

**Rocky Hill Board of Education
Minutes of February 26, 2003**

Call to order: President Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
The N.J. Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Rocky Hill Board of Education has notified in writing, the Princeton Packet and the Messenger Gazette. Notice was also posted at Borough Hall, the Post Office and the Public Library.

Roll Call: Dineen, Neusner and Zimmerman were present.

Minutes: D. Dineen moved to accept the minutes of January 22, 2003, seconded by W. Neusner, motion carried.

Financial Reports: W. Neusner moved to approve the following financial reports, seconded by D. Dineen, motion carried.

A-148 Report of the Secretary
A-149 Report of the Treasurer

Correspondence: The board reviewed the following correspondence:
Montgomery Bd. of Education-Minutes of 1/14 & 1/28/03
Agenda for 2/25/03
2003/4 Tuition Contracts

Old Business: Mr. Chilson noted that we have received two petitions for board membership. Incumbent D. Dineen and Doreen Solazzo. Board member Boisnier is not seeking re-election.
President Zimmerman stated that she has begun a study of a Home Safe Program. A concern of late buses was raised. The board feels the Home Safe Program would also help parents that must leave for work prior to a late bus arriving.

New Business: 1. W. Neusner moved to confirm the following January 2002-03 budget transfers, seconded by D. Dineen, motion carried.

To:	11000100566	\$ 14,400.
	11000290330	1,000.
From:	11000290100	1,000.
	Fund Balance	14,400.

2. W. Neusner moved to approve the 2003/2004 Tuition Contract with the Montgomery Twp. Board of Education as follows, seconded by D. Dineen, motion carried.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Tuition Rate</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>2003/4</u>	<u>00/01 Adj.</u>	<u>Cost</u>
K	6,617.	5	\$ 33,085.	\$12,411.	\$ 45,496.
1-5	8,480.	27	228,960.	19,311.	248,271.
6-8	8,689.	19	165,091.	-7,939.	157,152.
9-12	11,121.	15	<u>166,815.</u>	<u>-23,485.</u>	<u>143,330.</u>
			\$ 593,951.	\$ 298.	\$ 594,249.

3. W. Neusner moved to approve and submit the Preliminary 2003/04 Budget in the amount of \$ 884,285 that includes a Request to the Commissioner for a Spending Growth Limitation Adjustment for Tuition in the amount of \$ 31,764 and \$ 774,911 for taxes to the County Superintendent of Schools for approval, seconded by D. Dineen, motion carried.

4. W. Neusner moved to confirm and accept the notice of retirement from Nancy Metcalf, Treasurer of School Monies, effective December 31, 2002, seconded by D. Dineen, motion carried..

5. W. Neusner moved to approve Nancy Metcalf as a contracted servant to perform the duties as Treasurer for the Rocky Hill Board of Education, effective January 1, 2003, at a rate of \$ 2,000 per annum, seconded by D. Dineen, motion carried..

6. W. Neusner moved to approve the Certification of the Board Secretary-Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2-2.13(d), I, F.G. Chilson, certify that as of January 31, 2003, no budgetary line item account has obligations or payments (contractual orders) which in total exceeds the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1, seconded by D. Dineen, motion carried.

7. W. Neusner moved to approve the Certification of the Board of Education-Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2-2.13 (e), we certify that as of January 31, 2003 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 over-expended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2-2.13 (b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the districts financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, seconded by D. Dineen, motion carried.

Vouchers: D. Dineen moved to approve payment of the Bill List, seconded by W. Neusner, motion carried..

1149 E. Cohen (½ yr. private trans.)	\$ 355.00
1150 Solebury School (March tuition)	2,820.00
1151 Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC (legal services)	187.50
1152 N. Metcalf (contracted service)	184.96
1153 F. Chilson (salary)	779.51
PERS Electronic Transfer	<u>36.75</u>
Total	\$ 4,363.72

Reports: D. Dineen reported that Montgomery is behind schedule on the High School construction by two months. The tax impact is about \$ 584 average based on the current proposed budget. There will be an additional \$ 266 if they include a football field.

Public Discussion: E. Zimmerman questioned the Special Education costs in the proposed budget.
C. Hallman questioned the cost of transportation.
E. Zimmerman questioned how much state aide we receive and for what purpose.

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 26, 2003 7:00 p.m. Public Budget Hearing followed by the
Regular Board Meeting

Adjourn: D. Dineen moved to adjourn at 7:18 p.m., seconded by W. Neusner, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank G. Chilson
Board Secretary