

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Regular Public Meeting
Thomas Jefferson School
May 21, 2013
7:30pm

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m. by Board President, Eileen Haynes

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: Laura Lugo, Debra McNally, Tim Rogers, Vice-President, Christa Smith and Board President, Eileen Haynes

Board Member Absent: N/A

Administration Present: Lincoln School Principal, Phyllis Alpaugh, Thomas Jefferson Vice-Principal/Curriculum Coordinator, Mark Schwarz and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

IV. Superintendent's Report

None.

V. Comments from the Public

None.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items 1-4.
Finance item #5 will be discussed in closed session

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve for Functional Behavior assessment for student #16 provided through Behavior Therapy Associates at rate of \$195.00/hour. Maximum number of hours not to exceed 13.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a contract through AJL Physical and Occupational Therapy P.A. for new students # 167 and #168 attending The Children's Institute. Contract for the remainder of 2012/2013 school year at \$90.00/hour, 4 hours per week as per student's IEP.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Speech Therapy Center, LLC to provide speech therapy at home for student #162 on home instruction. 1 hour per week at rate of \$130.00/hour, retroactive to 5/6/2013 through 6/21/2013.

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve for Stephanie Pavese to provide occupational therapy at home for student #162 on home instruction. 30 minutes per week retroactive to 5/6/2013 through 6/21/2013, rate of \$80.00/hour.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Behavior Analyst Michelle Lawton to provide behavior therapy for student #108 for an additional 6 hours per day/2 days per week effective 5/23/2013 at hourly rate of \$125. Length of time to be determined.

B. Policy

There was no action taken on Policy Item #1.

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

C. 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. (Smith/Lugo)

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

D. Personnel

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel Item #1. Personnel Item #2 will be discussed in closed session

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Eugene Listwan as a summer custodian pending receipt of proof of criminal background check. Mr. Listwan will be paid at an hourly rate of \$9.50 per hour, for 7 hours per day and 5 days per week.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Nicholas Colicchio as the Maintenance Assistant/Custodial Assistant beginning no later than June 30, 2013. Mr. Colicchio will be placed on Salary step C-_____ at a pro-rated rate of _____.

E. Addendum

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Addendum Items 1 - 4 and 7. Addendum Items 5 and 6 will be discussed in closed session.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Mary Leslie to provide 4 hours of pre-school home instruction per week at contract rate of \$35.98 (final rate to be determined upon the completion of negotiations) for student #162.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Kelly Ann Consulting, LLC to provide 6 hours of preschool ABA home instruction per week at hourly rate of \$75.00. Home instructions hours retroactive to 5/6/2013 through 6/21/2013 for student #162.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a contract with Phyllis Alpaugh as the Principal of Lincoln School effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 at an annual salary increase of 1.85%. This new contract will be retroactive to July 1, 2012.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a contract with Kimberly Stockstill as the Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 at an annual salary increase of 1.85%. This new contract will be retroactive to July 1, 2012.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a contract with Joseph P. Hurley as the Business Administrator/Board Secretary effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 at an annual salary increase of _____. This new contract will be retroactive to July 1, 2012.
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to appoint Mark Schwarz, pending Commissioner approval, acting Superintendent of the Rockaway Borough Schools, effective immediately until _____.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Separation Agreement dated May 21, 2013 between Dr. Brian Purzak and the Rockaway Borough Board of Education and to accept Dr. Purzak's resignation from any and all positions of employment with the Rockaway Borough Board of Education effective the close of business on June 30, 2013, as communicated by Dr. Purzak's letter of resignation dated May 21, 2013.

VII. Old Business

None.

VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Comments from the Public

Sherry Rich thanked the Board on behalf of the RBEA for the action they took regarding Dr. Purzak.

X. Executive 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 personnel and 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 7:45 pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Smith)

XI. Motion to return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 8:34 pm. (McNally/Smith)

XII. Approval of Items that were discussed in Closed Session

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

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Behavior Analyst Michelle Lawton to provide behavior therapy for student #108 for an additional 6 hours per day/2 days per week effective 5/23/2013 at hourly rate of \$125. This service shall end May 31, 2013.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Nicholas Colicchio as the Maintenance Assistant/Custodial Assistant beginning no later than June 30, 2013. Mr. Colicchio will be placed on Salary step C-10 at a pro-rated rate that will be determined at the conclusion of negotiations.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to appoint Mark Schwarz, pending Commissioner approval, acting Superintendent of the Rockaway Borough Schools, effective immediately until June 30, 2013.

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The motion was approved at 9:59 pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Smith)

XIV. Motion to return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 10:03 pm. (McNally/Smith)

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 10:07 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Smith/McNally)

Respectfully submitted,

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