

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ROSELAND, NEW JERSEY**

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

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**DATE**

February 19, 2015

**PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Goldstein  
Ms. Parkinson  
Mr. Mastrangelo

**MEETING**

Regular Business Meeting

**ABSENT**

Mrs. Gordon  
Mrs. DiGiacomo

**TIME**

7:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNED**

8:15 p.m.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mrs. Gross  
Dr. Occhino  
Mrs. Dacosta  
Ms. Kot  
(3) Staff  
Mr. Burke

**PLACE**

Lester C. Noecker School

**A-1 CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL****A-2 FLAG SALUTE****A-3 NOTICE OF MEETING**

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Roseland Board, in the County of Essex has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted. The notice was mailed to the Progress (newspaper of record) and the Star Ledger and to those persons or entities requesting notification, filed with the municipal clerk of Roseland, and posted at the Lester C. Noecker School, Roseland, NJ.

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**A-4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2015**

MOTION by Mr. Goldstein, SECOND by Ms. Parkinson, that the minutes of the Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2015 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Parkinson, Mr. Mastrangelo. All Ayes.

**A-5 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- District Goals Update  
Superintendent Gross reported on the district goals.
- Discussion of Emergency Make-up Days  
Mrs. Gross discussed the possibility of make-up days due to inclement weather.

**A-6 INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Occhino reported on the payment of February bills, financial reports and of January 31, 2015, budget transfers, SEMI Waiver, bond payment and annual PERS payment.

**A-7 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mrs. Dacosta discussed the continuing relation with the West Essex Middle School and the sixth graders orientation visit to prepare them for the transition. She invited everyone to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science Fair on February 24 and 25.

**A-8 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. President's Report – No report
- b. Committee Reports – Mr. Goldstein provided a brief update on the negotiation session, followed by a meeting of the Finance Committee on the 2015-2016 budget.

**A-9 PUBLIC COMMENT – (on policies and/or agenda items only)**

Open at: 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Burke asked a question about the finance agenda regarding a cap waiver for capital projects.

Closed at: 8:02 p.m.

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**B     OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**C     NEW BUSINESS**

**C-1   Finance**

a.     Board of Education's Monthly Certification Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION of the Superintendent: "that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.12(c)4, the district certifies that as of January 31, 2015 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.12(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year."

b.     Acceptance of Report of Treasurer of School Monies – January 31, 2015

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION of the Superintendent: "to accept the enclosed Report of Treasurer of School Monies for the period ending January 31, 2015."

c.     Acceptance of Board Secretary's Report – January 31, 2015

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION of the Superintendent: "to accept the enclosed Board Secretary's Report for the period ending January 31, 2015."

d.     Approval for Payment of Bills and Claims – February 19, 2015

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION of the Superintendent: "to approve the following enclosed Payment of Bills and Claims for the period ending February 19, 2015:

General Fund	\$137,276.60
Fund 60	\$ 13,019.78

e.     Line Item Transfers – January 2015

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION of the Superintendent: "to approve the Budget Transfers for the months of January, 2015 in the amount \$29,600.00 per the attached report."

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**C     NEW BUSINESS**

**C-1   Finance - (continued)**

f.     Acceptance of Cafeteria Report – January 31, 2015

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION of the Superintendent: “to accept the enclosed Cafeteria Report for the period ending January 31, 2015.”

g.     Bond Redemption - Series 2005

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION of the Superintendent: “to approve a total interest payment of \$129,525.00 interest on March 1, 2015 to The Chase Manhattan Bank for the Roseland Board of Education, and delineated as follows: Series 2005 - \$11,000 and Series 2013 - \$118,525.”

h.     Waiver of Requirements - Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program – 2015-2016

It is the RECOMMENDATION of the Superintendent: "to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2015-2016 budget year, and

Whereas, the Roseland Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students for the 2015-2016 budget year, and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Roseland Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Essex an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2015-2016 school year.”

i.     Approval of Annual Payment to PERS Employer Pension Liability

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION of the Superintendent: “to approve the annual payment of the PERS Employer Pension Liability in the amount of \$86,277.00.”

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**C     NEW BUSINESS**

**C-1   Finance - (continued)**

j.     Request Amending Current Law to Authorize Tax Levy Waiver for Capital Projects

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION of the Superintendent: to approve the following resolution: "Whereas, the Roseland Board of Education, County of Essex has determined the need exists to address certain school facility projects in the Roseland School District that require immediate and/or near term consideration for renovation, upgrade, or maintenance and attached hereto, and

Whereas, prior to current New Jersey school budget restrictions, projects of this nature were addressed through a school district's annual operating budget and included within the capital outlay portion of its annual budget, and

Whereas, prior to current law, these smaller Capital Outlay projects were always considered authorized adjustments to any tax levy or budgetary caps in place at that time, and

Whereas, projects of this nature were generally of such size and scope that the annual cost of these projects did not substantially impact the local taxpayer, and

Whereas, Chapter 44 of the Laws of 2010 amended 18A:7F-38 and placed more restrictive limits on school district annual budget increases by providing that no school district shall adopt an annual budget with an increase in its adjusted tax levy of more than 2% after adjustments for enrollment, health care costs, and certain accrued liability pension contributions, and

Whereas, Chapter 44 effectively eliminated any authorized adjustments heretofore in place that addressed the capital needs of school districts, and

Whereas, a *tax levy cap* of 2% often results in an annual school operating budget limit of less than 1% which must accommodate all increases relative to salaries, benefits, supplies, and operational services, and

Whereas, school districts around the state are experiencing great difficulty in meeting the educational needs of their district within the constraints of the 2% tax levy cap; and accordingly, must set aside, if not delay, addressing important capital projects that if go unaddressed will certainly result in much higher costs to the state and local taxpayer in the future.

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**C NEW BUSINESS**

**C-1 Finance - (continued)**

- j. Request Amending Current Law to Authorize Tax Levy Waiver for Capital Projects - (continued)

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Roseland Board of Education calls upon its district legislators, the Commissioner of Education, and the Governor of New Jersey to consider amendments to current law to provide that school capital costs again be recognized as authorized adjustments to school tax levy increases, and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the NJ Commissioner of Education, local legislators, the New Jersey School Board's Association, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials."

New Business Matters, Section C-1 Finance MOTION by Mr. Goldstein, SECOND by Ms. Parkinson to approve Items a. through j.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Parkinson, Mr. Mastrangelo. All Ayes.

**C-2 Facilities**

- a. Building Use Request

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION of the Superintendent: "to approve the following Building Use Requests:

Organization	Dates	Time	Day(s)	Purpose	Room/Area
Cub Scouts Pack 801	3/24/15	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Tuesday	Pinewood Derby Weight-In	Gym Hallway
Cub Scouts Pack 801	3/27/15	6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Friday	Pinewood Derby	MPR
Roseland Athletic Club	2/20/15, 2/23/15	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Fri. & Mon.	Travel Basketball	New Gym
Roseland Athletic Club	2/25/15	5:30p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Wednesday	Travel Basketball	New Gym
Roseland Athletic Club	2/27/15, 3/2/15	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Fri. & Mon.	Travel Basketball	New Gym
Roseland Athletic Club	3/4/15, 3/6/15	5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Wed. & Fri.	Travel Basketball	New Gym

New Business Matters, Section C-2 Facilities MOTION by Mr. Goldstein, SECOND by Ms. Parkinson to approve Item a.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Parkinson, Mr. Mastrangelo. All Ayes.

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**C NEW BUSINESS**

**C-3 Personnel**

- a. Family Leave – Child Care Leave –Christina Melillo, Position Control No. 38

MOTION that the Roseland Board of Education approves the maternity related leave of absence for Christina Melillo, Position Control No. 38 as follows:

- i. Maternity Disability (FMLA) – January 5, 2015 to February 5, 2015 using twenty-three (23) paid sick days
- ii. Newborn Care (NJFLA) – February 6, 2015 to May 1, 2015 (Unpaid)
- iii. Return to school date is May 4, 2015

New Business Matters, Section C-3 Personnel MOTION by Mr. Goldstein, SECOND by Ms. Parkinson to approve Item a.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Parkinson, Mr. Mastrangelo. All Ayes.

**C-4 Curriculum and Instruction**

- a. Approval of Field Trips

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION of the Superintendent: “to approve the following field trip(s):

Grade	Class Trip	Date	Purpose
3-5	NI Consortium for G&T Programs	*2/25/15	G&T Event
5	The King & I Play	6/3/15	Cultural Art
*Snow Date 2/26/15			

- b. Approval of Two (2) College Student Observers

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION of the Superintendent: “to approve the following college student observers at no cost to the Board:

:  
 Cristina Russo                      County College of Morris                      Lauren Miller  
 James Philips                      Caldwell College                      Janet Boggio and Erika Albu”



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**C     NEW BUSINESS**

**C-4   Curriculum and Instruction**

c.     Approve the Supervisor of Technology Job Description

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION of the Superintendent: "to approve the Supervisor of Technology job description."

New Business Matters Section C-4 Curriculum and Instruction MOTION by Mr. Goldstein, SECOND by Ms. Parkinson to approve Items a. through c.)

ROLL CALL: Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Parkinson, Mr. Mastrangelo. All Ayes.

**C-5   Bylaws, Policies and Regulations**

a.     Approval for Adoption of Revised Bylaws/Policies and/or Regulations

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION of the Superintendent: "to adopt the following revised policies and/or regulations:

Policy No. 2622     Student Assessment (M)"

b.     Approval of First Reading of Bylaws/Policies and/or Regulations

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION of the Superintendent: "to approve the first reading of the following policies and/or regulations:

Regulation No. 5116R     Education of Homeless Children"

New Business Matters, Section C-5 Bylaws, Policies & Regulations MOTION by Mr. Goldstein, SECOND by Ms. Parkinson to approve Items a. and b.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Parkinson, Mr. Mastrangelo. All Ayes.

**D     CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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**E PUBLIC COMMENT**

Open at: 8:12 p.m.

Mr. Burke asked if any parent requested to have their child opt out of PARCC.

Closed at: 8:14 p.m.

**F ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING – Regular Business Meeting – March 26, 2015**

**G RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

It is the RECOMMENDED MOTION: “that the following Resolution for Closed Session be approved:

RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Borough of Roseland that it shall meet in Closed Session this evening following the regular business meeting to discuss personnel issues.

The Board will publicly disclose information pertaining to topics discussed as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

The topics to be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.”

MOTION by Mr. Goldstein, SECOND by Ms. Parkinson to adjourn to closed session.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Parkinson, Mr. Mastrangelo. All Ayes.

**H ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Time: 8:15 p.m.

**I ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Vincent J. Occhino, Ed.D.  
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary