

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Regular Public Meeting
Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria
November 13, 2012**

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL'S MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Rockaway Borough School District, a caring and diverse community, is to propel the success of each student by creating an environment that fosters self-confidence and encourages creativity through quality instruction and educational opportunities aligned with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards.

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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, Laura Lugo, Debbie McNally, Vice-President, Tim Rogers and Board President, Christa Smith.

Board Member Absent: N/A

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

IV. SGO Presentation

Ms. Smith swore in Michael Creighton and he swore in the remaining officers.

V. New Jersey School Boards

Dr. Purzak introduced Dr. Bernie Baggs, Rockaway Borough's representative to the New Jersey School Boards Association. Dr. Baggs discussed his background and the services NJSBA offers.

VI. Superintendent's Report

1. Principal's Reports – Ms Alpaugh and Dr. Purzak discussed the events that took place in their schools over the past month.
2. Rachel's Challenge – Dr. Purzak discussed the program. Ms. Haynes and Ms. McNally attended the parent's program and thought it was wonderful.
3. Enrollment – Dr. Purzak informed the Board that the current district enrollment is 674.
4. Nurse's Report – Dr. Purzak discussed the nurse's reports.

VII. Comments from the Public

Ms. Alpaugh asked if the Lincoln School nurse can budget in software. Mr. Hurley said yes.

VIII. Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2012 Rockaway Borough Board of Education meeting.

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

IX. Approval of the Manifest Bills

Motion to approve the manifest of bills from the Finance Committee as follows:

November - \$922,281.34

The regular register is on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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

X. Certification of Major Account and Line Item Status

Motion to approve the Major Account and Line Item Status.

This item was tabled.

XI. Approval of Budget Transfers

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers.

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

XII. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items #1-7.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached list of Professional Development/Travel Expenditure requests.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the October 2012 Cafeteria Reconciliation and Cafeteria Checking Reconciliation Report.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to submit the 2012 -2013 New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum Statement of Assurance to the New Jersey Department of Education.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to increase the maximum dollar limit for the below listed professional services, pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A-5.2(a).

	Approved Amount	Revised Amount
Architectural Services -	\$10,000	\$20,000

5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a child study team request for an Arabic speech evaluation for student #154 provided by Learning Tree Multicultural Evaluation and Consulting, Inc. at a cost of \$700.00.

6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a child study team request for an Arabic psychological evaluation for student #154 provided by Hillmar, Inc. at a cost of \$600.00.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a child study team request for an Arabic translator for student #154 to assist district in conducting education evaluation at a cost of \$100/hour. Anticipated length of time needed to conduct would be 1 hour.

B. Policy

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report dated November 13, 2012 for incident numbers TJ 121313 –TJ 121314.

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

C. Curriculum

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached field trip requests.

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

D. Addendum

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with New York University to provide Reading Recovery training and technical support for Sue Lonergan and Jennifer Marsh during the 2012-2013 school year. The cost of the program is \$800/ teacher.

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

XIII. Old Business

None.

XIV. New Business

None.

XV. Comments from the Public

Ms. Aragona asked if the district could run an advertisement for substitute nurses. Dr. Purzak said yes.

XVI. Executive Session

"The next topic o the agenda relates to student personnel, 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 student personnel, 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 8:36pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Haynes)

XVII. Motion to return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 8:50pm. (McNally/Haynes)

XVIII. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:51 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Haynes/McNally)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION
November 13, 2012**

I. Motion to Enter Closed Session

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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 student personnel, 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 8:36pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Haynes)

II. Discussion

Dr. Purzak discussed student #140 with the Board. Dr. Purzak asked if the Board would support him pressing charges for educational neglect. The Board suggested calling DYFS.

Dr. Purzak discussed two students from Columbia. Dr. Purzak said they cannot submit the documents and therefore cannot be admitted to school. The Board agreed.

III. Motion to return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 8:50pm. (McNally/Haynes)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary