

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Regular Public Meeting
Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria
September 17, 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, 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: Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dennis Mack and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

IV. Superintendent's Report

1. PARCC – Mr. Mack informed the Board PARCC testing will begin this year. Mr. Mack will share the information with the Board as he gets it.
2. Classroom Visits – Mr. Mack informed the Board that he has been trying to visit all the classrooms.
3. Thank you – Mr. Mack thanked the staff for the warm welcome he has received.

V. Comments from the Public

None.

VI. Approval of the Manifest Bills

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

September 17, 2013 - \$297,443.41

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/Lugo)

VII. Approval of Minuets

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2013 meeting of the Rockaway Borough Board of Education.

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

VIII. Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report for July 31 and August 31, 2013.

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

IX. Budget Transfers

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers from August 21, 2013 to September 17, 2013.

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

X. 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/Smith)

XI. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance items 1-5.

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 of the August, 31 2013 Cafeteria Reconciliation and Cafeteria Checking Account Report.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with Bayada Nurses to provide substitute nurses on an as needed basis. The contract will begin September 1, 2013 and end June 30, 2014. The cost is \$60.00 per hour.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Cheryl Hennessey to complete additional services for student # 124 as required by the student's IEP beginning Tuesday, September 17th through a date to be determined based on the student's IEP, at a rate of \$35.98 per hour for 2 hours per week. (Final rate to be determined upon the completion of negotiations.)
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached professional development requests.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with 123ABA to provide ABA services on an as needed basis. The cost is \$125.00 per hour. (Hours and students TBD)

B. Personnel

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel items 1-2.

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 the following extra-curricular advisors for the 2013 -2014 school year.

Position	Advisor
Yearbook	Michael Leahey/Cindy O'Brien
SGO	Christine Capen
National Junior Honor Society	Cindy O'Brien
Director of Musical	Helen Love
Jazz Band	Helen Love
Scheduler	Michael Onischuk
Basketball (Girls)	Robert Longo
Basketball (Boys)	Michael Leahey
Cross Country (Boys and Girls)	Gina Baker
Solar Cars	Denise Glenn
Baseball	TBD
Softball	Robert Longo
Newspaper	Michael Leahey/Cindy O'Brien

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Jennifer Berk as a substitute nurse for the 2013 – 2014 school year at a daily rate of \$100.00.

C. Policy

No action was taken on 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 _____ - _____.

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. New Business

Mr. Hurley told the Board that there is less than \$200 available in the Hall of Fame account and suggested doing a fundraiser. The Board asked him to look into it.

Ms. Smith said she has received letters from the schools requesting payments for various events are made in cash and checks to be made out to cash.

X. Comments from the Public

Mr. Vincente asked when the NJASK scores will be released. Mr. Mack said in October.

Sherry Rich read a letter on behalf of the RBEA.

XI. Executive Session

“The next topic on the agenda relates to student 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 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 7:47pm 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 8:08pm. (Smith/Rogers)

XIII. Field Maintenance

Russ Grueter, Mayor of Rockaway Borough, asked why the maintenance and or custodians were cleaning the fields. Ms. Haynes said that since 2010 there has been a directive to clean and maintain the fields. Mr. Grueter said the DPW would take care of it. Mr. Hurley said he called Joe Rossi and was told that they would only do the work if it was a recreation function. Mr. Grueter said we should call him next time.

Mr. Grueter asked if we were looking into buying a rake for our tractor that cost about \$1,000.

Mr. Hurley said he was looking for prices, but none are available for our size tractor.

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:43 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Smith/Rogers)

Respectfully submitted,

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