

Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of the Roxbury Township Board of Education held on Monday, January 7, 2008 at the Eisenhower Middle School, 47 Eyland Avenue, Succasunna, NJ 07876

The meeting was called to order in the Eisenhower Middle School Media Center at 6:00 p.m., Vice President D'Agostino presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Maureen Castriotta, Mrs. Liz D'Abbraccio, Mrs. Terry D'Agostino, Mr. Edward Hill, Mrs. Hildi Libby, Mrs Patricia Miller, Mr. John Moschella, Mr. Joseph Perfetti, Ms. Carol Scheneck

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Robert Badini,

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Mr. Dennis Mack, Mr. Edward Hade, Ms. Ruthann Quinn, Ms. Pam Hinman

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Nathanya G. Simon, Schwartz Simon Edelstein Celso & Kessler LLC

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Whereas Chapter 231, P.L., 1975 also known as the Sunshine Law, authorizes a public body to meet in Executive Session under certain limited circumstances; and

Whereas said law requires the Board of Education to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such an Executive or Private Session,

Now, therefore, it was motioned by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. D'Abbraccio that the Roxbury Township Board of Education does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session at this time, 6:00 p.m. to discuss Mt. Arlington negotiations, the superintendent search, and matters covered by attorney client privilege. The matters discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required, and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only in a public meeting.

It was motioned by Mrs. Libby and seconded by Mr. Hill that this meeting return to Public Session at this time, 7:59 p.m., in the Interdisciplinary Room.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Public Session was called to order in the Eisenhower Middle School Interdisciplinary Room at 8:03 p.m., Vice President D'Agostino presiding.

Mrs. D'Agostino announced that this Workshop Meeting of the Roxbury Township Board of Education is being held to take action and hold discussion on business before the Board tonight, and that the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Roxbury Township Board of Education has caused written notice of tonight's meeting and copies of the agenda for tonight's meeting to be transmitted to:

- Roxbury Register - Newspaper
- Daily Record - Newspaper
- Municipal Clerk
- Roxbury Public Library
- Roxbury Website - http://www.roxbury.org/boe/meetings_minutes.htm

The notice of tonight's meeting and a copy of tonight's agenda have been posted in the Board's Business Office.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members of the Board, Administration, and Public participated in the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

The roll was taken and a quorum deemed present.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MINUTES

Mrs. Libby moved, and Mrs. Miller seconded a motion that the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of December 17, 2007 be accepted with the following changes:

1. Ms. Scheneck stated the minutes of the Executive Session should state the session was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
2. Mrs. Castriotta stated that Mr. Mainiero asked to whom and when did Mr. Mack speak to a union representative. Mr. Mack stated Mr. Perfetti and he did not know specifically what day.

The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Mrs. Castriotta: Yes; Mrs. D'Abbraccio: Yes; Mr. Hill: Abstain; Mrs. Libby: Yes; Mrs. Miller: Yes; Mr. Moschella: Yes; Mr. Perfetti: Abstain; Ms. Scheneck: Yes; Mrs. D'Agostino: Yes.

PRESENTATIONS

None

STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMENTS

None

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mrs. D'Agostino, sitting in for Mr. Badini, stated that the district had approved a firm for the superintendent search and the resolution will be approved. She stated this would be a year of change for the district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Mack commented that Mr. Badini was doing extremely well after his open-heart surgery and that we look forward to a speedy return.

Mr. Mack mentioned that the future board meetings will be held in the Lincoln/Roosevelt School. This is due to the tremendous work involved in setting the meeting up from classrooms and back to classrooms.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Quinn is requesting approval for travel requests, cooperative bids, and acceptance of a donation.

Ms. Quinn thanked the Kennedy School PTA for their generous donation.

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OTHER

Ms. Simon stated the Board would need to pass a formal resolution changing the location of the board meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Facilities

None

2. Community Relations

Mrs. Libby commented that the meetings would increase as the budget election approaches.

3. Education

Mrs. Miller stated the next meeting is January 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The committee will be reviewing health policies it has received from Strauss-Esmay. Also to discuss the QSAC report.

4. Finance

The committee has been meeting weekly going through the presentations of the individual schools and departments. The next meeting is January 14, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

5. Shared Services

None

6. Personnel

None

7. Other

Mrs. Castriotta commented on other district websites. She recommends putting the committee meeting minutes on the website. She also recommended including the goals of the board on the website. Mrs. D'Agostino mentioned that the individual committees would discuss this option.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Chris Rogers questioned Resolutions 345-08 and 346-08. He asked for clarification of the two resolutions as well as if the candidate was best qualified. Mr. Hade responded that the candidate is the most qualified with the most experience.

Mrs. Day had questions on the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 340-08: Mrs. Day asked the value of the bid? Ms. Quinn responded it is the value of the purchases made during the year.

Resolution Nos. 345-08, 346-08 and 351-08: Mrs. Day asked if he was the most qualified and why the district did not hire a different interim employee to cover the Director of Transportation position. Mr. Hade responded that Mr. Fenske is the best qualified for the position.

Resolution No. 352-08: Mrs. Day asked for clarification. Mr. Hade responded affirmatively.

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Resolution No. 360-08: Mrs. Day asked how many students and if chaperones/teachers would be attending. Mr. Hade stated ten students and that members of the Music Department would be attending as chaperones.

Resolution No. 361-08: Mrs. Day asked how many proposals the board received. Mrs. D'Agostino responded.

ACTION ITEMS

Finance

Ms. Scheneck stated her reasons for voting 'No' for Resolution 361-08. She felt that the NJSBA could do the same job for much less than HYA.

Mrs. D'Agostino gave her reasons for voting for HYA. She felt that their nationwide abilities would give the board a more elaborate pool to pick from.

Mrs. Miller moved, and Mr. Moschella seconded a motion that the Finance Resolutions 339-08, 340-08 and 361-08 be approved as presented and listed below.

The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Mrs. Castriotta: Yes to all; **Mrs. D'Abbraccio:** Yes to 339-08 and 340-08, No to 361-08; **Mr. Hill:** Yes to all; **Mrs. Libby:** Yes to all; **Mrs. Miller:** Yes to all; **Mr. Moschella:** Yes to all; **Mr. Perfetti:** Yes to 339-08 and 340-08, No to 361-08; **Ms. Scheneck:** Yes to 339-08 and 340-08, No to 361-08; **Mrs. D'Agostino:** Yes to all.

RESOLUTION NO. 339-08

Approval of Travel Requests

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, the Roxbury Township Board of Education approves unavoidable travel and costs as related in this resolution which are educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and are related to and within the scope of the employee's current responsibilities and promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district. The reimbursements listed in this resolution are in compliance with State travel reimbursement guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and Board of Education policy in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et. seq.

First Name	Last Name	Conference/Seminar Title	Place	Date of Trip	Total Estimated Expenses*
Patricia	Miller	MCSBA General Membership Meeting	Whippany, NJ	January 10, 2008	No cost
Terry	D'Agostino	MCSBA General Membership Meeting	Whippany, NJ	January 10, 2008	No cost
Joseph M.	Koch	Eastern Athletic Trainers' Assoc. 60th Annual Convention	King of Prussia, PA	January 12-14, 2008	\$135.00 Registration
Brenda	Wilson	"Go Beyond the Basics of Guided Reading"	Fairfield, NJ	January 16, 2008	See note
Karen	Fasino	"Go Beyond the Basics of Guided Reading"	Fairfield, NJ	January 16, 2008	\$189.00 Registration
Marjorie	Lines	"Go Beyond the Basics of Guided Reading"	Fairfield, NJ	January 16, 2008	\$189.00 Registration
Audrey	Wallock	"Go Beyond the Basics of Guided Reading"	Fairfield, NJ	January 16, 2008	See note
Keith	Hayde	Asbestos Contractor - Supervisor Refresher	Piscataway, NJ	January 22, 2008	\$200.00 Registration
Alfred	Soetebeer	Asbestos Contractor - Supervisor Refresher	Piscataway, NJ	January 22, 2008	\$200.00 Registration

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First Name	Last Name	Conference/Seminar Title	Place	Date of Trip	Total Estimated Expenses*
Andrea	Saladino	High School Proficiency Assessment & End of Course Biology Test District Test Coordinator Training	Jamesburg, NJ	January 24, 2008	See note
June	Greenbaum	Morris County Elementary School Counselor's Meeting	Mt. Lakes, NJ	January 25, 2008	See note
Kurtis	Start	Advanced Guided Reading Strategies	New Brunswick, NJ	January 29, 2008	\$195.00 Registration
Phyllis	Prestamo	Using Big Ideas to Teach Standards Based Mathematics In Self-Contained Classrooms	Somerset, NJ	February 7, 2008	\$160.00 Registration
Danielle	Lynch	Creative Curriculum for Preschool	Ringoes, NJ	February 12, 13, 14, 2008	\$400.00 Registration
Phyllis	Prestamo	Creative Curriculum for Preschool	Ringoes, NJ	February 12, 13, 14, 2008	\$400.00 Registration
Jessica	Harrison	2008 American Choral Director's Association Convention	Hartford, CT	February 13-16, 2008	\$180.00 Registration
Patrick	Hachey	2008 American Choral Director's Association Convention	Hartford, CT	February 13-16, 2008	\$180.00 Registration \$453.60 Hotel
Robert D.	Salyerds	2008 American Choral Director's Association Convention	Hartford, CT	February 13-16, 2008	\$180.00 Registration
Lorraine	Lynch	All Eastern American Choral Director's Association Bi-Annual Convention	Hartford, CT	February 13-16, 2008	\$180.00 Registration \$453.60 Hotel
Dana	Taggart	Infusing Technology into the Curriculum to Enhance Learning	Monroe, NJ	February 21, 2008	\$90.00 Registration

Note: *Does not include mileage, as it is contractual, and sustenance

RESOLUTION NO. 340-08
Approval of Awarded Vendors for Cooperative Bids

WHEREAS, the Roxbury Township Board of Education previously entered into a shared services agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County in cooperation with Education Data Services Inc. for the Bidding/Purchasing Program, and

WHEREAS, Education Data Services, Inc. has conducted bids in accordance with the provisions of Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21,

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, the below list of awarded vendors for the cooperative bids effective 11/01/07 through 10/31/08 be awarded as recommended by Educational Data Services in accordance with the terms of the Public Contracts law. Bids are available at the Board of Education offices during normal working hours.

Audio Visual Supplies:

Camcor, Inc.
 Long's Electronics
 Troxell Communications, Inc.
 Valiant IMC
 Valley Litho Supply

Elementary Science Supplies:

Carolina Biological Supply
 Fisher Science Education
 Nasco
 Science Kit, LLC
 Science Labs / EKI, Inc.

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Family/Consumer Science Supplies:	Nasco S.A.N.E.
Fine Art Supplies:	Dick Blick Co. Nasco Sax Arts & Crafts Sheffield Pottery Inc. Triarco Arts & Crafts, LLC
Health & Trainer:	Henry Schein, Inc.
Health/Athletic Tape Supplies:	Henry Schein, Inc.
Library Supplies:	Highsmith, Inc.
Office Computer Supplies:	Corporate Express Office
Remanufactured Ink and Toner Supplies:	Cartridge World of Fort Lee
Physical Education Supplies:	Passon's Sports US Games (Div. of Passons) Sportime LLC
Science Supplies:	Carolina Biological Supply Fischer Scientific Education Frey Scientific Nasco Sargent – Welch VWR Scientific Products Science Kit, LLC Science Labs / EKI, Inc. Ward's Natural Science
Technology Education Supplies:	Brodhead Garret Electronix Express Midwest Technology Products Paxton Patterson Satco Supply Valley Litho Supply
Photography Supplies:	HPI International, Inc. Peters Camera Shop Valley Litho Supply

RESOLUTION NO. 361-08
Approval of Professional Contract

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Roxbury Township Board of Education agrees to contract with Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd., 1151 Waukegan Road, Glenview, IL 60025, for professional services to conduct a superintendent search for the Roxbury Township Board of Education. The consulting fee for services is \$22,500.

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Mrs. Miller moved, and Mr. Moschella seconded a motion that the Finance Resolution 341-08 be approved as presented and listed below.

The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Mrs. Castriotta: Yes; Mrs. D'Abbraccio: Abstain; Mr. Hill: Yes; Mrs. Libby: Yes; Mrs. Miller: Yes; Mr. Moschella: Yes; Mr. Perfetti: Yes; Ms. Scheneck: Yes; Mrs. D'Agostino: Yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 341-08

Acceptance of Donation

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, the Roxbury Township Board of Education accepts a donation from the Kennedy School PTA. This donation is possible through the fundraising efforts of the Kennedy School PTA and is intended for improving the Kennedy School playground. The estimated value of this donation is \$16,000. All improvements will be coordinated with our Buildings and Grounds Department.

Personnel

Mrs. Castriotta asked for clarification of 344-08 and 347-08 and whether or not the district was adding a new position. Mr. Hade stated it was not a new position but a substitute position.

Mrs. D'Agostino reiterated that the Board has been reassured that Mr. Fenske is the most qualified for the bus driver position.

Mrs. Libby commented on Resolution 353-08; that it is with regret the Board accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of Ms. Fisher.

Mr. Hill moved, and Mrs. Libby seconded a motion that the Personnel Resolutions 342-08 through 351-08 be approved as presented and listed below:

The motion was approved by roll call vote;

Mrs. Castriotta: Yes to 342-08, 343-08, 344-08, 347-08, 348-08, 349-08, 350-08, 351-08, No to 345-08 and 346-08, Mrs. D'Abbraccio: Yes to all; Mr. Hill: Yes to all; Mrs. Libby: Yes to all; Mrs. Miller: Yes to all; Mr. Moschella: Yes to all; Mr. Perfetti: Yes to all; Ms. Scheneck: Yes to all; Mrs. D'Agostino: Yes to all.

RESOLUTION NO. 342-08

Resignation – Transportation Staff

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, the resignation for personal reasons of *Ms. Leslie Dunstan*, Bus Driver, be accepted effective January 30, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 343-08

Extension of Child Rearing Leave of Absence – Professional Staff

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, *Ms. Jennifer Donegan*, Special Education Teacher at Roxbury High School and currently on a child rearing leave of absence, be granted an extension of her leave effective January 15, 2008 through January 31, 2008. Ms. Donegan plans to return to work on February 1, 2008.

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RESOLUTION NO. 344-08

Transfer – Transportation Staff

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, *Mr. Edward Koch* be transferred as follows effective January 8, 2008 for the 2007/2008 school year. Mr. Koch is replacing Ms. Christine Morse who resigned.

FROM: P/T Weekend Custodian – Roxbury High School – 16 Hours/Week
TO: Bus Driver– 25 Hours/Week (not to exceed 40 Hours/Week)

Salary: \$19.00/Hour (salary pending completion of negotiations)

RESOLUTION NO. 345-08

Appointment – Administrative Staff

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, *Mr. George Fenske* be appointed as Interim Director of Transportation retroactive to January 2, 2008 through January 25, 2008.

Salary: \$321.25 per diem

AND, IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that *Mr. George Fenske* be appointed as a Substitute Bus Driver effective January 28, 2008 for the 2007/2008 school year.

Salary: \$15.00/Hour on an as-needed basis

RESOLUTION NO. 346-08

Appointment – Transportation Staff

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, *Mr. George Fenske* be appointed as a Bus Driver effective January 31, 2008 for the 2007/2008 year. Mr. Fenske will be replacing Ms. Leslie Dunstan who resigned.

Salary: \$27.38/Hour, 25 Hours/Week (not to exceed 40 Hours/Week) (Salary pending completion of negotiations)

A background search as required by State law has been successfully completed.

RESOLUTION NO. 347-08

Appointment – Buildings and Grounds Staff

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, *Mr. Thomas Koch* be appointed as a Substitute Custodian at Roxbury High School effective January 8, 2008 for the 2007/2008 year.

Salary: \$12.00/Hour on an as-needed basis

A background search as required by State law has been successfully completed.

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RESOLUTION NO. 348-08

Appointment – Food Services Staff

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, the following be appointed as Substitute Cafeteria Workers effective January 8, 2008 for the 2007/2008 year:

Marilda Bastos Philippa Day Kathleen Turpin Barbara Hartos

Salary: \$9.47/Hour on an as-needed basis

Background searches as required by State law have been successfully completed.

RESOLUTION NO. 349-08

Appointment - Substitute Teachers

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, the following be approved as substitute teachers for the 2007/2008 school year, contingent upon meeting all requirements according to state rules and regulations; remuneration to be in accordance with Board of Education Policy:

Daugherty, Patricia Ms. Daugherty earned a BA in Mathematics from William Paterson University in New Jersey. She recently worked in private industry and will be working under a substitute certificate.

Elphick, Keith Mr. Elphick is currently a student at Salisbury University in Maryland working towards a degree in English Education. He is currently a substitute teacher in the Hackettstown School District and will be working under a substitute certificate.

Suggs, Janine Ms. Suggs earned a BA in Elementary Education and Art History from William Paterson University in New Jersey. She recently worked for the Little Oak Learning and Developmental Center and will be working under an Elementary School Teacher certificate.

These appointments, where necessary are dependent upon successful completion of a background search as required by State law.

RESOLUTION NO. 350-08

Appointment - Athletic Event Worker

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, the staff listed below be approved for employment as an Athletic Event Worker for the 2007/2008 school year.

Beth Zink

RESOLUTION NO. 351-08

Approval of Stipend – Secretarial Staff

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, approval be granted to pay *Ms. Carol McNicholas*, Secretary to the Director of Transportation, a stipend in the amount of \$1,200.00 for coverage as Director of Transportation effective September 17, 2007 through November 9, 2007. This coverage was necessary due to the medical absence of the Director during this time.

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Mr. Hill moved, and Mrs. Miller seconded a motion that the Personnel Resolutions 352-08 through 358-08 be approved as presented and listed below.

The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Mrs. Castriotta: *Yes to all;* **Mrs. D’Abbraccio:** *Abstain to all;* **Mr. Hill:** *Yes to all;* **Mrs. Libby:** *Yes to all;* **Mrs. Miller:** *Yes to all;* **Mr. Moschella:** *Yes to all;* **Mr. Perfetti:** *Yes to all;* **Ms. Scheneck:** *Yes to all;* **Mrs. D’Agostino:** *Yes to all.*

RESOLUTION NO. 352-08

Resignation – Professional Staff

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent’s recommendation, the resignation for personal reasons of *Ms. Annette Marshall*, Fifth Grade Teacher at the Lincoln/Roosevelt School and currently on an unpaid leave of absence for personal reasons, be accepted retroactive to December 31, 2007.

RESOLUTION NO. 353-08

Resignation – Professional Staff

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent’s recommendation, the resignation for retirement purposes of *Ms. Patricia Fisher*, Second Grade Teacher at the Jefferson School, be accepted effective June 30, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 354-08

Leave of Absence – Professional Staff

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent’s recommendation, *Ms. Melissa Laurie*, Reading Specialist at the Franklin School, be granted a disability/child rearing leave of absence effective February 19, 2008 using twenty (20) available sick days and, thereafter, an unpaid leave of absence until released by her physician. Ms. Laurie plans to return to work on June 19, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 355-08

Leave of Absence – Professional Staff

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent’s recommendation, *Ms. Elizabeth Esposito*, English Teacher at the Eisenhower Middle School, be granted a disability/child rearing leave of absence effective March 20, 2008 using available sick days and, thereafter, an unpaid leave of absence until released by her physician. Ms. Esposito plans to return to work on September 1, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 356-08

Transfer – Professional Staff

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent’s recommendation, the following employee listed below be transferred as follows effective February 1, 2008 for the 2007/2008 school year. Ms. Henricksen is replacing Ms. Nicole Keane who resigned.

<i>Name</i>	From	To	06/07 Salary*
Lisa Henricksen	PSD Aide Jefferson School	Kindergarten Teacher Jefferson School	Step 2, BA Guide \$39,450

*Salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations.

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RESOLUTION NO. 357-08
Transfer – Food Services Staff

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, *Ms. Mary Hayde* be transferred as follows retroactive to January 2, 2008 for the 2007/2008 school year. Ms. Hayde is replacing Ms. Kristi Baker who was transferred to another position.

FROM: Cafeteria Worker – Roxbury High School – 5 Hours/Day
TO: Cafeteria Worker – Kennedy School – 4.5 Hours/Day

Salary: \$10.64/Hour (not to exceed 8 Hours/Day)

RESOLUTION NO. 358-08
Appointment – Professional Staff

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, *Ms. Karlene Rattner* be appointed to the position of Resource Center Special Education Teacher at the Eisenhower Middle School effective February 11, 2008 or sooner, pending release from her current district, for the 2007/2008 school year. Ms. Rattner is replacing Ms. Michele Rivera who was transferred to another position.

Degree: BA, College of St. Elizabeth, 2003
Certification: Teacher of the Handicapped
Experience: 2005-2006: Special Education Teacher, Mt. Olive Middle School, Budd Lake, NJ
2003-2005: Resource Center Teacher, Sandshore Elementary School, Budd Lake, NJ
Salary: Step 4 of the 2006/2007 BA Guide, \$40,150 (prorated, pending completion of negotiations) Acct. #11-213-100-101-000-100

A background check as required by State law has been completed.

Education

Mrs. Castriotta asked if it is required that the costs for substitutes for field trips be included in the resolution. Mr. Hade and Mr. Mack responded that it is not required.

Mrs. Miller moved, and Mr. Moschella seconded a motion that the Education Resolutions 359-08 and 360-08 be approved as presented and listed below.

The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Mrs. Castriotta: *Yes to all;* **Mrs. D'Abbraccio:** *Yes to all;* **Mr. Hill:** *Yes to all;* **Mrs. Libby:** *Yes to all;* **Mrs. Miller:** *Yes to all;* **Mr. Moschella:** *Yes to all;* **Mr. Perfetti:** *Yes to all;* **Ms. Scheneck:** *Yes to all;* **Mrs. D'Agostino:** *Yes to all.*

RESOLUTION NO. 359-08
Approval of Out-of-District Placements/Services

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, the Roxbury Township Board of Education approves the 2007/2008 Out-of-District Placements/Services listed below.

<i>File Number</i>	<i>School or Provider</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Dates</i>
CAL 025	The Calais School	\$22,840.40	12/12/07 to 06/30/08

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RESOLUTION NO. 360-08
Approval of Overnight Trip - RHS

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, staff and students at Roxbury High School be approved for participation in the following educational event as per Board policy.

Event	Location	Dates
All-Eastern American Choir Director's Association Convention	Hartford, CT	February 13-16, 2008

RESOLUTION FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Perfetti moved, and Mrs. Castriotta seconded a motion that Resolution 362-08 be approved as presented during the board meeting and listed below:

The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Mrs. Castriotta: Yes; Mrs. D'Abbraccio: Yes; Mr. Hill: Yes; Mrs. Libby: Yes; Mrs. Miller: Yes; Mr. Moschella: Yes; Mr. Perfetti: Yes; Ms. Scheneck: Yes; Mrs. D'Agostino: Yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 362-08
Change of Board Meeting Location

IT IS RESOLVED that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, effective January 8, 2008, all meetings of the Board shall be located at the Lincoln/Roosevelt School to the next organization meeting of the board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

Rebecca Riberro asked the Board to approve a stipend for the Key Club Advisor so as not to disappoint the students involved.

Chris Rogers asked about a flyer that was given out as he walked into the board meeting that stated the Board was approving the dismissal of 50 custodians. Mrs. D'Agostino stated it was never discussed. Ms. Quinn stated that only an evaluation of the Buildings and Grounds Department, including evaluations by the teachers and staff of the individual buildings was done.

Mr. Rogers also asked about the fact that the REA is working without a contract and asked how much of an increase was received at the beginning of the year with the move on guide. Mrs. D'Agostino stated about a 2.6% increase due to movement on guide. Total cost of increment was about \$680,000 per Ms. Quinn.

Sally Kirkland, Shop Steward for the Teamsters Union, asked about the displacement of the break room at the Transportation Department. She complained that 55 drivers would be displaced when they are not driving the buses. Mrs. D'Agostino stated it would be discussed at the negotiations meeting January 10, 2008. Mrs. Castriotta asked if this was discussed in a Facilities Committee meeting. Ms. Quinn stated this is not a committee topic. Mr. Hill commented.

Norma Trosky, Bus Driver, also commented on the construction of an office in the Transportation Break Room. Mr. Mack stated this would be discussed on Thursday.

Fran Day asked about the success of Study Island in regards to testing. She stated that she heard it has poor participation. Mrs. Miller and Mr. Hade responded. She asked about the preliminary report from the architect for the Berkshire Valley School Project. Mrs. Day commented on the cancellation of the Eisenhower Middle School dance due to the fact the teachers will not attend as chaperones. Mr. Hade said it was not cancelled indefinitely, but that a new date is hoped to reschedule. Mrs. Day recommends that the administrators and board members should attend in the teachers' absence.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. D'Abbraccio to adjourn the meeting at this time, 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hinman
Assistant Board Secretary