

ROOSEVELT BOARD OF EDUCATION

ROOSEVELT, NJ 08555

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Roosevelt Public School

Regular Meeting

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Roosevelt Public School district is to educate and inspire all students to become life-long learners who value themselves, others and their environment.

Board Goals 2023-2024

1. Continue to expand the district's send-receive relationships to provide resident students with a choice of pathways to middle school and high school.
2. Create on-boarding training and succession planning for the Board of Education.
3. Continue to review and revise policies to ensure they reflect current practices.

District Goals 2023-2024

1. Continue to impact student achievement by utilizing best practices and data-driven practices.
2. Continue to ensure dialogue with the community through outreach via a new monthly parent newsletter.
3. Attend to the social, emotional and educational needs of the students and staff.
4. Safety & Security - Promote and ensure a safe learning environment/facilities and practices.

**Roosevelt Public School
Roosevelt, New Jersey**

For the meeting of the Board of Education, Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

II. CALL TO ORDER

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law of 1975 was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Roosevelt Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Roosevelt Post Office, Roosevelt Public School, and mailed to the Municipal Clerk, and the Asbury Park Press and the Trenton Times on January 8, 2024. The regular meeting of the Roosevelt Board of Education will be called to order on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

III. Roll Call

<i>MEMBERS</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Arrival</i>
Kenneth LeCompte, Pres.			
Daniel Leibowitz, V.P.			
Heather Giske			
Judith Goetzmann			
Leo Gordon			
Naylon Larane			
David Schembry			
Michael Ticktin			
Cheri Katz			

Also Present:

Karen Barry, Chief School Administrator

Bernard Biesiada, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

IV. **RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, Chapter 231, PL. 1975, also known as the Open Public Meetings Act, authorizes a public body to meet in executive private session under certain limited circumstances, and,

WHEREAS, said law requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such an executive or private session, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ROOSEVELT PUBLIC SCHOOL:

- A. That it does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in Executive session on January 25, 2024

Confidential Matters

- B. That the matters discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion would take place at a public meeting.

<i>MEMBERS</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>ABSTAIN</i>
Kenneth LeCompte, Pres.			
Daniel Leibowitz, V.P.			
Heather Giske			
Judith Goetzmann			
Leo Gordon			
Naylon Larane			
David Schembry			
Michael Ticktin			
Cheri Katz			
Voice Vote			

V. **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

- a. That the Board approve the minutes from the Board of Education meeting of December 21, 2023.

(Attachment 1)

Motion to approve:

MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Kenneth LeCompte, Pres.			
Daniel Leibowitz, V.P.			
Heather Giske			
Judith Goetzmann			
Leo Gordon			
Naylon Larane			
David Schembry			
Michael Ticktin			
Cheri Katz			
Voice Vote			

B. Old Business

C. New Business

VI. **PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT**

- Next Board of Education meeting will be a regular meeting to be held on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AS PER BOARD BYLAW 0167**

- A. To permit the fair and orderly expression of comments we ask that:
 - 1. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate;
 - 2. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five minutes duration;
 - 3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;
 - 4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question board members individually;
 - a. No colloquy between a participant and respondent shall extend the five minute time limit provided herein;

5. The presiding officer may:
 - a. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant;
 - b. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
 - c. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the the orderly progress of the meeting;
 - d. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and
 - e. Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.

VIII. **PRESENTATIONS**

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| - | Audit Presentation | Rick DiNapoli
Holman, Frenia |
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IX. **CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- A. Informational Items:
- Student Safety data System (SSDS) Report, Period 1
 - Update on Choice seats and waiting list
 - Mid Year Staff Review
 - January 2024 - School Board Recognition Month

RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

- WHEREAS,** The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2024 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and
- WHEREAS,** The Roosevelt Public School Board of Education is one of 580 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and
- WHEREAS,** The Roosevelt Public School Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and
- WHEREAS,** New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and
- WHEREAS,** New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and
- WHEREAS,** School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and
- WHEREAS,** Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and
- WHEREAS,** New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Roosevelt Public School Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2024 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Roosevelt Public School Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children's education.

ATTENDANCE:

Staff: 94%
Students: 87%

DRILLS:

Fire Drill: 1/11/24

B. **Action Items:**

1. That the Board approve the attached HIB report for the month of December 2023.

(Attachment 2)

Motion to accept Chief School Administrator's report:

MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Kenneth LeCompte, Pres.			
Daniel Leibowitz, V.P.			
Heather Giske			
Judith Goetzmann			
Leo Gordon			
Naylon Larane			
David Schembry			
Michael Ticktin			
Cheri Katz			
Roll Call Vote			

X. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. **FINANCE and FACILITIES**

Leo Gordon, Chairperson

1. **Informational Items:**

Meeting Date:

Old Business:

New Business:

2. Action Items:

- a. That the Board approve the payment of the following bills in the amounts listed and to attach a complete copy of these bills to the minutes of this meeting:

- i. Bills list from December 18, 2023 through January 22, 2024 in the amount of \$53,359.34.

(Attachment 3)

b. **Payroll Certification:**

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary reports, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1b, certifies the December 2023 payroll in the amount of \$107,981.61 which includes \$7,949.86 representing the employer's share of the TPAF Social Security.

c. **Payroll Certification:**

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary reports, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1b, certifies the January 2024 payroll in the amount of \$103,571.89 which includes \$7,612.09 representing the employer's share of the TPAF Social Security.

- d. WHEREAS, this audit has been completed and a report filed with the State Department of Education and the Board of Education along with a synopsis of the audit report and recommendations, which synopsis and recommendation are available for public review, and WHEREAS, the results of operations during the 2022-2023 school year are as follows:

Change in Net Assets			
Revenues:	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services and Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00

Operating Grants and Contributions	603,450.51	0.00	603,450.51
Total Program Revenues	603,450.51	0.00	603,450.51
General Revenues:			
Property Taxes – General Purposes	1,696,268.00	0.00	1,696,268.00
Property Taxes – Debt Service	15,471.00	0.00	15,471.00
Federal and State Aid Restricted	1,002,526.96	0.00	1,002,526.96
Federal and State Aid Not Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tuition Charges	92,811.00	0.00	92,811.00
Transportation Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	55,931.52	0.00	55,931.52
Total General Revenues	2,863,008.48	0.00	2,863,008.48
Total Revenues	3,466,458.99	0.00	3,466,458.99
Program Expenses:			
Instruction	1,599,089.03	0.00	1,599,089.03
Support Services:			
Tuition	625,406.35	0.00	625,406.35
Student & Instruction Related Services	340,399.02	0.00	340,399.02
School Administrative Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
General & Business Administrative Services	140,147.55	0.00	140,147.55
Plant Operations & Maintenance	492,081.83	0.00	492,081.83

Pupil Transportation	123,596.24	0.00	123,596.24
Interest on Long-Term Debt	37,543.10	0.00	37,543.10
Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00
Enterprise Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses:	3,358,263.12	0.00	3,358,263.12
Change In Net Position	108,195.87	0.00	108,195.87

- e. That the Board approve and accept the audit for the 2022-2023 school year as presented by Holman, Frenia, and Allison, P.C. There were no recommendations for the audit and a corrective action plan is not necessary.

FYI - Presentation by Rick DiNapoli of Holman, Frenia, Allison

Motion to approve items:

MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Kenneth LeCompte Pres.			
Daniel Leibowitz, V.P.			
Heather Giske			
Judith Goetzmann			
Leo Gordon			
Naylon Larane			
David Schembry			
Michael Ticktin			
Cheri Katz			
Roll Call Vote			

B. **POLICY**

Heather Giske, Chairperson

1. Informational Items:

Meeting date:

Old Business:

New Business:

2. Action Items: N/A

That the Board approve the following policies and regulations for *first* reading and adoption:

P1642.01 Sick Leave (New)
R1642.01 Sick Leave (New)
P2419 School Threat Assessment Teams (New)
R2419 School Threat Assessment Teams (New)
P3161 Examination for Cause (Revised)
P3324 Right of Privacy (Revised)

That the Board abolish the following policies and regulations:

P3432 Sick Leave
P4432 Sick Leave

(Attachment 4)

Motion to approve items:

<i>MEMBERS</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>ABSTAIN</i>
Kenneth LeCompte, Pres.			
Daniel Leibowitz, V.P.			
Heather Giske			
Judith Goetzmann			
Leo Gordon			
Naylon Larane			
David Schembry			
Michael Ticktin			
Cheri Katz			
Roll Call Vote			

C. **PERSONNEL**

Naylon Larane, Chairperson

1. Informational Items:

Meeting Date:

Old Business:

New Business:

2. Action Items:

That the Board approve the following appointment according to the procedures set forth in NJSA 18A:67 et seq for the following personnel. Approval pending statutory Requirements:

- a. That the Board approve the updated substitute list for the 2023-2024 school year.

(Attachment 5)

- b. That the Board approve the following personnel for the 2023-2024 school year:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	EFFECTIVE	ACCOUNT #
b.Gabriella Bellino	ELA/Math Tutor for grades 1-5	\$70/hour - Up to 2 hours per week	January 26, 2024 through June 7, 2024	20-490-100-100-000-00

- c. The the Board approve the Bi-annual Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional staff for the 2023-2023 school year.

(Attachment 6)

Motion to approve items:

MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
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Daniel Leibowitz, V.P.			
Heather Giske			
Judith Goetzmann			
Leo Gordon			
Naylon Larane			
David Schembry			
Michael Ticktin			
Cheri Katz			
Roll Call Vote			

D. **CURRICULUM:**

David Schembry, Chairperson

1. Informational Items:

Meeting Date:

Old Business:

New Business:

2. Action Items: N/A

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board consider the following proposed motions:

Motion to approve items:

MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
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Daniel Leibowitz, V.P.			
Heather Giske			
Judith Goetzmann			
Leo Gordon			
Naylon Larane			
David Schembry			
Michael Ticktin			
Cheri Katz			
Roll Call Vote			

E. **OUTREACH**

Judith Goetzman, Chairperson &
RPS Foundation Delegate

1. Informational Items: N/A

Meeting Date:

Old Business:

New Business:

2. Action Items: N/A

XI. **BOARD BUSINESS:**

A. Informational Items:

- Letter from County Superintendent regarding send/receive

B. Old Business:

C. New Business:

D. Action Items: N/A

Motion to approve items:

MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
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Daniel Leibowitz, V.P.			
Heather Giske			
Judith Goetzmann			
Leo Gordon			
Naylon Larane			
David Schembry			
Michael Ticktin			
Cheri Katz			
Voice Vote			

XII. **CORRESPONDENCE**

XIII. **GOOD AND WELFARE:**

XIV. **BORO COUNCIL LIAISON**

Michael Ticktin

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Heather Giske			
Judith Goetzmann			
Leo Gordon			
Naylon Larane			
David Schembry			
Michael Ticktin			
Cheri Katz			
Voice Vote			

XVI. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to approve adjournment:

<i>MEMBERS</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>ABSTAIN</i>
Kenneth LeCompte, Pres.			
Daniel Leibowitz, V.P.			
Heather Giske			
Judith Goetzmann			
Leo Gordon			
Naylon Larane			
David Schembry			
Michael Ticktin			
Cheri Katz			
Roll Call Vote			