

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Regular Public Meeting
Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria
November 6, 2012**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Board President, Christa Smith.

II. Notice of Announcement

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Rockaway Borough Board of Education has provided adequate written notice of the time, date and place of this meeting to the Daily Record and The Citizen.

III. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Eileen Haynes, Debbie McNally, Vice-President, Tim Rogers and Board President, Christa Smith.

Board Member Absent: Laura Lugo

Administration Present: Superintendent of Schools/Thomas Jefferson School Principal, Dr. Brian Purzak, Lincoln School Principal, Phyllis Alpaugh, Thomas Jefferson School Vice-Principal, Mark Schwarz and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

IV. Executive Session

"The next topic on the agenda relates to negotiations, which constitutes an exception to the Open Public Meetings Act."

Therefore, the Board is permitted to have a private discussion and I will entertain a motion in that regard:

I move that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations, the nature of which will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. At the conclusion of this discussion, the Board may reconvene in public session and action may be taken.

The motion was approved at 6:32 pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (Haynes/Rogers)

V. Motion to Return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 6:38 p.m. (Haynes/Rogers)

VI. Superintendent's Report

1. Hurricane Sandy – Dr. Purzak informed the Board that district had minor damage resulting from the storm.
2. Enrollment – Dr. Purzak informed the Board that the current district enrollment is 674.

VII. Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports

Motion to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for September 2012.

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Haynes)

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items #1-4.

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Rogers)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached Professional Development/Travel Expenditure requests.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into an agreement with Discovery Education to provide online streaming educational videos for the 2012-2013 school year. The price is \$5,140.00.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with Karl and Associates for the disposal of hazardous chemicals. The cost is \$925.00.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to a contract with Tele-Source Industries, Inc. The purpose of this contract is to provide online support for the phone system. The cost is \$100 per hour.

B. Policy

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Policy Items #1-3.

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (Rogers/McNally)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the 2012 – 2013 School Nursing Plan.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report dated October 30, 2012 for incident numbers TJ-1213-10 – TJ-1213-12.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached revised calendar for the 2012 – 2013 school year to include instructional time on Thursday, November 8, 2012 and Friday, November 9, 2012 in light of the cancellation of the NJEA Convention and loss of instruction time due to Hurricane Sandy.

The Board thanked the Rockaway Borough Education Association for agreeing to work during Teacher's Convention.

C. Personnel

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel Items # 1-8.

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (Haynes/McNally)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Bob Kamenetz for a 6 month unpaid medical leave of absence beginning November 1, 2012.

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year at a rate of \$80.00 per day:

Jeff Burke
Emily Orinski

Michael Siciliano
Susan O'Dougherty

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Colleen Grow as a substitute playground aide for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Michael Siciliano as a long term substitute teacher beginning Wednesday, November 7, 2012 through May 1, 2012 to be placed on Step BA-1 of the teachers guide at an annual pro-rated salary of 44,550.00 (rates to be determined upon the completion of negotiations)
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Emily Orinski as a half time (.5) Special Education Teacher for the 2012 – 2013 school year. Ms. Orinski will be placed on Step BA-1 of the teachers guide at an annual rate of \$22,275.00 (\$44,550.00 * .5) (rates to be determined upon the completion of negotiations).
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Bhavana Chopra as a personal aide for the remainder of the 2012 – 2013 school year for 6 hours per day, 5 days per week at a rate of \$14.00 per hour.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Christine Matrisciano as a mentor for Lisbeth Schnurmann for the 2012 – 2013 school year.
8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Julia Cervone of Fairleigh Dickinson University for an observation placement with Jennifer Matschke from January 7, 2013 to January 18, 2013.

E. Curriculum

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Curriculum Item # 1.

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Haynes)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached School Level Goals/District Goals Action Plan.

F. Addendum

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Jerelyn Hurley for a medical leave of absence beginning 16, 2012 through January 2, 2013.

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (Haynes/Smith)

IX. Old Business

None.

X. New Business

None.

XI. Comments from the Public
None.

XVI. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 6:44 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Rogers/Haynes)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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II. Discussion

Dr. Purzak discussed the possibility of having class Thursday November 8 and Friday December 9. Dr. Purzak told the Board that there will be seven to nine staff members out each day, but suggests having class regardless. The Board agreed.

III. Motion to Return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 6:38 p.m. (Haynes/Rogers)

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