

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROSELAND, NEW JERSEY**

**MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2025 - 7:00 PM**

DATE

January 2, 2025

PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Dudas
Mr. Gesario
Dr. Leddy
Mrs. Scaraggi
Mrs. Villopoto

MEETING

Regular Business Meeting

ABSENT

TIME

7:00 PM

ADJOURNED

8:39 PM

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Leone
Mr. Murphy

PLACE

Lester C. Noecker School

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE - Open Public Meeting Act

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, notice of this regular meeting has been properly advertised in the newspapers of record, the agenda has been posted at the appropriate locations, directions for public comment have been posted on the district website, and a copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk of Roseland.

III. FLAG SALUTE

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IV. RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

- Two 3-year terms: Michael Dudas 1,782 votes
Jessica Leddy 1,817 votes

V. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Board Secretary Mr. Murphy swore in newly re-elected board members Michael Dudas and Dr. Jessica Leddy.

VI. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Board Secretary will state “Nominations opened for President.”

Candidate No. 1 Mrs. Scaraggi by: Dr. Leddy

Candidate No. 2 None by: N/A

MOTION: Nominations closed for President by: Dr. Leddy Second by: Mr. Dudas

VOTE ON ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

ROLL CALL on Mrs. Scaraggi:

ROLL CALL: Mr. Dudas Aye Mr. Gesario Aye Dr. Leddy Aye

Mrs. Scaraggi Aye Mrs. Villopoto Aye

(At this point, the elected President assumes the chair and continues the meeting.)

Mrs. Scaraggi thanked all board members for the trust they have placed in her to serve as President. She looks forward to working together collaboratively with each board member to achieve our district goals and create a meaningful impact for every student.

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VII. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

The President will state “Nominations opened for Vice President.”

Candidate No. 1 Mr. Gesario by: Mrs. Scaraggi

Candidate No. 2 None by: N/A

MOTION: Nominations closed for Vice President by: Mrs. Scaraggi Second by: Mr. Dudas

VOTE ON ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

ROLL CALL on Mr. Gesario:

ROLL CALL: Mr. Dudas Aye Mr. Gesario Aye Dr. Leddy Aye

Mrs. Scaraggi Aye Mrs. Villopoto Aye

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – (on Reorganization agenda items only)

Members of the public may speak for a maximum of three (3) minutes by the clock during this portion of the meeting. The public may speak on any item pertaining to the school during this three (3) minute period. All comments should be directed to the Board President and depending upon the nature and complexity of the question, it may or may not be answered during the meeting by the Administration. If so, the response would occur after this public portion of the meeting has concluded. Everyone has the freedom to speak, but please be advised that anything said in public may have legal ramifications and there is no protection regarding statements made by the public.

No one wished to be heard.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- *Happy New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break.*
- *We have a short agenda tonight but I'd like to once again congratulate Dr. Leddy and Mr. Dudas. I'm very proud of the progres we have made as a district and the cohesiveness of our board members play a major role in our success.*

X. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Annual Ethics Training- Jeanne Cleary, NJSBA Representative

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XI. APPROVAL OF ORGANIZATION ACTION ITEMS

ORG-001-25 Committee Appointments

ORG-002-25 Adoption of By-Laws, Policies, and Regulations

ORG-003-25 Designation of District Newspapers

ORG-004-25 Dates and Times for Regular Monthly Meeting

ORG-005-25 Approval and Affirmation of the Roseland Board of Education Charter

ORG-005-25 Approve the Board Members Code of Ethics

MOTION by Mr. Dudas, SECOND by Dr. Leddy

ROLL CALL: Mr. Dudas Aye Mr. Gesario Aye Dr. Leddy Aye

Mrs. Scaraggi Aye Mrs. Villopoto Aye

ORG-001-25 Committee Appointments

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the adoption and formation of the Board of Education committees from January 2, 2025 to January 7, 2026.

ORG-002-25 Adoption of By-Laws, Policies, and Regulations

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves that all the By-Laws, Policies, and Regulations of the Board of Education of the Borough of Roseland now in effect shall be and the same hereby continue to be in effect from January 2, 2025 to January 7, 2026.

ORG-003-25 Designation of District Newspapers

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves that The Progress, The Passaic Herald News/Bergen Record, and The Star Ledger, be designated as the official newspapers of the Board of Education of the Borough of Roseland from January 2, 2025 to January 7, 2026. with alternate use of The West Essex Tribune and The Daily News as necessary.

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ORG-004-25 Dates and Times for Regular Monthly Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following Resolution be adopted and in effect from January 2, 2025 to January 7, 2026.

RESOLVED, that the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Roseland Board of Education be held at 7:00 PM at Lester C. Noecker School, 100 Passaic Avenue in Roseland, New Jersey.

January 23, 2025
February 20, 2025
March 13, 2025 (Preliminary Budget)
April 29, 2025 (Budget - Public Hearing)
May 29, 2025
June 26, 2025
July 24, 2025
August 21, 2025
September 25, 2025
October 30, 2025
November 20, 2025
December 18, 2025
*January 7, 2026 (Reorganization Meeting)

In accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, the Board Secretary is authorized to deliver a copy of this Resolution to: *The Progress* and *The Passaic Herald News or The Star Ledger* as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

ORG-005-25 Approve the Board Members Code of Ethics

The Board of Education Members shall have the required Board of Ethics Training session as required under N.J.A.C. 6:3-1.3 and N.J.A.C.6A:30.

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey School Boards Association "Code of Ethics" shall be considered the official Code of Ethics of the Roseland Board of Education:

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CODE OF ETHICS

- A. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- B. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.
- C. I will confine my Board action to policy-making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the Board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- D. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow Board members, to see that they are well run.
- E. I will recognize that authority rests with the Board of Education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the Board.
- F. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan, political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- G. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow Board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.
- H. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- I. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- J. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

XII. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS BOARD MINUTES/REPORTS

RPT-022-25 Approve to Affirm Recommendation Regarding the HIB Matter
(2024-2025-003)

RPT-023-25 Approve to Affirm Recommendation Regarding the HIB Matter
(2024-2025-004)

MOTION by Dr. Leddy, SECOND by Mrs. Villopoto

ROLL CALL: Mr. Dudas Aye Mr. Gesario Aye Dr. Leddy Aye

Mrs. Scaraggi Aye Mrs. Villopoto Aye

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RPT-022-25 Approve to Affirm Recommendation Regarding the HIB Matter
(2024-2025-003)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB investigation case number 2024-2025-003 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents, and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parent.

RPT-023-25 Approve to Affirm Recommendation Regarding the HIB Matter
(2024-2025-004)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB investigation case number 2024-2025-004 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents, and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parent.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – (on Reorganization agenda items only)

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No one wished to be heard.

XIV. CONSIDERATION FOR CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following Resolution for Closed Session:

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 matters relating to HIB Case No. 2024-2024-005.

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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.

The Board will reconvene in public at approximately 8:30 p.m. and may take action following the closed session.

MOTION by Mr. Dudas, SECOND by Mr. Gesario

ROLL CALL: Mr. Dudas Aye Mr. Gesario Aye Dr. Leddy Aye
Mrs. Scaraggi Aye Mrs. Villopoto Aye

XV. REOPEN INTO PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Dudas, SECOND by Mrs. Villopoto

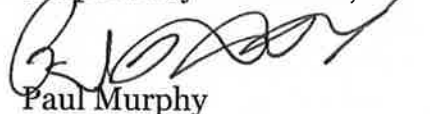
ROLL CALL: Mr. Dudas Aye Mr. Gesario Aye Dr. Leddy Aye
Mrs. Scaraggi Aye Mrs. Villopoto Aye

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dudas, SECOND by Mrs. Villopoto

ROLL CALL: Mr. Dudas Aye Mr. Gesario Aye Dr. Leddy Aye
Mrs. Scaraggi Aye Mrs. Villopoto Aye

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Murphy
Board Secretary/Business Administrator