

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Regular Public Meeting
Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria
February 19, 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, 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 674 students.
2. Principal's Reports – Dr. Purzak discussed the events that took place in Lincoln and Mr. Schwarz discussed the events that took place in the Thomas Jefferson School over the past month.
3. Nurse's Report – Dr. Purzak discussed the nurse's reports.
4. School Calendar Dr. Purzak discussed the proposed calendar. The Board asked for a revised version.
5. Legislation – Dr. Purzak discussed Assembly Bill A3814 and A3749.
6. Lincoln School Roof - Mr. Hurley informed the Board that Mr. Coppola has placed a tarp over the area where the leak was coming from. As of today, there was no leak.
7. ESEA Waiver- Mr. Schwarz discussed the waiver.

VI. Discussion Items

1. Ms. Haynes asked about the hiring of a new BSI teacher. Dr. Purzak said he interviewed three candidates, one of which was good, but did not have the credentials yet. Dr. Purzak will run the advertisement again.
2. Ms. Haynes asked if teachers who have less than four classes per day will be assigned other duties. Dr. Purzak said it is being looked into.
3. Ms. Haynes pointed out that while Ms. Alpaugh is absent, Dr. Purzak will have to cover the Lincoln School.
4. Mr. Hurley distributed information about the cost of contracting the child study team Morris Regional, including case load of each member. The Board discussed the documents.

VII. Comments from the Public

Sherry Rich asked what kind additional duties will be assigned to staff members that have 4 or less classes per day. Dr. Purzak said they may serve as a substitute secretary or hall monitor, for example. Ms. Rich asked if there are extra duties. Ms. Haynes said no.

Carol Coulther asked is there will be an attempt to replace Ms. Stockstill in the Thomas Jefferson Office. Dr. Purzak is looking into that.

Carol Coulther asked how many classified students are listed on the sheet that Mr. Hurley provided the Board with. Ms. Haynes responded nine. Ms. Coulther said the number is incorrect. A discussion ensued.

VIII. Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2013 and January 15, 2013 Rockaway Borough Board of Education meeting.

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

IX. Approval of the Manifest Bills

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

December - \$697,762.30

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. 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)

XI. 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/Lugo)

XII. Committee Reports

Ms. Lugo asked why the evaluations on costs for item #4 is high than item #7. Dr. Purzak responded.

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/McNally)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for December 2012 and January 2013.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the January 2013 Cafeteria Reconciliation and Cafeteria Checking Account Report.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached list of Professional Development/Travel Expenditure Requests.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a psychiatric evaluation for student #163 scheduled with Dr. Platt Associates, Cedar Grove NJ for February 4, 2013. Cost is \$600.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Behavior Therapy Associates to provide consultation services and aide training in Wharton for student #16 on following dates:
1/03/2013 – 4.5 hours totaling \$877.50 (3 hours in district, 1.5 hours travel)
1/16/2013 – 3.0 hours totaling \$450.00 (1.5 hours in district, 1.5 hours travel)
1/24/2013 – 4.5 hours totaling \$675.00 (3 hours in district, 1.5 hours travel)
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve home instruction for student # 215 provided by High Focus Center effective 1/9/2013 for approximately 4-6 weeks. 10 hours per week at \$35.98/hour.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a psychiatric evaluation for student #999 scheduled with Dr. Jacobs, Randolph NJ for February 20, 2013. Cost is \$550.

B. Policy

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Policy Items #2-3. Item #1 one was tabled.

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 attached school calendar #_____ for the 2013-2014 school year.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached field trip requests.

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following:

WHEREAS, The Rockaway Borough Board of Education appreciates the contributions of all staff members and alumni and acknowledges the importance of those teachers, coaches, administrators, support staff and certain alumni often hold for students; and

WHEREAS, particular individuals who through extraordinary service, dedication, expertise, effort and achievement, have contributed in unique and outstanding ways to the lives of young people; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Rockaway Borough Board of Education, recognizing that Gus Perna has through his achievements and/or significant contributions met the criteria established by Board of Education policy and is hereby approved as the 2013 inductee to the Rockaway Borough School District Hall of Fame.

C. Policy

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

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report dated 2/19/13 for incident numbers 19-23.

D. Personnel

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the first reading of the attached Confidential Bookkeeper/Secretary Job Description.

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve with regret the resignation of Ms. Natisha McKown, effective April 15, 2013.

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

Ms. Lugo said that Natisha will be hard to replace.

E. 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. (Haynes/McNally)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the opening of poll times (2:00p.m. until 9:00p.m.) for the April 16, 2013 annual school election pursuant to P.L. 95 C.278. The election will be held in the gymnasium at the Thomas Jefferson School.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Wednesday, March 6, 2013 for the drawing of names for positions on the April 16, 2013 election ballot pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:60-8. The drawing will be held at 3:30pm in the office of the Thomas Jefferson School Principal.

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve March 26, 2013 as the public hearing date for the proposed 2012-2013 school budget. The meeting will be held in the Thomas Jefferson School cafeteria, located at 95 East Main Street in Rockaway New Jersey and begin at 7:30 p.m.

XIII. Old Business

Ms. McNally requested the hours that the CST works and the correct number of cases each member has.

Mr. Rogers suggested having a meeting with Wharton and Mine Hill, who we share the services with, to see how they feel about the arrangement. Dr. Purzak will speak to the Superintendent.

XIV. New Business

None.

XV. Comments from the Public

Carol Coulther asked if staff can be told where the child study team will be on any given day and if they can observe students in the Lincoln School. Dr. Purzak said yes.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 9:13p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Haynes/Rogers)

Respectfully submitted,

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