

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Regular Public Meeting
Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria
September 10, 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 7:31 p.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, Tim Rogers, Vice-President, Christa Smith and Board President, Eileen Haynes.

Board Member Absent: Debbie McNally

Administration Present: Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dennis Mack, Lincoln School Principal, Phyllis Alpaugh, Thomas Jefferson School Principal, Mark Schwarz and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

Debra McNally arrived at 7:34pm.

IV. Discussion Items

1. Summer Staff – Mr. Mack thanked the summer staff for the hard work and time put into getting the District ready for the first day of school.
2. Re-registration – Mr. Mack informed the Board that the process has been completed.
3. Enrollment – Mr. Mack informed the Board that our student population dropped from 667 to 631.
4. Opening Day – Mr. Mack discussed the opening day events.
5. Technology Update – Mr. Mack informed the Board that we will be field tested sometime in spring. ELA will be tested in grades 4, 5 and 6. Mr. Reyes discussed his current projects.
6. Principal's Reports – Ms. Alpaugh and Mr. Schwarz discussed the events that took place in their buildings.
7. Facilities – Mr. Hurley informed the Board that there are three remaining doors that need to be replaced and they will be done this week. Mr. Hurley will do a punch list with Kellen Chapin next week.
8. Legislation – None.

V. Comments from the Public

Joe Vincente, Rockaway Borough town Councilman, introduced himself. Mr. Vincente asked if there was a decrease in any particular grade. Mr. Mack responded. Mr. Vincente asked if the letter on the Thomas Jefferson School will be replaced. Mr. Schwarz said yes.

Sherry Rich asked if the “pull” on the doors can be lowered. Mr. Hurley said he will look into it.

Joe Vincente asked how many out of district placements we have. Mr. Hurley said last month seven were approved.

Pat McDonald spoke about keeping the outside doors closed and security.

Chris Ciccotti and Joyce Arman asked why section assignment changes were made and asked if there could be a meeting with the affected parents. Mr. Schwarz responded.

VI. Recommendations

1. Recommend approval of the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for July 31 and August 31, 2013
2. Recommend approval of the minutes from the August 20, 2013 Board Meeting.
3. Recommend approval of the August 31, 2013 Cafeteria Reconciliation and Cafeteria Checking Account Report.
4. Recommend approval of the attached list of budget transfers dated August 20, 2013 to September 17, 2013.
5. Recommend approval of the Major Account and Line Item Status.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance items 1-4.

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 Professional Development/Travel Expenditure requests.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve for Kelly Ann Consulting, LLC to provide ABA-Contingency Management instruction for student #16 for the 2013-2014 school year for 3 hours instruction per week and 1 hour of indirect service/program development and graphing per week at \$75.00/hour.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a 3.7% salary increase for Joseph P. Hurley Jr., School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, for the 2013-2014, pending approval of the Morris County Executive Superintendent of Schools.

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to renew a contract with Discovery Education for the 2013 – 2014 school year at a cost of \$5,140.00.

B. Personnel

Ms. Haynes thanked Robert Kamenetz and John Wojtaszek for their years of dedicated service to the Rockaway Borough Schools.

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel items 1-14.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve, with regret, the resignation of Bob Kamenetz effective September 1, 2013 for the purpose of disability retirement.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve, with regret, the resignation of John Wojtaszek for the purpose of retirement effective November 1, 2013.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Bonnie Spring as the four-fifths Middle School Resource Room teacher from September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Ms. Spring will be placed on Step BA-3 of the teachers guide at an annual rate of \$35,640.00 (\$44,550.00 x 80%) (final rate to be determined upon the completion of negotiations)
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Christine Ferraro as the Middle School fourth-fifths Resource Room Maternity Leave Replacement teacher from September 1, 2013 to November 1, 2013. Ms. Ferraro will be placed on Step BA-1 of the teachers guide at an annual pro-rated salary of \$35,640.00 (\$44,550.00x80%) (final rate to be determined upon the completion of negotiations)
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Ms. Christine Capen as the district's 5th /6th grade Social Studies teacher from September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Ms. Capen will be placed on Step BA-1 of the teachers guide retro-actively at an annual rate of \$44,550.00. (final rate to be determined upon the completion of negotiations)
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Joseph Basile as an emergent hire as a personal aide for the Rockaway Borough Schools for the 2013 – 2014 school year for 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$14.00 retro-actively from September 9, 2013 to June 30, 2014. (final rate to be determined upon the completion of negotiations)
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Courtney Hartnett as an emergent hire as an instructional aide for the Rockaway Borough Schools for 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$14.00 pro-rated from September 9, 2013 to June 30, 2014. (final rate to be determined upon the completion of negotiations).

8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Erika Donker as a playground aide for the Rockaway Borough Schools for 2 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$10.00 from receipt of criminal background clearance to June 30, 2014, pending criminal background check. (final rate to be determined upon the completion of negotiations)
9. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Deborah Natale as a playground aide for the Rockaway Borough Schools not to exceed 4 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$10.00 from receipt of criminal background clearance to June 30, 2014, pending criminal background check. (final rate to be determined upon the completion of negotiations)
10. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Debbie Garris as a bus aide for the Rockaway Borough Schools for 5.5 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$14.00 from September 6, 2013 to June 30, 2014. (final rate to be determined upon the completion of negotiations)
11. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Allyson Anello as a playground aide for the Rockaway Borough Schools not to exceed 4 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$10.00 from October 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. (final rate to be determined upon the completion of negotiations)
12. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Morgan Abrams as a substitute playground aide at an hourly rate of \$10.00 and a substitute bus aide at an hourly rate of \$14.00 per hour for the 2013 – 2014 school year.
13. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following teachers to be mentors for the 2013 -2014 school year:

Mentor	New Teacher
Denise Glenn	Christine Capen
Carol Coulther	Heather Doering

14. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following teachers to be buddies for the 2013 -2014 school year at an annual rate of \$250.00 pro-rated to paid by grant funds:

Buddy	New Teacher
Jennifer Fassnacht	Danielle Ferrone
Janet Dobbs	Christine Ferraro

C. Policy

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel Item 2.
No action was taken on item #1.

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

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 _____ - _____.

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following bus runs for the 2013 – 2014 school year:

To Wharton for drop off

To Montclair/Verona for drop off

TJ Students from Andrea Drive for pick-up

Lincoln Students from Andrea Drive including Academy Street and Farview Avenue for pick-up

Midday to Andrea Drive for drop off

Lincoln Students to Andrea Drive for drop off

TJ Students to Andrea Drive including Academy Street and Farview Avenue for drop off

To Montclair/Verona for pick-up and then drop off

To Wharton for pick-up

D. 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. (Rogers/Smith)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following updated Rockaway Borough Curricula:

Social Studies (K-8, 2013)

Science (K-8, 2013)

Math (K-8, 2013)

Language Arts (K-8, 2013)

Visual and Performing Arts (K-8, 2013)

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. New Business

Ms. Smith asked if teachers can put the supplies the students are going to need for class on line prior to the start of school.

Mr. Hurley informed the Board the School Board's Conference is October 22-24 and asked if anyone was interested in going. There were no interested Board Members.

X. Comments from the Public

Pat Listwan asked what the difference between and mentor and a buddy is. Ms. Alpaugh responded.

Ms. Rich asked what grant the buddies will be paid from. Ms. Alpaugh said Title IIa.

Mr. Melaniak asked if Mr. Mack had a chance to review the program, The Odyssey of the Mind. Mr. Mack said he gave a copy to the Gifted and Talented teacher to review.

Joyce Arman asked if cell phones can be carried in school. Mr. Schwarz responded.

XI. 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 8:59pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Smith)

XII. Motion to return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 10:07pm. (McNally/Smith)

XIII. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 10:08 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (McNally/Lugo)

Respectfully submitted,

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