

RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC HEARING/WORKSESSION MEETING – MARCH 27, 2006

The Worksession Meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M. in the High School Cafeteria by President Cevasco with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. On roll call the following members were present: Mrs. Ahmed, Mr. Jasko, Mrs. Jones, Mr. McLean, Mr. Novosielski, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Cevasco. Mr. Casadonte and Mrs. Monahan were absent for the entire meeting. Mrs. Conlon and Mr. Brown were also present for the meeting.

N.J. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Rutherford Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on the bulletin board outside the Borough Clerk's Office, mailed to the News Leader, Herald, South Bergenite, and the Record newspapers, and filed with the Borough Clerk.

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MINUTES APPROVAL

1A. Resolution by Mr. Novosielski, seconded by Mrs. Williams.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION that the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of March 13, 2006 be approved as recorded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Ahmed – aye	Mr. Jasko – abstain	Mrs. Monahan – absent
Mr. Casadonte – absent	Mrs. Jones – aye	Mr. Novosielski – aye
Mrs. Cevasco – aye	Mr. McLean – aye	Mrs. Williams – aye

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2006-2007 PROPOSED BUDGET

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Budget Items Only) 8:03 P.M.

Margaret Schak asked several questions about the proposed budget.

Cheryl Spadora asked about the purchase of a school bus.

Meeting was then closed to the public at 8:15 P.M.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Action Items Only) 8:44 P.M. No comments made.

NEW BUSINESS (Action to be Taken)

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Mrs. Ahmed, seconded by Mrs. Jones to approve Personnel Items #1A through #4A.

JEANNINE MARMO

1A. Motion to approve extending the unpaid child rearing leave of Mrs. Jeannine Marmo through 6/30/07.

ARIEL COHEN

2A. Motion to approve the position abandonment of Ms. Ariel Cohen, teacher assistant, effective 2/23/06.

HAZEL RALPH

3A. Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Hazel E. Ralph, Research Assistant to the Superintendent, effective 7/1/06.

MARIE FLETCHER

4A. Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Marie Fletcher, school nurse at Pierrepont School, effective 3/1/06.

Approved.

FINANCE:

Motion by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Novosielski to approve Finance Items #1A and #2A.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: 1A. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION that the bills listed below be approved.

Accounts Payable	139,380.03
Offline Checks	277,581.29
General Activities	18,881.67
Total	<u>\$435,842.99</u>

APPROVAL OF BUDGET 2A. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION that the final School District Budget be approved for the 2006-07 school year as follows:

Current Expense and Capital Outlay	\$33,297,905
Special Revenue Funds	693,787
Debt Service	1,960,225
Total	\$35,951,917

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for funding the School District Budget for the 2006-2007 school year, the following amounts are the amounts necessary to be raised by local taxation:

Current Expense and Capital Outlay	\$30,302,192
Debt Service	1,855,225
Total	\$32,157,417

Roll Call Vote Finance Items #1A and #2A:

Mrs. Ahmed – aye	Mr. Jasko – aye	Mrs. Monahan – absent
Mr. Casadonte – absent	Mrs. Jones – aye	Mr. Novosielski – aye
Mrs. Cevasco – aye	Mr. McLean – aye	Mrs. Williams – aye

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Williams to approve Buildings and Grounds Items #1A and #2A.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BID 1A. Motion that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the below listed bids
CHILLER PROJECT for Air Conditioner Chiller Project at Lincoln and Washington Schools.

C&E Contracting, P.O. Box 690, Boonton, NJ 07005	\$864,000
Envirocon, LLC, 490 Schooley's Mountain Rd., Hackettstown, NJ 07840	\$1,170,600
ExAir Inc., 121 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, NJ 07666	\$1,397,000
Framan Mechanical, 919 Hwy. 33, Freehold, NJ 07728	\$697,000
Liberty Mechanical Contractors, 330-336 Raymond Blvd., Newark, NJ 07105	\$599,000
Sunnyfield Corp., 1 Industrial Way West, Eatontown, NJ 07724	\$883,000
TM Brennan Contractors, 3505 Route 94, Hamburg, NJ 07419	\$710,000
Weld-It, Inc., 37 Center Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716	\$798,000
Yetka Corp., 465 Shrewsbury Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702	\$611,000

AWARD OF BID 2A. WHEREAS, the Rutherford Board of Education received bid proposals for Air
CHILLER PROJECT Conditioner Chiller Project at Lincoln and Washington Schools on March 22, 2006 at 1:00 P.M. in the office of the School Business Administrator, and WHEREAS said proposals have been tabulated and the lowest responsible bidder determined;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION that award be made as follows:

Liberty Mechanical Contractors, 330-336 Raymond Blvd., Newark, NJ 07105	\$599,000
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Roll Call Vote Buildings and Grounds Items #1A and #2A:

Mrs. Ahmed – aye	Mr. Jasko – aye	Mrs. Monahan – absent
Mr. Casadonte – absent	Mrs. Jones – aye	Mr. Novosielski – aye
Mrs. Cevasco – aye	Mr. McLean – aye	Mrs. Williams – aye

NEW BUSINESS: (Action will not be taken)

PERSONNEL:

Chairperson Ahmed reported on the items to be acted upon at the April 10, 2006 regular meeting.

PERSONNEL:

Motion to move the following resignations, retirements, salary adjustments, reassignments, appointments, etc., pending approval from the State Department of Education, subject to the New Jersey Criminal Background Check and other legal requirements.

SIDE BAR AGREEMENTS

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve Side Bar Agreements between the Rutherford Board of Education and the Rutherford Education Association to approve the following stipend positions:

Web Master - \$4,000
Transportation Coordinator - \$6,000

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

Mrs. Williams reported on the meeting of the Curriculum Committee and items to be acted upon at the April 10, 2006 regular meeting.

CURRICULUM REVISIONS

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the following revised curriculum guides for the 2006-2007 school year:

- A. Enrichment - Grades K-1
- B. World History - Grade 9
- C. Art - K-3
- D. International Foods
- E. Foods
- F. Fitness Through Nutrition
- G. TV Production
- H. TV Workshop

TEXTBOOK APPROVAL

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the following textbook for use in Honors Pre-Calculus:

Pre-Calculus with Limits - Larson Hostetler - Houghton Mifflin - 2007

HOME INSTRUCTION

3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve home instruction for Student "O" (name on file in the office of the superintendent) effective 3/16/06.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to rescind the out-of-district placement of Student #2000331(name on file in the office of special services) for the 2005-2006 school year at the SBJC Lodi campus. Student has returned to district.

FINANCE:

Mr. McLean reported on the items to be acted upon at the April 10, 2006 regular meeting.

SO. BERGEN JOINTURE

TRANSPORTATION

1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION does hereby approve an agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Service Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the time period 7/1/06 through 6/30/07. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the Coordinated Transportation of nonpublic, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rutherford Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission and attached to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rutherford Board of Education enter into a joint transportation agreement with the South Bergen Jointure for the period 7/1/06 through 6/30/07 at a rate to be determined.

POLICY:

Chairperson Novosielski reported on the items to be acted upon at the April 10, 2006 regular meeting.

GRADUATION/PROMOTION POLICY RHS 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the following revised Policy #6146.1 Graduation/Promotion Policy RHS on first reading:

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**GRADUATION/PROMOTION POLICY
RUTHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL**

The Board of Education requires that each pupil meet the minimum standards for promotion within the high school and for graduation. The secondary curriculum at Rutherford High School offers a wide range of subject offerings in order to meet the needs, interests, and ability levels of the student body.

This policy establishes certain mandatory courses for all students as well as setting the minimum standards for promotion to each grade level and graduation. No student is denied access to any course due to race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, religion, disability or socioeconomic status.

Graduation Requirements: Effective with student's year of entry: Grade 9 September 2004 ~~the 2004-2005 grade nine class~~

I. Course Requirements

1. Twenty credits (4 credit years) ~~in~~ of English/language arts literacy.

2. Fifteen credits (3 credit years) ~~in~~ of mathematics.

~~3. Five credits (1 credit year) in world cultures.~~

4. ~~3. Ten Fifteen~~ credits (2 ~~3~~ credit years) ~~in United States History of~~ social studies, including satisfaction of US History per N.J.S.A. 18A:35.

5. ~~4.~~ Fifteen credits (3 credit years) ~~in~~ of science.

6. ~~5. Twenty credits (3.75 credits for physical education and 1.25 credits for health and driver education per year, 1 credit year for each year of enrollment).~~ One credit year of physical education (3.75 credits) and health (1.25 credits) for each year of enrollment.

~~7. 6.~~ Five credits (1 credit year) ~~in~~ of visual and performing arts. (Art, music, theater, dance)

~~8. 7.~~ Five credits (1 credit year) ~~in~~ of world languages.

~~9. 8.~~ Five credits (1 credit year) ~~in~~ of career education and consumer, family, and life skills, or vocational-technical education. (Practical arts)

~~10. 9. Career education and Technology Literacy instruction consistent with CCCS, will be integrated throughout the curriculum.~~

10. Fifteen credits (3 credit years) of electives taken from Core Curriculum Content Standards area.

II. A student must complete 120 credits for graduation.

III. Students must carry a minimum of 35 credits and a maximum of 40 credits each year except those students who have returned for their fifth year after failing to meet the graduation requirements during the normal four year sequence.

IV. Students must pass the mandated state assessments or meet the alternate requirements as outlined in the N.J. Administrative Code.

- V. Students may not "double up" on any more than one previously failed subject in any given school year.
- VI. A student receiving three marking period grades of "F" - one of which results in a final failure may receive credit in summer school if the course is taken for new credit (120 hours) One semester courses are not affected by this section of the policy.
- VII. Credits from an approved summer school or evening school will be accepted provided prior approval for attending said school was received from the high school guidance department.
- VIII. Students who fail to meet all graduation requirements are ineligible for a high school diploma and may not participate in the graduation ceremony. Credits needed for placement in designated grade level:

Grade 10	30 earned credits
Grade 11	60 earned credits
Grade 12	Eligibility to meet all graduation requirements by June of the current school year.

Above courses will meet all of the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Adopted: April 12, 2004
Revised:

ANIMAL DISSECTION

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the following new Policy #6161.4 Animal Dissection on first reading:

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ANIMAL DISSECTION

The board, by law, will allow pupils to refuse to participate in animal dissection.

1. The board will offer an alternate education program for a course or portion of a course involving dissection of animals.
2. A public school pupil from kindergarten through grade 12 may refuse to dissect, vivisection, incubate, capture or otherwise harm or destroy animals or any parts thereof as part of a course of instruction.
 - a. "Alternative education project" means the use of video tapes, models, films, books, computers, or any other tools which provide an alternative method for obtaining and testing the knowledge, information, or experience required by a course of study.
 - b. "Animal" means any living organism that is an invertebrate, or is in the phylum chordata or organisms which have a notochord and includes an animal's cadaver or severed parts of an animal's cadaver.
3. The school shall notify pupils and their parents or guardians at the beginning of each school year of the right to decline to participate in the activities enumerated in subsection a. of this section and shall authorize parents or guardians to assert the right of their children to refuse to participate in these activities. Within two weeks of the receipt of the notice, the pupils, parents or guardians shall notify the school if the right to decline participation in the enumerated activities will be exercised.
4. Any pupil who chooses to refrain from participation in or observation of a portion of a course of instruction in accordance with this section shall be offered an alternative education project for the purpose of providing the pupil with the factual knowledge, information or experience required by the course of study. A pupil may refuse to participate in an alternative education project which involves or necessitates any harmful use of an animal or animal parts.

5. A pupil shall not be discriminated against, in grading or in any other manner, based upon a decision to exercise the rights afforded pursuant to this act.

Adopted:

Legal References:	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:4-25	Prescribing minimum courses of study for public schools; approval of courses of study
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-1	District to furnish suitable facilities; adoption of courses of study
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:34-1	Textbooks; selection; furnished free with supplies; appropriations
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Curriculum and Courses
	P.L. 2006, c. 266	Districts to provide an alternate to dissection
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:7-1.4	Responsibilities of the district board of education
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23-6.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Purchase and Loan of Textbooks
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-14.1	Review of mandated programs and services

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts

The Comprehensive Equity Plan for 1996-97 through 1998-99, SDOE Educational Opportunity, Doc. #MISM260040699

PAY-TO-PLAY PROHIBITION 3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the following new Policy #9272 Pay-to-Play Prohibition on first reading:

PAY-TO-PLAY PROHIBITION

The board of education wishes to maintain honest and ethical relations with vendors and to avoid any appearance of impropriety or favoritism in its contracting practices. Therefore the board of education prohibits "pay-to-play."

1. No member of the board will vote upon or otherwise participate in the awarding of any contract in an amount to any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association or other business entity which has contributed funds including campaign contributions to that member of the board of education within the previous three years.
 - a. Contributions to any member of the school board from any individual, firm, partnership, association, or other business entity doing business with the school district are prohibited during the term of a contract.
 - b. Contributions that are prohibited include cash contributions, in-kind contributions, pledges to make contributions of any kind to a candidate for or holder of public office, or any other thing of value.
2. Not later than 10 days **prior to** entering into any contract having an anticipated value in excess of \$17,500, except for a contract that is required by law to be publicly advertised for bids, any business entity bidding thereon or negotiating therefore, shall submit along with its bid or price quote, a list of political contributions made by the corporation, its principals, or others on its behalf, along with the date and amount of each contribution and the name of the recipient of each contribution.
3. In addition, the business entity may be subject to a fine imposed by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission.
4. Provisions of this ban on pay-to-play will not apply to a contract when a public emergency requires the immediate delivery of goods or services.
5. The school board directs the board secretary/business administrator to file this policy with the N.J. Secretary of State, Office of Secretary of State, Laws & Commission Section, (P.O. Box 300, Trenton, NJ, 08625-0300), to inform vendors of the requirements of this policy, and to keep the school board informed about the implementation of this policy.

Adopted:

Legal Reference: P.L. 2005, c. 271.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Mrs. Jones reported on the items to be acted upon at the April 10, 2006 regular meeting.

COMMUNITY POOL PROG. 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve a renewal of the contract between the Board of Education and the Meadowlands YMCA to operate the community pool program from 9/1/06 through 8/31/07.

COMMUNITY POOL PROG. 2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to award a maintenance contract for the Rutherford High School swimming pool to the Meadowlands Area YMCA. The amount of the contract shall be for \$18,200, payable in twelve (12) equal monthly installments. The term of the contract shall be from 7/1/06 through 6/30/07.

CHANGE ORDERS
WASHINGTON 3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the following change order for the construction project at Washington School.

Change Order #E-W-30 Anderson Riley Co., Inc. \$9,756.00
Reason: Relocation of T-4 Line

Change Order #E-W-68 Anderson Riley Co., Inc. \$833.80
Reason: Provide relay for DC voltage for smoke detector.

Change Order #E-W-74 Anderson Riley Co., Inc. \$5,415.00
Reason: Labor to install smoke detectors in existing building and add 4 modules to the control.

Change Order #E-W-75 Anderson Riley Co., Inc. \$371.14
Reason: Installation of dedicated GFI receptacle for first floor teachers bathroom.

Change Order #E-W-78 Anderson Riley Co., Inc. \$3,014.06
Reason: Installation of life safety.

CHANGE ORDERS
LINCOLN 4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the following change orders for the construction project at Lincoln School.

Change Order #E-L-51 Anderson Riley Co., Inc. \$1,471.84
Reason: Install fire alarm detector on HV-1

Change Order #E-L-56 Anderson Riley Co., Inc. \$2,662.00
Reason: Labor for (6) tamper valves and (3) flow switches.

Change Order #E-L-73 Anderson Riley Co., Inc. \$5,415.00
Reason: Replace smoke detectors in existing building and adding 4 modules to control zones.

OLD BUSINESS: (No action to be Taken)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: 9:15 P.M.

Marie Lawler, President of the PT Council, reported that all of the school PTAs voted to endorse the proposed 2006-2007 school district budget.

The meeting was then closed to the public at 9:17 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Williams that an Executive Session be held at 9:18 P.M. for the purpose of discussing Personnel and Negotiations. Action may or may not be taken. The Board expects to return within 15 minutes.

Approved.

The Board returned at 9:53 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jasko that the meeting be adjourned at 9:54 P.M.

Approved.