

Rockaway Borough Board of Education
Rockaway, New Jersey
WORKSESSION
Thomas Jefferson School
Tuesday, January 7, 2014
7:30pm
Cafeteria
MINUTES

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 7:32pm 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: Eileen Haynes, Laura Lugo, Debra McNally, Christa Smith, Tim Rogers

Administration Present: Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dennis Mack

Administration Absent: Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

IV. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to appoint Laura Lugo as the Board Secretary, pro-temp, to preside over the January 7, 2014 Rockaway Borough Board of Education Meeting.

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

V. Superintendent's Report

1. Pre-School Tuition Rate

Mr. Mack discussed the current pre-school tuition rate and recommended an increase to \$3000.00 for students within district and \$10,000 for out of district students to remain comparable with other local programs.

2. Facilities

Mr. Mack informed all present that the maintenance staff has inspected the roofs of both Thomas Jefferson and Lincoln School and found no concerns. Mr. Mack also thanked Mr. Donofrio for his quick response to our request for repair to the district truck for snow removal.

3. RBEA Contract

Mr. Mack informed all present that the RBEA and the Board of Education had come to a verbal agreement and were continuing to move forward with the next steps of negotiations.

4. Business Administrator

Mr. Mack introduced Mr. Edward Appleton to the Board and the public.

5. Honor Roll Presentation – rescheduled for 1/14

Mr. Mack informed the Board that the High Honor Roll presentation had been rescheduled for January 14th

VI. **Comments from the Public (related to the agenda)**

None

VII. **Recommendations**

Recommend approval of the minutes from the _____ Rockaway Borough Board of Education meeting.

Recommend approval of the attached list of budget transfers.

Recommend approval of the Certification of Major Account and Line Item Status.

Recommend approval of the manifest of bills from the Finance Committee as follows:

December _____

FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the pre-school tuition rate for the 2014-2015 school year as \$3000.00
2. Recommend approval of the out of district preschool tuition rate at \$10 for the 2014-2015 school year.
3. Recommend approval of the Cafeteria Checking Account and Cafeteria Reconciliation Reports for December 2013.
4. Recommend approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report for December 2013.
5. Recommend approval to designate the Business Administrator as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 17:27-3.3(a).
6. Recommend approval of the attached Professional Development/Travel Expenditures.

CURRICULUM

1. Recommend approval of the attached field trip requests.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

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 _____ through _____.

None reported

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Kathryn Flaherty as an instructional aide for the remainder of the 2013 – 2014 school year at rate of \$14.00 per hour for 3 hours per day pending receipt of criminal history review clearance.

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Steve Petry as an instructional/ personal aide for the remainder of the 2013 – 2014 school year at rate of \$14.00 per hour for 6 hours per day pending receipt of criminal history review clearance.

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

VIII. Old Business

None reported

IX. New Business

None reported

X. Comments from the Public

None reported

XI. Executive Session

The next topic on the agenda relates to a personnel matter 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 a personnel matter, 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 8:34pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Rogers)

XII. Motion to go into open session.

A motion was approved to return to open session at 9:03pm

XIII. Resolution

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Edward Appleton as the Interim Business Administrator beginning January 15, 2014 through June 30, 2014 at a daily rate of \$450.00.

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

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business for the Board, a motion was approved at 9:15pm to adjourn for the evening. (Haynes/Rogers)

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Professional Development/Travel Expenditure Approval Request

NAME	TRAVEL/WORKSHOP LOCATION	DATE	WORKSHOP/ CONVENTION EXPENSES	OTHER EXPENSES	PURPOSE OF THE TRIP
Susanne Lonergan	Ringoes, NJ	1/22/14 2/12/14 4/30/14		101 miles @ .56 = 56.56 101 miles @ .56 = 56.56 101 miles @ .56 = 56.56	Ongoing professional development along with adherence to Reading Recover Guidelines to assure quality of the program
Jennifer Marsh	Ringoes, NJ	1/22/14 2/12/14 4/30/14	Free		Ongoing professional development along with adherence to Reading Recover Guidelines to assure quality of the program
Phyllis Alpaugh	College of St. Elizabeth	1/29/14 3/5/14 4/9/14 5/21/14		27 miles @ .31 = 8.37 27 miles @ .31 = 8.37 27 miles @ .31 = 8.37 27 miles @ .31 = 8.37	Network provides workshops and symposiums to keep abreast of developments and resources that support positive school culture/environment.
Monica Kline	College of St. Elizabeth	1/29/14 3/5/14 4/9/14 5/21/14		27 miles @ .31 = 8.37 27 miles @ .31 = 8.37 27 miles @ .31 = 8.37 27 miles @ .31 = 8.37	Network provides workshops and symposiums to keep abreast of developments and resources that support positive school culture/environment.
Daniele Ferrone	Morris Hills Regional/Avid Strategies	1/15/14	\$0.		To learn more about the avid program as well as flipping the classroom.
Jennifer Matschke	Morris Hills Regional/Avid Strategies	1/15/14	\$0.		To learn more about the avid program as well as flipping the classroom.

Building Administrator Approval: _____ Date: _____

Superintendent Approval: _____ Date: _____

THE FOLLOWING TRAVEL EXPENSES WERE APPROVED BY THE ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BD OF ED ON _____