

RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSESSION MINUTES– DECEMBER 6, 2010

The Worksession Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. in the High School Auditorium by Vice President Griggs with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. On roll call the following members were present: Mrs. Chituck, Dr. Fiume, Mr. Griggs, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Lanni, and, Mr. Novosielski. Mrs. Ahmed and Mr. McLean were absent. Mr. Casadonte arrived at 7:46 P.M. Ms. Baldwin and Mr. Brown were also present for the meeting.

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MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Resolution by Mr. Novosielski, seconded by Mrs. Jones.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2010 be approved as recorded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Ahmed – absent	Dr. Fiume – aye	Mrs. Lanni – aye
Mr. Casadonte – arrived at 7:46 pm	Mr. Griggs – aye	Mr. McLean – absent
Mrs. Chituck - aye, abstained on 11/26	Mrs. Jones– aye	Mr. Novosielski – aye

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

There were no special presentations.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Patrick Ross reported on the All School Play, the Thanksgiving Food Drive, and the Football Playoffs. Report Cards were issued during November. He reported on upcoming events in December.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: (Agenda Items Only) 7:36 P.M.

No one spoke. Meeting was then closed to the public at 7:36 P.M.

Mr. Casadonte took over the meeting at 7:57 P.M.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

Mr. Casadonte gave an update on the December Calendar of Events including Winter Concert dates and the upcoming Financial Aid Night at Rutherford High School on 12/15/10. He congratulated several coaches on various achievements. Mr. Casadonte gave a Power Point presentation on the Superintendent Search.

NEW BUSINESS (Action to be Taken)

FINANCE:

Motion by Dr. Fiume, seconded by Mrs. Jones to approve Finance items #1A thru #3A.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

Accounts Payable	\$ 51,055.16
Offline Checks	243,199.12
Payroll	2,366,489.92
General Activities	<u>8,665.65</u>
Total	\$ 2,669,409.85

DONATION

2A. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to accept, with thanks, the donation of a large screen Samsung television and stand as a gift to Pierrepont School from Ms. Maria Cristina Carrion.

PARENT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS

3A. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve Parent transportation contracts for the following students (names on file in the office of special services):

#2004066 1st Cerebral Palsy of NJ \$8.25 per day x 180 days \$1,485.00

Roll Call Vote Finance Items #1A thru # 3A

Mrs. Ahmed – absent	Dr. Fiume – aye	Mrs. Lanni – aye
Mr. Casadonte – arrived at 7:46 P.M.	Mr. Griggs – aye	Mr. McLean – absent
Mrs. Chituck - aye	Mrs. Jones– aye	Mr. Novosielski – aye

NEW BUSINESS: (Action will not be taken)

PERSONNEL:

Committee Member Novosielski reported on items to be acted upon at the December 13, 2010 regular meeting

PERSONNEL:

Motion by M_____, seconded by M_____ 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 _____.

KRISTIN DOLCI:

1. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.
 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve a disability leave with pay for Mrs. Kristin Dolci, Grade 5 teacher at Union School effective March 1, 2011 through twenty (20) days following the birth of her baby, to be followed by a child rearing leave of absence under the Family Leave Act without pay through June 30, 2011.

On roll call all members present voted _____.

ANTHONY TESORIERO:

2. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.
 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to adjust the stipend salary for Anthony Tesoriero- Boys Spring Track Assistant from Step 2 to Step 3 (\$4,884).

On roll call all members present voted _____.

ALLISON SEAMAN:

3. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to rescind the appointment of Allison Seaman as assistant Softball Coach.

On roll call all members present voted _____.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS:

4. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to employ the following as substitute teachers effective 12/13/10 at the per diem rate of \$80.00 and in accordance with the law:

- Barbara Drew
- Joseph Espinosa
- Christine Toskovich
- Bijal Pandya
- Cristina Vitale
- Shannon Schmeding
- Megha Shah
- Scott Becker

On roll call all members present voted _____.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANTS:

5. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to employ the following as substitute teacher assistant (s) effective 12/13/10 at the hourly rate of \$10.00:

- Scott Becker
- Augustine Serio

On roll call all members present voted _____.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS:

6. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the following travel reimbursements for the 2010-2011 school year:

Name	Position	Name of Activity	Dates	Fee	Trans.	Meals	Lodgings	Other
David Frazier	Athletic Director	DAANJ Annual Conf.	Mar 14-17, 2011	\$350	none	none	none	\$50

On roll call all members present voted _____.

CAROLYN AZZOLINI:

7. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve Ms. Carolyn Azzolini as a temporary teacher assistant at Lincoln School for 6.25 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective 12/13/10 through 5/6/11 at the hourly rate of \$17.75 (step 1).

On roll call all members present voted _____.

TEST PREP COURSE:

8. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the following teachers to provide test readiness courses in math and language arts for the 2010-2011 school year to prepare students for the HSPA and NJASK8:

High School:

HSPA - Math	Richard Blanchard	3 sections	\$1800
Language Arts	Dawn Pasquale	2 sections	\$1200

Union School:

Math	Diane Moe	1 section	\$600
Math	Steven Titus	1 section	\$600
Math	Nicole Zayatz	1 section	\$600
Language Arts	Deborah Courtney	1 section	\$600
Language Arts	Jessica Muddell	1 section	\$600
Language Arts	Megan Collins	1 section	\$600

On roll call all members present voted _____.

MEGHAN WILK:

9. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve Ms. Meghan Wilk as a leave replacement teacher at the high school as an English teacher effective 1/3/11 through 6/30/11 at the annual salary of \$45,535 (step 1, level 1 pro-rated).

On roll call all members present voted _____.

MEGAN CAUGHEY:

10. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to adjust the start date of Mrs. Megan Caughey's disability leave with pay, special education teacher at Lincoln School from 1/3/2011 to 12/13/2010.

On roll call all members present voted _____.

RITA BROSANAN:

11. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to adjust the start date for Mrs. Rita Brosnan, long-term substitute Special Education teacher at Lincoln School from 1/3/11 to 12/13/10.

On roll call all members present voted _____.

MILDRED JIMENEZ:

12. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to employ Ms. Mildred Jimenez as a lunch monitor at Pierrepont School for the 2010-2011 school year at the hourly rate of \$8.65 (step 1) effective 12/14/10.

On roll call all members present voted _____.

GREG VOGEL:

13. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve Mr. Gregory Vogel as volunteer assistant basketball coach effective 12/14/10.

On roll call all members present voted _____.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

Chairperson Lanni reported on the November 29, 2010 meeting of the Curriculum Committee and items to be acted upon at the December 13, 2010 regular meeting.

HOME INSTRUCTION:

1. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.

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

Student "D" – effective 11/8/10

On roll call all members present voted _____.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT:

2. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the following out-of-district placements (names on file in the office of special services):

Student #2010008 – Stepping Stones – effective 12/6/10 – Tuition \$59,500 plus trans.

On roll call all members present voted _____.

CURRICULUM GUIDES:

3. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the following curriculum guides:

- **Art**
 - Grades K-3
- **Business**
 - Desktop Publishing
 - Financial Literacy (interdisciplinary with Social Studies)
 - Marketing
 - Web Page Design
- **Computer Technology**
 - Computer Training C++
- **Family and Computer Sciences**
 - Fitness Through Nutrition
 - Foods
 - International Foods
- **Gifted and Talented**
 - Curriculum Map-Enrichment Grade 2
- **Language Arts Literacy**
 - Honors Humanities Seminar
 - Journalism
- **Mathematics**
 - Advanced Placement Calculus
 - Honors Calculus
 - Statistics and Probability
 - Curriculum Map – Algebra I
- **Music**
 - Wind Ensemble
- **Science**
 - Forensic Science
- **Technology**
 - TV Production
 - TV Studio Workshop

On roll call all members present voted _____.

CURRICULUM REVIEW:

4. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the revised Curriculum Review Cycle

On roll call all members present voted _____.

TEXTBOOK ADOPTION:

5. Resolution by M_____, seconded by M_____.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the adoption of the following text for Advanced Placement Music Theory:

Tonal Harmony by Stefan Kostka, Dorothy Payne
McGraw-Hill, 2009.

On roll call all members present voted _____.

FINANCE:

Committee Member Chituck reported on the November 22, 2010 meeting of the Finance Committee.

POLICY:

There were no Agenda Items.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

There were no Agenda Items.

Mrs. Jones asked for an update on the Rutherford High School Roof.

OLD BUSINESS: (No action to be Taken)

➤ **Legislative Update:**

Mrs. Jones gave an update on several pending bills, including one requiring background checks of Board Members.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: (Any Topic) Meeting opened at 8:26 P.M.

Liz Forte asked who is now taking Dr. Aaron Graham's responsibilities at the County Office.

Meeting was then closed to the Public at 8:28 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mr. Griggs, seconded by Mr. Novosielski that an Executive Session be held at 8:29 P.M. for the purpose of discussing Personnel and Legal Items. Action will not be taken. The Board expects to return within 30 minutes.

Voice Vote.

The Board returned at 9:01 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Griggs, seconded by Dr. Fiume that the meeting be adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Brown
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary