

**RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**PUBLIC HEARING/WORKSESSION – MARCH 29, 2010**

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

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**MINUTES APPROVAL**

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

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

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Ahmed – aye	Mr. Griggs – abstain	Mr. McLean – aye
Mr. Casadonte – aye	Mr. Jasko – aye	Mr. Novosielski – aye, abstain Executive Minutes
Dr. Fiume – aye	Mrs. Jones – aye	Ms. Scuro – aye

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET**

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Budget Items Only) 8:35 P.M.**

Mark Jannicelli, 27 Wood Street, spoke about maintenance cuts.

Pat Goodwin, 54 E. Pierrepont Avenue, thanked the Board and expressed her support

Lois Aruta, Alwyn Terrace, wants Option 1.

William Whitney, 216 Jackson Avenue, 50 year resident, supports the budget.

Matt Gilson, 103 Mountain Way, asked various questions about the budget.

Barbara Bever, 429 Summit Cross, supports keeping the nurses

Andrew Imson, 175 Wood Street, praised the school district for the quality of education it has provided.

Joan Macri, 19 Carlton Place, thanked the Board for its hard work and expressed her support.

Carol Adubato Brown, 413 Stuyvesant Avenue, supports the budget.

Frank Wilson, 171 Montross Avenue, said he could save \$500,000 and not lay off one person.

Lori Rothenberg, 94 Washington Avenue, is very proud of our schools and education is the last place to cut.

Colleen Fencik, 216 Mountain Way, wants to maintain as many programs as possible.

Pat McGowan stated that she moved here 7 years ago for her 3 daughters' education.

Frances McCarthy, 364 Orient Way, talked about a salary freeze.

Sabrina McCorta supports keeping the nurses, and is willing to pay the full tax increase..

Meeting was then closed to the public at 9:15 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET**

1A. Resolution by Mr. Novosielski, seconded by Mr. Griggs.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION that the final School District Budget be approved for the 2010-11 school year as follows:

Current Expense and Capital Outlay	\$36,464,651
Special Revenue Funds	690,065
Debt Service	1,570,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,725,616</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for funding the School District Budget for the 2010-2011 school year, the following amounts are the amounts necessary to be raised by local taxation:

Current Expense and Capital Outlay	\$34,718,670
Debt Service	1,561,888
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,280,558</b>

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Ahmed – aye	Mr. Griggs – aye	Mr. McLean – aye
Mr. Casadonte – aye	Mr. Jasko – no	Mr. Novosielski – aye
Dr. Fiume – aye	Mrs. Jones – aye	Ms. Scuro – aye

**RECESS** 9:22 P.M.

*The Board returned at 9:50 P.M.*

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Action Items Only)** 9:50 P.M. No comments made.

**NEW BUSINESS** (Action to be Taken)

**PERSONNEL:**

**Motion by Mrs. Ahmed, seconded by Dr. Fiume to Approve Personnel Items #1A through #6A.**

**LAURA CLOSSEY**

1A. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to extend the unpaid child rearing leave of Mrs. Laura Clossey, art teacher at Washington and Lincoln schools through 6/30/11.

**JESSICA MACALUSO**

2A. Motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Jessica Macaluso, math teacher at the high school, effective 6/30/10.

**MARY SEAMAN**

3A. Motion by to accept, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Mary Seaman, science teacher at the high school, effective 6/30/10.

**LISA RENZULLI**

4A. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to employ Ms. Lisa Renzulli as a long term substitute kindergarten teacher at Washington School effective 3/29/10 through 6/30/10 at the per diem rate of \$237.00 (step 1, level 2).

**JACQUELINE WALDRON**

5A. Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Jacqueline Waldron, basic skills instructor at Washington School, effective 6/30/10.

**COACHING ASSIGNMENTS** 6A. Motion to approve the following volunteer assistant baseball coaches for the 2009-2010 school year:

Nicholas Ackermann  
Joseph Espinosa

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Ahmed – aye	Mr. Griggs – aye	Mr. McLean – aye
Mr. Casadonte – aye	Mr. Jasko – aye	Mr. Novosielski – aye
Dr. Fiume – aye	Mrs. Jones – aye	Ms. Scuro – aye

**FINANCE:**

**Motion by Dr. Fiume, seconded by Mrs. Jones 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	592,363.63
Offline Checks	198,475.56
Payroll	1,190,433.71
General Activities	21,299.78
Total	<b><u>2,002,572.68</u></b>

**SHBP PARTICIPATION**

2A. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION hereby elects to participate in the Health Program provided by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Act of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A.52:14-17.25 et. seq.) and to authorize coverage for all the employees and their dependents thereunder in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission.

As a participating employer we will remit to the State Treasury all charges due on account of employees and dependent coverage and periodic charges in accordance with the requirements of the statute and the rules and regulations duly promulgated thereunder.

We hereby appoint Robert Brown, Board Secretary, to act as Certifying Officer in the administration of this program.

This resolution shall take effect immediately and coverage shall be effective as of July 1, 2010 or as soon thereafter as it may be effectuated pursuant to the statutes and regulations.

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Ahmed – aye	Mr. Griggs – aye	Mr. McLean – aye
Mr. Casadonte – aye	Mr. Jasko – aye	Mr. Novosielski – aye
Dr. Fiume – aye	Mrs. Jones – aye	Ms. Scuro – aye

**NEW BUSINESS: (Action will not be taken)**

**PERSONNEL:**

**Chairperson Ahmed reported on the items to be acted upon at the April 12, 2010 Regular Meeting.**

**PERSONNEL:**

Motion 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.

SERVICE PROVIDERS

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION for the Child Study Team to utilize the services of the following individuals for the 2009-2010 school year:

Karen Lindgren - ABA Home Services Provider - \$35.00 per hour  
Beth Gautier - ABA Home Services Provider - \$35.00 per hour  
Gregory Parker - ABA Home Services Provider - \$35.00 per hour  
Shan Lee - ABA Home Services Provider - \$35.00 per hour  
Judith Ferraro - Speech Services Provider - \$80.00 per hour  
Theresa Gallagher - Speech Services - \$100.00 per hour  
Jason's Sensory Gym - Occupational Therapy Services - \$100.00 per hour

Peter Grompone & Adriane Freudenberg - to provide an after school Social Skills program for up to 4 hours per week per provider at the rate of \$35.00 per hour

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to employ the following as substitute teacher(s) effective 4/13/10 at the per diem rate of \$80.00 and in accordance with law:

Sarah Rylick  
Kristen Hastie  
Toni Ann Sinacore  
Jessica Scannell

LYNN ROSENZWEIG

3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to employ Mrs. Lynn Rosenzweig as a speech teacher at Union School effective 4/12/10 through 6/30/10 at the annual salary of \$61,313 (step 5, level 5 pro-rated). This is a replacement position for Mrs. Mandelbaum.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:**

**Chairperson Novosielski reported on the items to be acted upon at the April 12, 2010 Regular Meeting.**

EXCHANGE STUDENT

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the attendance of Student "A" (name on file in the office of the superintendent) at the high school through the Exchange Student Program effective 9/2/10 through 6/22/11.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENTS

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

Student #2009028 - No. Arlington Preschool Program - effective 12/3/09 - Tuition: \$23,864.00 plus transportation

Student #2000155 - Gateway School - effective 3/15/10 - Tuition: \$48,300.00 plus transportation

Student #2004027 - Bonnie Brae - effective 2/3/10 - Tuition: \$61,200.00

Student #2009038 - Chancellor Academy - effective 3/22/10 - Tuition: \$18,232.50 plus transportation

Student #2002486 - Y.C.S. Fort Lee Educational Center - Tuition: \$58,304.00

HOME INSTRUCTION

3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve home instruction for Student "L" (name on file in the office of the superintendent) effective 3/8/10.

CURRICULUM GUIDES

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

- **Mathematics**  
Mathematics - Grade 2  
Mathematics - Grade 3  
Honors Precalculus
- **World Languages**  
French 3 Honors  
Spanish 3 Honors

OVERNIGHT CLASS TRIP

5. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve an overnight class trip for 9 students and 2 adults to attend the Academic Decathlon National Competition in Omaha, NE from 4/20/10 to 4/25/10.

**FINANCE:**

**Chairperson Fiume reported on the items to be acted upon at the April 12, 2010 Regular Meeting.**

SECY/TREAS. REPORT

1. 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 February 28, 2010, and certifies that the reports indicate that no major account or fund is overexpended 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.

Summary pages attached in official minute book. Detailed summary in the office of the Board Secretary.

**POLICY:**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:**

**OLD BUSINESS: (No action to be Taken)**

- Legislative Update

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** 10:02 No comments made

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mr. Novosielski, seconded by Mr. Jasko that the meeting be adjourned at 10:02 P.M.

Approved.