

EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SPRING VALLEY, NEW YORK

DATE	May 2, 2007
KIND OF MEETING	Regular
PLACE	Boardroom, Administration Building
MEMBERS PRESENT	Mr. Akerman (arrived 7:20 p.m.), Ms. Calhoun, Mr. Feinsod, Mr. Price, Dr. Resnick , Mr. Rosenstock (arrived 7:45 p.m.), Mr. Stone (arrived 7:16 p.m.)
MEMBERS ABSENT	Mr. Rothschild, Dr. Tenenbaum
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT	Dr. Schwartz, Mr. Farmer, Dr. Alvarez-Cruz, Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. Ehrlickman, Ms. Sculnick, Mr. Rose
OTHERS PRESENT	Mr. Bier, Stephen M. Fromson, Esq.
CALL TO ORDER	The Regular meeting of the Board of Education of the East Ramapo Central School District was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Board Vice-President, Mr. Price.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag took place.
MOMENT OF SILENCE	Mr. Price called for a moment of silence for those lives lost in the war in Iraq since our last meeting.
FIRE SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT	Mr. Price announced the location of fire exits in the Boardroom.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARDS	Mr. Timothy Neil, Supervisor of Health and Physical Education, discussed the criteria for winning the Physical Education Awards for students who must be above average in the following areas: physical performance, school attendance, sportsmanship, citizenship, and students who make a contribution to the whole school community.
	Winners of Physical Education Awards were announced by Mr. Neil; students and parents came forward to be congratulated and were presented with a certificate by the Board of Education. A list of those honored is attached.

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RECESS	The Board Vice President called for a recess in order for families to depart and for the required Public Hearing on the 2007/08 Budget.
ARRIVAL OF BOARD MEMBER	Mr. Rosenstock arrived at 7:45 p.m.
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION	The Board of Education returned to Open Session at 8:30 p.m.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	<p>Daphney Mickle, Haitian American Parents Association, spoke about the HAPA Programs and thanked the Board of Education for their support.</p> <p>Eddie Sanchez, Chestnut Ridge, spoke regarding security and security procedures in our high school locker rooms.</p>
DEPARTURE OF BOARD MEMBER	<p>Mr. Rosenstock departed the meeting at 8:40 p.m.</p> <p>Richard Sarajian, Chestnut Ridge, spoke regarding security and security procedures in our high school locker rooms.</p> <p>Michael Chasen, Wesley Hills, addressed the Board of Education regarding a transportation problem.</p> <p>Mushtaq Ahmad, Ramapo High School Chemistry teacher, spoke regarding a personnel matter.</p> <p>The following addressed the Board of Education in support of retaining a Ramapo High School Chemistry teacher: Bryan Framhein, New City; Lachmi Rai, Pomona; and Lemari Pelle, Hillcrest</p> <p>Carolyn Watson, Chestnut Ridge, thanked the Board of Education for providing the wonderful music programs to East Ramapo students and invited all to the upcoming East Ramapo All-District Elementary Music Festival.</p>
RETURN OF BOARD MEMBER	Mr. Rosenstock returned to the Board meeting room at 8:50 p.m.
WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS	<p>The Board of Education was invited to the Thirteenth Annual Rockland County Career Fair at Spring Valley High School.</p> <p>The Board of Education was invited to the Hillcrest Elementary School Health Fair - <i>Passport to Good Health</i>.</p>

Hillcrest Elementary School invited the Board of Education to their *Stride & Ride Event*.

The Board of Education was invited to the East Ramapo All-District Elementary Music Festival at Ramapo High School.

Summit Park Elementary School invited the Board of Education to their *Read-In*.

Pomona Middle School invited the Board of Education to their Spring Concerts.

Fleetwood Elementary School invited the Board of Education to their Art Auction.

The Pomona Players invited the Board of Education to their production of *Working, A New Musical*.

DEPARTURE OF BOARD MEMBER

Dr. Resnick departed the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS STUDENTS

There were no reports and communications from students.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MTG. 4/18/07

Mr. Rosenstock moved the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of April 18, 2007.

Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 ayes. Mr. Rothschild and Drs. Resnick and Tenenbaum were absent.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MTG. 4/24/07

Mr. Rosenstock moved the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special meeting of April 24, 2007.

Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 ayes.

PERSONNEL PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Rosenstock moved the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report for Professional Staff, Items XIV, plus Correction and Addendum; and remove Item II and Addendum Item IV.

Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 ayes.

PERSONNEL
CIVIL SERVICE

Mr. Rosenstock moved the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report for Civil Service Staff, Items I-VIII.

Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 ayes.

BIDS

Mr. Rosenstock moved the Board of Education approve the award of Bid #4-07(Computer Supplies); and Bid #7-07 (Toys and Games).

Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 ayes.

FINDINGS/RECS.
COMMITTEE
SPECIAL ED.

Mr. Rosenstock moved the Board of Education approve the Findings/Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, Report #06-11.

Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 ayes.

FINDINGS/RECS.
COMMITTEE
PRESCHOOL
SPECIAL ED.

Mr. Rosenstock moved the Board of Education approve the Findings/Recommendations of the Committee on PreSchool Special Education, Report #06-19.

Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 ayes.

TREASURER'S/
BUDGET STATUS
REPORTS

Mr. Rosenstock moved the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's/Budget Status Reports for March, 2007.

Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 ayes.

APPOINTMENT
PERMANENT
CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Feinsod moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Ramapo Central School District, Rockland County, New York, has called an annual district meeting of the registered voters of said School District to be held on the 15th day of May, 2007; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of a Permanent Chairperson;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the East Ramapo Central School District, Rockland County, New York, that Steven Rosenstock a duly qualified voter of said School District, is hereby appointed as the Permanent Chairperson of the annual district meeting referred to in the preambles hereof.

Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 ayes.

AFFIDAVIT BALLOTS

Mr. Feinsod moved the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the School District's Annual Meeting and Trustee Election will take place on May 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, whenever a voter presents himself and offers to cast a ballot at any School District meeting or election and the address at which he claims to live is in the election district in which he seeks to vote but his name cannot be found on the list of registered voters or in the registration poll ledger, he shall be permitted to vote as prescribed by statute; and

WHEREAS, before certifying the results of any School District meeting or election at which voters are required to sign their registration poll records or the list of registered voters before voting, the Board of Education shall proceed in the manner prescribed by statute to cast and canvass any ballots voted by voters whose registration poll records were missing or whose names did not appear on the list of registered voters on the day of such meeting or election; and

WHEREAS, each such ballot shall be retained in the original envelope containing the voter's affidavit and signature, in which it is delivered to the Board of Education until such time as it is to be cast and canvassed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education can either designate itself or such of its employees as it shall appropriate as a poll clerk to cast and canvass such ballots, and to fix a time and place for their meeting for such purposes, provided that such meeting shall be no more than 10 days after any election at which such ballots are voted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby designate the District Clerk as a poll clerk to cast and canvass such ballots by voters whose

registration poll records were missing or whose names did not appear on the list of registered voters on the day of such meeting or election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk shall act on behalf of the Board of Education and take action in accord with the applicable provisions of Education Law Section 2019-a.

Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 ayes.

RESOLUTION
REVENUE
ANTICIPATION
NOTE

Mr. Stone moved the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the East Ramapo Central School District, Rockland County New York, as follows:

Section 1. Revenue Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of the East Ramapo Central School District, in the County of Rockland, New York (herein called "District"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$4,500,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 25.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law").

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the receipt of moneys (herein called "State Aid") expected to be received by the District from the State of New York for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes of paying the expenses of the District for said fiscal year payable from the State Aid in anticipation of which they are issued.

(b) The Notes are not issued in renewal of any other notes.

(c) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.

(d) No revenue anticipation notes have been heretofore issued in anticipation of such 2007-2008 State Aid.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law and pursuant to Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 61.00 of the Law, inclusive, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute arbitrage certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Rosenstock seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Solomon Akerman	aye
Mimi Calhoun	aye
Akiva Feinsod	aye
Stephen Price	aye
David Resnick	absent
Steven Rosenstock	aye
Richard Stone	aye
Gabriel Tenenbaum	absent
Nathan Rothschild, President	absent

The motion passed with 6 ayes.

CORRECTION TO
TAX ROLL

Mr. Rosenstock moved the Board of Education approve corrections to the School District tax roll, as follows:

An error was made in transcription from the property record card/worksheet to the final roll for 2006/07 on the following properties:

- (a) Town of Haverstraw parcel 25.15-1-17.1/820 (Attachment A)
- (b) Town of Haverstraw parcel 25.15-1-17.1/910 (Attachment B)
- (c) Town of Haverstraw parcel 25.15-1-23.1/140 (Attachment C)

Ms. Calhoun seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 ayes.

ACCEPTANCE OF
DONATION

Ms. Calhoun moved the Board of Education accept the donation to Margetts Elementary School of \$5,000 from Northern Trust-Beacon Foundation to purchase instruments for music program enhancements (Attachment D).

Mr. Feinsod seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 ayes.

APPOINTMENT –
ELECTION
INSPECTORS

Mr. Akerman moved the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Ramapo Central School District, Rockland County, New York, has called an annual district meeting of the registered voters of said School District to be held on the 15th day of May, 2007; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of Election Inspectors for said annual district meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the East Ramapo Central School District, Rockland County, New York, as follows:

The following named qualified voters are hereby appointed to act as Chief Election Inspectors, Assistant Chief Election Inspectors, Election Inspectors and Registrars at said annual district meeting, so that there shall be at least two inspectors for each voting machine to be used thereat, to serve in each election district as the District Clerk so designates:

Trudy Album
Al Appel
Rhoda Appel
Doris Aron
Jeremiah Barham, Jr.
Jeremiah Barham, Sr.
Sheryl Bauman
Donna Behrend
Russell A. Benjamin
Anita Bernstein
Juana Billy
Reva Braun
Yvonne Capponi
Patricia Caussade
Ida Cavallo
Jean Charlap
Vladimir Charlap
Diane Chrastil
Vera Congress
David Cranstoun
Ruth Cranstoun
Daphne Davis
Shirley Ellison
Yvette Ellison
Mariel Farlow
Paula Fazio
Irwin Feigenbaum
Phyllis Feller
Jennie Fortunato
Vincent Fortunato
Carol Friedman
Loradell Fullard
Willie Gause
Merle George
Carol Gray
Verona Grey
Joan Gropper
Joseph Gropper
Magdeleine Gruner
Juonita Hall
Frances Halfond
Leonard Harbus
Pearl Harbus
Paul Harris
Nancy Heighter
Pearl Hirsch
Ralph Hirschhorn
Jean Howard
Beatrice James
Rupert James

Stephen Janis
Rosalie Jones
Kathleen Kennedy
Maria Kiely
Michael Kiely
Jeanne King
Marilyn Klass
Ann Kreisberg
Saundra Lanier
Rita Lilienthal
Thelma Lopey
Marcia Malkoff
Roslyn Millman
Alfredo Miraglia
Richard Montalbano
Gesselene Moreau
Sara Myers
Christine O'Carroll
Michael Odlivak
Bernard Patashnik
Carlton S. Prescott
Elissa Press
Robert Ralph
Mildred Rieves-Maynor
Maisie Rogers
Alma Roman
Anthony Roscoe
Sylvia Rosenblatt
Julia Rossi
Ethel Salley
Leslie Sanderson
Edith Sapan
Carolyn Schmidt
Floyd Schmidt
Ellen Sherwood
Donald Slevin
Miriam Solomon
Margaret Stevens
Bernice Sturtz
Etta Elaine Taylor
Fran Thomas
Sandy Townsend
Linda Turetsky
Helen Valente
Sorieda Vicario
Christine Webb
Janet Whitehead
Lawrence Whitehead
Catherine Williams
Jeffrey Wolfe

Robert Young, Sr.
Earlene Zanders
Gilbert Zinn

Each Chief Election Inspector appointed for said annual district meeting, as herein provided, shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of \$150.00 for each day (6:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.) actually and necessarily spent on the duties of his office. Each Assistant Chief Election Inspector shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of \$135.00 for each day (6:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.) actually and necessarily spent on the duties of his office. Each Election Inspector shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of \$125.00 for each day (6:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.) actually and necessarily spent on the duties of his office. The Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of appointment to the persons herein respectively appointed as Chief Election Inspectors, Assistant Chief Election Inspectors, Election Inspectors and Registrars for said Annual District Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Solomon Akerman	aye
Mimi Calhoun	aye
Akiva Feinsod	aye
Stephen Price	aye
David Resnick	absent
Steven Rosenstock	aye
Richard Stone	aye
Gabriel Tenenbaum	absent
Nathan Rothschild, President	absent

The motion passed with 6 ayes.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

Dr. Schwartz reported that he had an exit interview with six auditors from the New York State School Nutrition Agency that did a routine audit of our food services program. They spent two days at Pomona, Spring Valley and Ramapo. They had breakfast and lunch, observed records, nutrients, pricing, collection of funds, reviewed eligibility documents, etc. Dr. Schwartz is pleased to report that the auditors did not find one flaw or violation; they have never had as positive a review.

Candidate Hershy Itzkowitz withdrew his candidacy today, leaving two candidates for the seat vacated by Dr. Tenemaum. It was decided by the remaining candidates position placement will remain the same for that seat.

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**FUTURE MEETING
DATES**

The Board of Education will meet in Study Session on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

A Special meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom, followed by a Special meeting at 9:30 p.m. for results of the Annual Vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rosenstock moved the Board of Education adjourn the Regular meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

Mr. Akerman seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 ayes.

The Board of Education went into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Dell'Arciprete