2011, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association agreement for the 2011-2012 school year:
 - a. Christie Marrone, Step A
 - b. Arianne Millar, Step A
 - c. Marisa Solan, Step 1
 - d. Angela Prisciandaro, Step A
7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following appointments effective September 6, 2011, at the Step 1 hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Food Service & Monitor Union agreement for the 2011 – 2012 school year:
 - a. Wendy Crocco, food service worker
 - b. Christine Circo, monitor
 - c. Cameshia Jones, food service worker
8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following temporary assignments at the hourly salary approved by the East Rockaway Board of Education:
 - a. Kathryn Klock, substitute teacher, effective September 6, 2011
 - b. Herbert Rivera, substitute cleaner, effective September 1, 2011
9. 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:

None

B. Other Items

Upon motion by Kristin Ochtera, seconded by Michaelene Abbott-Cooper the following items #1-21 were unanimously approved:

1. Approve the following correction to Other Item No. 15 on the July 5, 2011 agenda and minutes to read:

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2012 reorganizational meeting of the Board of Education shall be held on July 3, 2012.
2. Approve the Annual Professional Performance Review Plan for the 2011-2012 school year for teachers and principals.
3. Approve the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
4. Approve the following employment agreements for the 2011 – 2012 school year and authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreements on behalf of the Board of Education:
 - a) Marcy Tannenbaum, Director of Finance & Operations
 - b) John Piccarella, Director of Curriculum & Technology
 - c) Debra LoVerde, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
 - d) Anthony Quercia, Director of Facilities
 - e) Charlene Fried, Food Service Manager
 - f) Mary Volino, Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education

- g) Vincent D’Amico, Assistant Business Manager
 - h) Denise Lobascio, Business Office Secretary, District Clerk
 - i) Vivian Zhang, District Treasurer
5. Designate the Board President, or in his or her absence, the Board Vice President, to appoint an impartial hearing officer immediately after the impartial hearing officer selected from the rotational list indicates he or she is available.
 6. Approve the contract with New York State School Boards Association for a Grades K-6 Reconfiguration Study consultant services and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
 7. Approve the license agreement with SCOPE Education Services for an SAT/PSAT/ACT preparatory program for the 2011-2012 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 award of the contract to Rocco’s Italian Takeout, the lowest responsible bidder, as the pizza provider for the Food Service Program for the 2011-2012 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the resulting contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
 9. Approve the award for materials and supplies for the East Rockaway Public Schools’ Breakfast and Lunch Programs for the 2011-2012 school year to the following vendors and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the resulting contracts on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education:

Dairy / Milk Products, Oak Tree Dairy, Inc
Beverages, Food Specialties:

- Big Geyser
- Cookies & More
- H. Schrier & Co.
- Jay Bee Distributors, Inc.
- Makkas of Brooklyn
- Mivila Foods
- Savory Foods
- Snapple Distributors
- T.A. Morris Sons, Inc.

Bread Products, Sapienza Bakery

Ice Cream & Ice Cream Products, American Classic Specialties

Meat & Meat Products

- Flynn’s Provisions
- H. Schrier & Co.
- T.A. Morris Sons, Inc.

Paper Goods & Cleaning Supplies

- APPCO Paper & Plastic
- Borax Paper Products
- J & F Supply, Inc.

10. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement dated August 25, 2011, between the District and the East Rockaway Administrators’ Association regarding the terms and conditions of employment for the District’s administrators unit members for the period July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute the resulting collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

11. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that whereas the Board of Education believes it to be in the best interest of the District and the school community to participate in the MSG Varsity Network Outreach program and to enter into an agreement with MSG Varsity for the production and broadcasting of high school activities and achievements on the MSG Varsity Network, it hereby approves and authorizes the annexed School Registration and Participation Agreement Form between the District and MSG Varsity Network LLC, dated as of July 1, 2011, in connection therewith; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement on behalf of the District.

12. Accept a donation in the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen and 99/100 (\$1,315.99) Dollars from the Centre Avenue PTA for the purchase of an iPad 2 and portable document camera for the kindergarten class at Centre Avenue and approve an increase in budget code, F212 2112 000 (technology department) by One Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen and 99/100 (\$1,315.99) Dollars.
13. Accept a STEM Grant from Northrop Grumman in the sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars the proceeds of which will be used to purchase a SMARTboard accessory and approve an increase in budget code, F212 2112 000 (technology department) by Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars.
14. Approve the admission of one (1) West Hempstead UFSD student, two (2) Lynbrook UFSD students and One (1) Freeport UFSD student to attend the East Rockaway Public Schools for the special education summer 2011 program and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the resulting tuition agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
15. Approve the tuition agreement with Rockville Centre UFSD for special education services for one (1) student, Student ID No. 180005900, for the 2011-2012 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the resulting tuition agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
16. Approve the Special Education Services Contract for a Parentally-Placed Non-Public School student, Student ID No. 880246, with Hicksville UFSD for special education services for the 2011-2012 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contracts on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
17. Approve the tuition agreement with Levittown UFSD for career and technical programs for two (2) students for the 2011-2012 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract.
18. Declare broken and in disrepair for purpose of disposal the computer equipment more fully set forth on the Equipment for Disposal dated form.
19. Approve the following contracts for summer 2011 transportation services and authorize the Director of Finance and Operations to execute the contracts on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education:
- a. Acme Bus Corp.
 - b. WE Transport
20. Approve the award of the bids for transportation services to the following companies and authorize the Director of Finance and Operations to execute the resulting contracts on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education:
- a. Independent Coach Corp.
 - b. WE Transport
 - c. First Student, Inc.
 - d. Dell Transportation Corp.
 - e. Suburban Bus Transportation, Inc.
 - f. Acme Bus Corp.

21. Reject the bids won by the following companies for the 2011-2012 school year:

- a. Rivlab for a 66-passenger bus for the 2011-2012 school year
- b. Independent Coach Corp. for services to GC Tech

C. Budget Transfers

- a. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by Michaelene Abbott-Cooper budget transfer No. 12-0002 was unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Kristin Ochtera, seconded by Patti Nicoletti the following items D&E were unanimously approved:
D. Approval of CSE Recommendations

E. Approval of CPSE Recommendations

6. Policy Matters:

Upon motion by Michaelene Abbott-Cooper, seconded by Linda Schmidt, the following items #1 & 2 were unanimously approved:

1. Approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to retire the existing policies more fully set forth on the Recommendation to Retire Existing Policies dated August 5, 2011.
2. Approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to renumber the existing policies to more closely reflect the policy numbering system used by New York State School Board Association and be it further resolved that the attached list of policies will be renamed as specified in the Index to Policies Crosswalk
3. Policies for Review:
 - a. 4321.8 Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation
 - b. 6212 Fund Balance

7. Superintendent's Report

I want to thank the community members for their patience and support with the closing on Monday with respect to the hurricane. The buildings and grounds look great and we are ready to open for the staff on Thursday. The students will return on Tuesday. We are all looking forward to a successful school year.

8. Privilege of the Floor

One community member commented on test scores.

9. Board Member Comments

Linda Schmidt – Welcome back. See you next month.

Kristin Ochtera – Welcome back. I am glad you threw out that idea of taking tests, teaching the curriculum and taking tests; how would that come out? In the last ten years it has changed. The juniors had to take tests in every subject. If we didn't weigh upon tests, balanced the curriculum I wonder what would be. Now we focus on moving forward.

Patti Nicoletti – Welcome back. I am looking forward to a successful school year. I hope we can work together to improve test scores.

Michaelene Abbott-Cooper – Welcome back. Board work has begun. We are not alone with changes.

Neil Schloth – I joined the board three years ago. The year prior to me joining there was a big problem with the 6th to 7th grade transition. We worked it out through discussions and working with the parents. We need to work as a team to be able to fix problems. Thank you for coming.

10. Upon motion by Linda Schmidt, seconded by Michaelene Abbott-Cooper, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

11. The public meeting reconvened at 9:47 pm.
12. Upon motion by Michaelene Abbott-Cooper, seconded by Patti Nicoletti and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Lobascio
District Clerk