

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Regular Public Meeting
Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria
January 15, 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 7:30 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. Honor Roll Presentation

Dr. Purzak distributed the High Honor Roll Certificates to all those who earned them.

V. Superintendent's Report

1. Enrollment Report – Dr. Purzak informed the Board that we presently have 677 students.
2. Principal's Reports – Ms Alpaugh and Dr. Purzak discussed the events that took place in their schools over the past month.
3. Nurse's Report – Dr. Purzak discussed the nurse's reports.
4. Technology Update – Mr. Shaun Reyes, District Technology Coordinator, discussed technology issues in the District, including the telephone system and internet.
5. School Improvement Plan – Dr. Purzak discussed the plan.
6. NJSAC – Mr. Hurley informed the Board that the facilities inspection will take place on Monday, January 28.

VI. Comments from the Public

Ms. Coulther stated that Shaun Reyes is very accessible.

VII. Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2012 and December 11, 2012 Rockaway Borough Board of Education meeting.

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

VIII. Approval of the Manifest Bills

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

December - \$1,153,967.02

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/Haynes)

IX. Certification of Major Account and Line Item Status

Motion to approve the Major Account and Line Item Status.

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

X. Approval of Budget Transfers

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers.

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

XI. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items #1-11.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the pre-school tuition rate for the 2013-2014 school year as \$2,800.00.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the out of district preschool tuition rate at \$9,500.00 for the 2013-2014 school year.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for November 2012.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Cafeteria Checking Account and Cafeteria Account Reconciliation Reports for December 2012.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the designation of Joseph P. Hurley Jr. as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 17:27-3.3(a).
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached Professional Development/Travel Expenditures.

7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Monica Koerner (pre-approved on November 6, 2012) to provide home instruction for student #215 effective 12/9/2012, 10 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$35.98.
8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Jennifer Matschke (pre-approved on November 6, 2012) to provide home instruction for student #216 effective 12/20/2012, 5 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$35.98. Length of time to be determined.
9. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Monica Koerner (pre-approved on November 6, 2012) to provide home instruction for student #216 effective 1/11/2013, 5 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$35.98. Length of time to be determined.
10. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve student #16 to attend Wharton A-stars program effective 12/17/2012 for remainder of 12/13 school year at an annual tuition rate of \$63,918 (\$47,980 tuition/\$15,938 personal aide).
11. Be is resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into contract with Protective Measures Security and Fire Systems, LLC in the amount of \$1,346.00 for the purchase and installation of a notification appliance circuit.

B. Policy

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Policy Items #1-2.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the acceptance of the Violence and Vandalism Report for September 1, 2012 through present.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report dated January 15, 2013 for incident numbers 20121317 to 20121318.

C. Personnel

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

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Eileen Garbarini as a personal aide at a rate of \$14.00 per hour for 6 hours per day 4 days per week beginning on January 9, 2013 through the remainder of the 2012 – 2013 school year.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Bhavna Chopra as a bus aide at a rate of \$14.32 per hour for 1hour per day for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year beginning January 2, 2013.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Marcy Rattay as a custodial assistant at a rate of \$10.00 per hour on an as needed basis during the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Gary Vesper as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2012 – 2013 school year at a rate of \$80.00 per day.

D. Addendum

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

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Christine Capen as a Co-Curricular Personal Aide at a rate of \$14.00 per hour on an as needed basis.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve an out of district placement for student #160 at Cornerstone Day School. The tuition rate will be \$71,500.00 (pro-rated beginning January 18, 2013).
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to appoint Laura Lugo as the Board Secretary, pro-temp, to preside over the closed session portion of January 15, 2013 Board of Education Meeting.

XI. Old Business

None.

XII. New Business

None.

XIII. Comments from the Public

Ms. Alpaugh discussed the possibility of purchasing textbooks.

XIV. Executive Session

“The next topic on 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 9:01pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (Haynes/Lugo)

XV. Motion to return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 10:23pm. (Haynes/Lugo)

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 10:24 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Haynes/Lugo)

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
January 15, 2013**

I. Motion to Enter Closed Session

“The next topic on 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 9:01pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (Haynes/Lugo)

District attorney, Mark Wenzcel was also present.

II. Discussion

The Board discussed Dr, Purzak’s evaluation.

III. Motion to Return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 10:23pm. (Haynes/Lugo)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary