

EAST RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
A.S. Faust School Gymnasium
February 15, 2018
6:00 PM

NOTE: Be advised that the Board may recess into executive session at any time during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER - *By President Vartan at 6:00 pm*

OPENING STATEMENT – *President Vartan*

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the East Rutherford Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof published in The Record and South Bergenite Newspapers and posted in the vestibule of the Borough Hall and Public Library.

Copies of agendas are available 48 hours prior to said meetings in the Board of Education office and are posted on the East Rutherford School website – www.erboe.net

SALUTE TO FLAG & MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

Mr. Daniel Alvarez – *Present*
Mr. Jason Bulger – *Absent*
Mrs. Maria Caruso – *Present*
Mrs. ShaVonne Honor - *Absent*
Mr. Carlo Maucione - *Absent*
Mrs. Debra Zoller - *Present*
Mr. Richard Vartan – *Present*

Also Present: *Mr. Giovanni Giancaspro, Superintendent; Mr. Mark Kramer, School Business Administrator;*
Mr. Michael Anton, Board Counsel

Mr. Vartan asked everyone in attendance to keep in their prayers and thoughts all those that have been affected by the shootings in Parkland, Florida.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FIRE EXIT LOCATIONS - *President Vartan announced locations.*

As a courtesy to all in attendance, please silence all cell phones and paging equipment during this meeting.

Mission Statement:

The East Rutherford Public Schools are committed to the achievement of individual academic excellence by achieving the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) through high quality teaching, learning and community involvement, which results in students being well prepared to meet future educational challenges and to contribute to society. Recognizing the needs of students, the East Rutherford school community strives to teach pupils how to learn effectively and attempt to motivate them to continuous learning throughout life. Students are encouraged to understand themselves, accept their worth, fulfill their potential, and become effective and responsible citizens in a democratic society and in a multicultural world.

- Discussion of School Bond Referendum question for ballot of March 13, 2018
- Mr. Giovanni Giancaspro, Superintendent of Schools
 - *Attached Superintendent's monthly meeting report.*

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

President Vartan Opens the Hearing of Citizens:

Opening this portion of the meeting to public comments on school related issues. State your name and address for the record. Each person wishing to speak will have three (3) minutes each to do so.

No Members of the public wished to be heard.

President Vartan Closes the Hearing of Citizens:

Motion: Introduced by: Daniel Alvarez **Seconded by:** Maria Caruso

Roll Call Vote: : Unanimous **Motion Adopted**

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 13, 2018**

BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Education of the Borough of East Rutherford, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, as follows:

1. A special election of the legal voters of this School District shall be held on March 13, 2018 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., in the School District at the places and for the purposes hereinafter provided.
2. The following school bond proposal shall be voted upon at the special school election:

PROPOSAL

RESOLVED, that The Board of Education of the Borough of East Rutherford, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey shall

(A) undertake the following improvements (including related work) in the School District (the "Project"): (1) Faust Intermediate School, Faust Annex and McKenzie School Renovations – building renovations and alterations, conversion of existing spaces to new uses, building system improvements, installation of an elevator (at Faust Intermediate School), construction of additional parking and a covered walkway (at the Faust Annex), roof repairs and partial replacement (at McKenzie School) and, if bond or note proceeds are available, the acquisition of new furniture, equipment and apparatus required therefor, and (2) Addition to Faust Intermediate School – construction of a three story school building addition adjacent to Faust Intermediate School, including site improvements and, if bond or note proceeds are available, the acquisition of original furniture, equipment and apparatus required for such addition;

(B) expend therefor not exceeding \$30,971,400; and

(C) issue bonds or notes of the School District for the Project in the principal amount not exceeding \$30,971,400. The Commissioner of Education (the "Commissioner") has determined that the final eligible costs of the Project are \$12,856,484, which has been allocated by the Commissioner as follows: Faust Intermediate School Renovations project - \$10,113,900; Faust Annex Renovations project - \$-0-; McKenzie School Renovations project - \$2,515,500; and Faust School Addition project - \$227,084. The State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-9, has approved debt service aid equal to 40% of the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the Project. The School District may transfer a portion of the proposed local share cost of one project to another under circumstances permitted by statute.

The Project includes \$18,114,916 (consisting of \$480,000 related to the Faust Annex Renovations project and \$17,634,916 related to the Faust School Addition project) for school facility construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner, or that are not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g).

2. The polling places for the election (described by reference to the election districts used at the last General Election in the Borough of East Rutherford, County of Bergen, New Jersey) are established and have been designated as follows, and no person shall vote at the election elsewhere than at the polling place designated for the voters of the election district in which he or she resides:

Polling Place at the East Rutherford Civic Center (Upper Level) located at 37 Vreeland Avenue in the School District for legal voters residing within General Election District Nos. 1 and 2, Borough of East Rutherford.

Polling Place at the Grove Street Fire House Meeting Room located at 312 Grove Street in the School District for legal voters residing within General Election District No. 3, Borough of East Rutherford.

Polling Place at the Carlton Avenue Fire House Meeting Room located at 107 Carlton Avenue in the School District for legal voters residing within General Election District No. 4, Borough of East Rutherford.

3. This Board of Education hereby approves and adopts the proposal set forth in Section 2 hereof and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the school district, hereby determines to carry out the same. The Superintendent of Schools, the Board Secretary and other representatives of the Board of Education are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions in connection with the special school election.
4. This Board of Education hereby approves and adopts the proposal set forth in Section 2 hereof and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the school district, hereby determines to carry out the same. The Superintendent of Schools, the Board Secretary and other representatives of

the Board of Education are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions in connection with the special school election.

5. This Board of Education hereby acknowledges and confirms that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16 and 18A:24-17, a supplemental debt statement has been prepared as of the date of this resolution by the chief financial officer of the Borough of East Rutherford, being every municipality comprised within the School District, giving effect to the proposed authorization of bonds of the School District in the amount stated in the proposal set forth in Section 2 hereof and that the supplemental debt statement has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Borough of East Rutherford and in the office of the Board Secretary of this Board of Education prior to the adoption of this resolution. This Board of Education hereby directs the Board Secretary of the Board of Education to have the supplemental debt statement filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs prior to the date of the special election authorized herein.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Introduced by: Daniel Alvarez **Seconded by:** Debbie Zoller **Time:** 6:04 p.m.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act and the East Rutherford Board of Education policy reserves the right within the constraints of State Law to sit in Executive Session and

WHEREAS, there now exists a need for this Board to meet in Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to Board Attorney explanation on what is permissible on District Literature regarding the current referendum. Formal action will not be taken

BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Rutherford Board of Education recess into Executive Session

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public will be informed

1. when the Board reconvenes to the regular business portion of the meeting this evening
OR
2. at a later date undetermined at this time Motion to pass the board's standard resolution for the board to enter into executive session.

MOTION TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion: Introduced by: Daniel Alvarez **Seconded by:** Debbie Zoller **Time:** 6:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Introduced by: Daniel Alvarez **Seconded by:** Debbie Zoller **Time:** 6:26 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the East Rutherford Board of Education adjourns its Public Meeting of February 15, 2018.

MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM; The foregoing minutes were prepared by the Board Secretary, Mr. Mark Kramer/lb.

Mark Kramer, S.B.A

APPROVED

**NEXT MEETING:
Public Meeting
A.S. Faust School Gymnasium
February 22, 2018
7:00 P.M.**