

MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

A Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday evening, September 13, 2010 in the High School Cafeteria. Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Griggs at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On roll call the following members were present: Mrs. Ahmed, Mrs. Chituck, Dr. Fiume, Mr. Griggs, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Novosielski, and Mr. McLean. Mr. Casadonte arrived at 7:55 and Mrs. Lanni arrived at 7:32 pm. Also present were Ms. Baldwin and Mr. Brown.

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MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Resolution by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mr. Novosielski.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION that the minutes of the Work Session/Regular Meeting of August 2, 2010 be approved as recorded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Ahmed – aye	Dr. Fiume – aye, Abstained:8/19,8/11,8/10	Mrs. Lanni – aye
Mr. Casadonte – absent	Mr. Griggs – aye	Mr. McLean – aye
Mrs. Chituck - abstained	Mrs. Jones– aye	Mr. Novosielski–aye, abstained: 8/23

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Patrick Ross

He gave a report on the opening of school, different activities going on in RHS, including Pep Rallies, meetings of different classes, Academic Decathlon, and Student Council.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Goal setting – Susan McCusker - NJSBA

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

Mr. Casadonte welcomed everyone back. He gave a report on the 2010 – 2011 enrollment figures, comparing these figures to 2009 – 2010 enrollment figures. He said the schools were in great shape. He gave dates for Back to School Nights.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: (Agenda Items Only) 8:41 P.M. No one spoke.

Meeting was then closed to the public at 8:42 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mr. Griggs, seconded by Mr. Novosielski to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Legal matters.

Vote approved by Voice Vote.

NEW BUSINESS (Action to be Taken) The Board returned at 9:30 pm

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Mrs Ahmed, seconded by Mr. Novosielski to move the following resignations, retirements, salary adjustments, reassignments, appointments, etc., as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, pending approval from the State Department of Education, subject to the New Jersey Criminal Background Check and other legal requirements.

Vote approved by Voice Vote.

Motion by Mrs. Ahmed, seconded by Dr. Fiume to approve Personnel Items #1 thru # 19A.

BARBARA T.-CALDERARO

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to accept the resignation of Ms. Barbara Thuman-Calderaro, teacher assistant at Pierrepont School effective 8/19/10.

Monica Mikolajczyk
 Gia O'Keefe
 Jill Korzun
 Romina Senmartin
 Stephanie Albern
 Jennifer Krawiec

SUB TEACHER ASSISTANT

12. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to employ the following as substitute teacher assistants for the 2010-2011 school year effective 9/14/10 at the hourly rate of \$10.00:

Kaitlyn Lucyk
 Barbara Witter-Lembo
 Christine Anderson
 Gia O'Keefe
 Romina Senmartin
 Stephanie Albern
 Jennifer Krawiec

HOME INSTRUCTORS

13. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the following home instructors for the 2010-2011 school year at the hourly rate of \$35 effective 9/14/10:

Catherine Cuttita
 David Warzynski
 Gillian Crisman
 Ryan McMann
 Steven Vallespir

TRAVEL APPROVALS

14. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

<u>Staff Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Transp.</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Lodgings</u>	<u>Other</u>
Patricia Van Es	Librarian	NJASL	12/3&4/2010	\$115	none	none	none	\$50.00
Maria Considine	Nurse	Health Conference	10/27/10	\$175	none	none	none	none
Beth Falker	CST	Addressing Culture	10/8/10	\$125	\$47	none	none	None

SIMONE KUCHARYK

15. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to adjust the hours of Ms. Simone Kurcharyk from 5.9 hours per day to 4.9 hours per day.

RITA BROSANAN

16. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve Ms. Rita Brosnan as a teacher assistant at Lincoln School effective 9/1/10 for up to 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at the hourly rate of \$17.75 (step 1). This is a replacement position.

JACLYN HOHNECKER

17. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to adjust the hours of Ms. Jaclyn Hohnecker to 6.5 hours per day at Washington School.

SUMMER PROGRAM

18. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the following employees who provided professional development services at the hourly rate of \$65.00:

Judith Leonard
 Carol Drewes

ELLEN GOOD

~~19. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.
 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve an extension of the unpaid medical leave with benefits of Mrs. Ellen Good effective 10/1/10 through December 31, 2010.~~

ADDENDUM ITEMS

PERSONNEL:

19A. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to accept, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Ellen Good, Confidential Secretary to the Business Administrator, effective 8/1/10.

SERVICE PROVIDER

20A. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to amend the resolution of June 14, 2010 for Nursing Services for:

Samiha E. Mussad from \$125 per day to \$175 per day

KAITLYN LUCYK

21A. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve Ms. Kaitlyn Lucyk as a teacher assistant at Pierrepont School effective 9/14/10 for up to 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at the hourly rate of \$17.75 (step 1). This is a replacement position.

Roll Call Vote Personnel Items #1 thru # 21A.

Mrs. Ahmed – aye	Dr. Fiume – aye	Mrs. Lanni – aye
Mr. Casadonte – aye	Mr. Griggs – aye	Mr. McLean – aye
Mrs. Chituck - aye	Mrs. Jones– aye	Mr. Novosielski – aye

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

Motion by Mrs. Lanni, seconded by Mrs. Ahmed to approve Curriculum and Instruction items # 1 thru # 9.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve/rescind out-of-district placements for the following students (names on file in the office of special Services) for the 2010-2011 school year:

Approve:

Student #2009062 – SBJC Maywood – Tuition \$51,980 – plus transportation
 Student #2008064 – Gateway – Tuition \$50,200 – plus transportation

Rescind:

Student #2009038 – Chancellor Academy

HOME INSTRUCTION

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve home instruction for the following student (names on file in the office the superintendent):

Student “N” – effective 9/7/10

BCSSSD IDEA CONTRACT

3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the annual contract with Bergen County Special Services School District to provide the following I.D.E.A. services for non-public school students for the 2010-2011 school year:

Supplemental Instruction
 Speech
 Occupational Therapy

STUDENT CODES OF CONDUCT

4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the student codes of conduct for each of the schools in the Rutherford School District for the 2010-2011 school year.

Roll Call Vote Curriculum & Instruction Items #1 thru # 4.

Mrs. Ahmed – aye	Dr. Fiume – aye	Mrs. Lanni – aye
Mr. Casadonte – aye	Mr. Griggs – aye	Mr. McLean – aye
Mrs. Chituck - aye	Mrs. Jones– aye	Mr. Novosielski – aye

FINANCE:

Motion by Dr. Fiume, seconded by Mrs. Jones to approve Finance items # 1 thru # 9.

PETTY CASH AMOUNTS

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to establish petty cash amounts for the following locations for the 2010-2011 school year:

Athletic Account \$ 100.00

APPROVAL OF BILLS

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION that the bills listed below be approved.

Accounts Payable	1,251,168.29
Offline Checks	624,607.41
Payroll	1,644,938.94
General Activities	10,811.15
Total	3,531,525.79

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3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION that it has received and accepts the financial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the month ending June 2010, and certifies that the reports indicate that no major account or fund is over expended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.13 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the school year.

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS

4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to transport 2 students for the East Rutherford School District to 2 campuses run by the South Bergen Jointure Commission. The total amount received by Rutherford will be \$13,139.44. One student will be transported to the Maywood Campus and the other student to the Lyndhurst Campus.

TUITION CONTRACT

5. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to enter into a tuition contract with the Paterson School District to educate a homeless Paterson student In grade 7 that is currently living in Rutherford. The tuition amount will be \$12,099.

IDEIA GRANT CARRYOVER

6. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to amend the submission of the IDEIA grant application for FY 2010 to carry over \$23,942.00 from FY 2009.

IDEIA-B SUBMISSION

7. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve Submission of the IDEIA-B – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the fiscal year 2011 in the amounts as follows:

Basic	\$ 530,656
Preschool	20,691

FOOD SERVICES AGREEMENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

8. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve an agreement between the Rutherford Board of Education and Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional High School District for food services for the 2010-11 school year at a cost of \$2.35 per meal.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

LDP CONSULTING FIRM

9. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve LDP Consulting Group as a health benefits consultant and district customer service representative to the New Jersey State Health Benefits Plan for the period of September 14, 2010 through June 30, 2013. The cost of this service will be \$36,000 for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 and \$30,000 for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. The periods of September 14, 2010 through December 31, 2010 and January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013 shall be performed at no cost to the district. The Rutherford Board of Education has the right to terminate this agreement by providing 60 days notice.

Roll Call Vote Finances Items #1 thru # 9

Mrs. Ahmed – aye	Dr. Fiume – aye	Mrs. Lanni – aye
Mr. Casadonte – aye	Mr. Griggs – aye, Abstained on ck #'s 1686,1771,1773,1870	Mr. McLean – aye
Mrs. Chituck - aye	Mrs. Jones– aye	Mr. Novosielski – aye

POLICY:

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Mrs. Jones gave an update on the tour of the buildings that was conducted before the start of school.

OLD BUSINESS:

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: (Any Topic) Meeting opened at 10:00 P.M.

Mary Rogers, 47 Wheaton Place, made a request to the Board regarding the use of schools on Sunday. She asked the Board to look at the possibility of restoring the monies to the budget for custodial overtime on Sunday.

Meeting was then closed at 10:15 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mr. Griggs, seconded by Mrs. Jones that an Executive Session be held at 10:16 P.M. for the purpose of discussing Personnel. Action will not be taken. The Board expects to return within 30 minutes.

The Board returned at 10:52 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Novosielski, seconded by Mr. Griggs that the meeting be adjourned at 10:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Brown
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary