

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Regular Public Meeting
Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria
November 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 7:31 p.m. by SGO President, Katie Marvin.

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 and Board President, Eileen Haynes.

Board Member Absent: Vice-President, Christa Smith

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.

IV. SGO Inductions

Mr. Mack and Mr. Schwarz swore in the officers.

V. Discussion Items

1. Principal's Reports – Ms. Alpaugh and Mr. Schwarz discussed the events that took place in their buildings.
2. Enrollment – Mr. Mack informed the Board that our student population is currently 620.
3. Technology Update – Mr. Mack updated the Board.
4. Nurse's Reports/Sub Rate – Mr. Mack read the nurse's report and discussed increasing the substitute nurse rate to \$150 per day. The Board agreed.
5. Facilities – Mr. Hurley told the Board the keys have been distributed and the tension on some of the doors needs to be adjusted.
Mr. Mack informed the Board that Mr. Patamia, Mr. Hurley and himself had met to discuss heating repairs.
6. Legislative – None.

VI. NJ ASK

Mr. Mack, Ms. Alpaugh and Mr. Schwarz reviewed and discussed the scores.

VII. Comments from the Public

None.

VIII. Budget Transfers

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers dated October 16, 2013 to November 19, 2013.

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

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. (Lugo/McNally)

X. Approval of the Manifest Bills

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

November 15, 2013 - \$967,075.52

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. (Rogers/Lugo)

XI. 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 October 2013.

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

XII. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 08 and 15, 2013 meeting of the Rockaway Borough Board of Education.

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

XIII. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance items 1-6.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached list of Professional Development/Travel Expenditure requests.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached list of Field Trip requests.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request to purchase an air conditioner for out of district student #50 at cost of \$500.00. Cost includes purchase and installation price.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request for Kelly Ann Consulting, LLC to provide ABA parent training for students

#168 and #169. Not to exceed 36 hours at \$75/hour. Additional .5 hours per week at \$75/hour for program development & graphing.

5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the renewal of a contract with Survey Monkey.com to provide online survey services. The contract will beginning December 18, 2013 and end December 17, 2014. The total cost is \$200.
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Maryann Kopetz to provide additional before/after school vocal music practice in preparation for the holiday concert at an hourly rate of \$35.98 not to exceed 15 hours.

B. Policy

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Policy items 2-5.

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

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 _____ - _____.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve of the 2013 – 2014 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve of the 2013 – 2014 Nursing service Plan.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve of the 2013 – 2014 Emergency Management Plan.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve of the following policies and regulations for a second reading:

Policy #	Title
R 5512	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
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P 0167	Public Participation in Board Meetings
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C. Personnel

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

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Amanda Gentile, Adrina Quadrel, and Brian Craig as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2013 – 2014 school year at a daily rate of \$80.00 per day.

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Michael Onischuk to be the mentor for Alberto Trespalacios for the remainder 2013 – 2014 school year.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve an increase for Elizabeth Hartwig to 6 hours per day/ 5 days per week at an hourly rate of \$14.00 for the remainder of the 2013 – 2014 school year.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept, with regret, the resignation of Joseph P. Hurley Jr. to continue his career with a Sussex County School district effective January 15, 2014 or sooner if a suitable replacement is obtained.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept with regret the resignation of Meghan Murphy to continue her career at the Children's Institute effective November 27, 2013.

XIV. Old Business

None.

XV. New Business

None.

XVI. Information

None.

XVII. Comments from the Public

Ms. Coulther said she met with Kim and there are seven substitute teachers on the list.

Jeri Hurley asked what the Board is planning to do about hiring a new superintendent. Ms. Haynes said the Board is planning on renewing Mr. Mack's contract in July and then will start looking for a new superintendent.

XVIII. Executive Session

"The next topic on the agenda relates to negotiations, 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 negotiations, 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 9:20pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Rogers)

XIX. Motion to return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 9:40pm. (McNally/Lugo)

XX. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 9:41 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (McNally/Rogers)

Respectfully submitted,

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