

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Regular Public Meeting
Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria
December 4, 2013**

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 6:00 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, Thomas Jefferson School Vice-Principal/Curriculum Coordinator, Mark Schwarz and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

IV. Discussion Items

1. Parent Visitation – Dr. Purzak discussed the visitation with the Board.
2. New Jersey Superintendent's Study Council Membership – Dr. Purzak discussed the membership with the Board and asked if he can join. Ms. Haynes asked if joining is a conflict of interests, since Dr. Purzak's mentor is a chairperson. Dr. Purzak said no. The Board approved the request.

V. Comments from the Public

None.

VI. Recommendations

1. Recommend approval of the minutes from the November 13, 2012 Rockaway Borough Board of Education meeting.
2. Recommend approval of the attached list of budget transfers.
3. Recommend approval of the Major Account and Line Items Status report.
4. Recommend approval of the manifest of bills from the Finance Committee.

A. Finance

1. Recommend approval of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for October 2012.
2. Recommend approval of the Cafeteria Account and the Cafeteria Checking account Reports for October 2012.
3. Recommend approval of the attached list of Professional Development/Travel Expenditure requests.

B. Policy

1. Recommend approval to accept the Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report dated _____ for incident number ____ - ____.

C. Personnel

1. Recommend approval of Michael Kalavik as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year at a daily rate of \$80.00 per day.

VII. Resolutions

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve 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 the attached field trip request.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following Child Study Team request for student #07 to attend Willowglen Academy for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year, beginning November 16, 2012. The rate is \$269.40 per day, which includes occupational therapy.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to not require Willowglen Academy – New Jersey to charge for meals during the 2012-2013 school year.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Child Study Team's request to authorize St. Clare's Hospital to provide tutorial services for student #160, one hour per day at a rate of \$54.00 per hour. The services began 11/12/12 and will end 11/30/12.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Nicole Macera as a personal aide for the remainder of the 2012 – 2013 school year at a rate of \$14.00 per hour, 3 hours per day .
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Jason Wetzel as an emergent hire as a personal aide for the remainder of the 2012 – 2013 school year at a rate of \$14.00 per hour, 6 hours per day beginning Thursday, December 6, 2012.

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7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Colleen Lonergan as an emergent hire as a personal aide for the remainder of the 2012 – 2013 school year at a rate of \$14.00 per hour, 6 hours per day beginning Thursday, December 6, 2012.
8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the submittal of the FY2013 IDEA application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the below listed amounts.

IDEA Basic – \$198,293 (Rockaway Borough \$140,681 and NP Schools \$57,612)

IDEA Preschool - \$8,307 (Rockaway Borough \$8,307 and NP Schools \$0)

It should be noted that the below listed staff members have either part or all of their salary paid from the Grant.

Trish Iaconetti, Personal Aide – \$17,622.90

Catherine Quirk, Instructional Aide - \$16,107.66

Jean Swanick, Instructional Aide - \$16,107.66

Morgan Abrams, Personal Aide - \$11,409.59

Christine Capen, Personal Aide - \$15,372.00

Heather Doering, Instructional Aide - \$15,723.36

Carol Leonard, Personal Aide, \$15,372.00

Nichole Taylor, Instructional Aide, \$15,372.00

Cheryl Sanchez, Personal Aide, \$15,372.00

Diane Miller, Personal Aide, \$16,107.66

Bhavana Chopra, Personal Aide, \$15,723.36

Julie McBride, Personal Aide, \$15,732.36

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. New Business

Ms Lugo and Ms. McNally met with Mark Schwarz and discussed the NJ ASK scores. They thanked him for the report that was provided to them.

X. Comments from the Public

Ms. Coulther thanked the Board for hiring the substitute teacher, but said the District still requires more.

XI. Executive Session

“The next topic o the agenda relates to 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 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 6:17pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Haynes)

XII. Motion to return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 6:20pm. (McNally/Haynes)

XVIII. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 6:21 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (McNally/Haynes)

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
December 4, 2012**

I. Motion to Enter Closed Session

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II. Discussion

Dr. Purzak informed the Board that Mary Leslie is following the procedures and will keep the Board the updated.

III. Motion to return to Open Session

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Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary