

Rockaway Borough Board of Education
Rockaway, New Jersey
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
Thomas Jefferson School - Cafeteria
Tuesday, February 11, 2014
7:30pm
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 7:30 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, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Edward J. Appleton, Lincoln School Principal, Phyllis Alpaugh, Thomas Jefferson School Principal, Mark Schwarz

IV. Superintendent's Discussion Items

- 100th Day of School Challenge for Charity
Karen Fitzgerald (Food Pantry) and Christine Capen (5th/6th grade ss teacher) organizing event
- School Calendar 2013-2014 – Snow Days
- March 25, 2014 – High Honor Roll Presentation
- Facilities Update – Snow removal activities
- Legislative Updates

V. Comments from the Public (related to agenda items only)

No comments

VI. **RESOLUTIONS**

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Resolution Items # 1-7.
The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote (Smith/Rogers)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education accept the Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report dated prior to February 11 for incident numbers 8 through 12.
 - #8, #9, and #12 are confirmed cases
 - 4 total cases for the 2013-2014 school year
 - 2 of those 4 involve the same students
 - Actions taken include changes in student sections, counseling, and parent meetings
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached field trip requests.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached list of Professional Development/Travel Expenditure Requests.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve with regret the resignation of Amy Sandler effective March 20, 2014 or when a suitable replacement can be attained, so that she can continue her career in another NJ school district.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Tanya Fleming as a Co-Curricular Personal Aide at a rate of \$14.00 per hour on an as needed basis not to exceed 40 hours.
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Joseph Basile as a substitute Co-Curricular Personal Aide at a rate of \$14.00 per hour retro-actively to January 1, 2014 on an as needed basis.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to apply for a waiver granting the board permission to not participate in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) for the 2014-2015 school year. Based on the revenue projections provided by the New Jersey Department of Education, it would not be financial sound for the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to participate in SEMI.

VII. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommend approval of the minutes from the January 8, 2014 and January 14, 2014 Rockaway Borough Board of Education meetings.

Recommend approval of the attached list of budget transfers for the month ending January 31, 2014.

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:

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A. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval to award an order in the amount of \$2,122.15 to Ackerson Drapery, Lakewood, N.J. for the Dry-Cleaning and Flame proofing of the Stage Curtains at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School.
2. Recommend approval to award an order in the amount of \$1,240.00 to All American Floors, LLC, Rockaway, N.J. to furnish and install 50 yards of commercial carpet and 1 box of vinyl cove base at the Lincoln School Teachers Lounge.
3. Recommend approval to award an order in the amount of \$2,684.00 to Bertoli Plumbing & Heating, Rockaway, N.J. to furnish and install an ASME 14 gallon expansion potable water expansion tank at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School.
4. Recommend approval to award an order in the amount of \$4,429.00 to Etrestaurant Enterprises LLC, Rockaway, NJ to furnish and install a Turbo Air TSR-72SD Three Door Stainless Steel Refrigerator at the Lincoln School Cafeteria.
5. Recommend approval of a Child Study Team request to purchase Apple TouchChat HD AAC and Gateway In-App Apps in the amount of \$298.00 for student #128
6. Recommend approval of a Child Study Team request for 2 hours training at \$150/hour through Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey to utilize Touchchat HD AAC and Gateway In-APP applications . Training for entire staff that will be utilizing program at any day with students.
7. Recommend approval of a Child Study Team request for home instruction through provider Stepping Forward Counseling Center, LLC at \$75.00/hour for student #219. 10 hours per week retroactive to 12/16/2013. Length of time to be determined.
8. Recommend approval of a Child Study Team request for an augmentative technology assessment for student #168 with Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey at an approximate cost of \$750.00.
9. Recommend approval of a Child Study Team request for a speech therapy evaluation for student #168 with Speech Therapy Center, LLC at cost of \$350.00.

B. PERSONNEL

1. Recommend approval for Cheryl Bilitzky of Touro College School of Health Sciences to complete her Level I Pediatric Fieldwork in the area of Occupational Therapy with Christine Matrisciano for a total of 40 hours between the date of March 5, 2014 and April 10, 2014.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business - None

X. Comments from the Public

Sharon Staszak – Concerns regarding her son’s lack of progress at Thomas Jefferson School. (The Board requested that Mrs. Staszak defer her comments to Executive Session)

XI. Motion to go into Executive Session

The next topic on the agenda relates to a student 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 student 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 8:30 pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Smith)

XII. Motion to go into open session.

A motion was approved to return to open session at 9:13 pm. (Rogers/Smith)

XIII. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:40 pm to adjourn for the evening. (Rogers/Smith)

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Appleton
Interim School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

GRADE	TEACHERS	DATE	TIME DEPART/ RETURN	DESTINATION	# OF STUDENTS	# OF ADULTS	COST PER STUDENT	REASON FOR TRIP
2	Medore / Tuluca Yobs	3/10/14	11:15/2:00	Community Theatre at Mayo Center for the Performing Arts	58	15	\$18	To reinforce the Common Core Standards and support the Model Curriculum while expanding students' understanding of the performing arts and comparing a piece of literature.
7 th & 8 th	McCarter	2/28/14	8:45 am 1:00 pm	Spelling Bee, St. Ann's Parish, Parsippany	14	1	\$25.	G&T trip
6 th – 8 th	Onischuk	5/22/14 (date change) 5/23/14 (raindate)	9:00 am 2:30 pm	Morris Knolls Quadrathalon	22	2	\$0.	Participate in sending district activities and showcase TJ fitness and athleticism
7 th /8 th	Onischuk/Baker	3/20/14	9:00 am 2:30 pm	MHRD health fair – Morris Knolls	10-20	2	\$0	Collaborate with sending district; showcase knowledge of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in regards to negative effects on health and poor decisions.

Superintendent Approval _____ Date_____

Board Approved _____

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TRAVEL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL REQUEST

NAME	TRAVEL/WORKSHOP LOCATION	DATE	WORKSHOP/ CONVENTION EXPENSES	OTHER EXPENSES	PURPOSE OF THE TRIP
Nicole McCarter	Bridgewater, NJ	3/7/2014	\$199.00		Part of PLC. Going with other G&T teachers in the consortium inserting creativity & challenge into the common core standards differentiation to the second power.
Monica Kline	Social Skills for Building Social competence in children and adolescents/ New Brunswick	2/25/2014	\$199.99		Topics discussed will aide in designing, developing, and facilitating successful social skills groups.
Chris Aragona	NJ State School Nurse march 2014 Conference/Parsippany	3/21/14 & 3/22/14	\$289.00 or \$239 if pd by 2/14/14		Update and improve school nursing skills collaborate with professional peers.
Mark Schwarz	NJASK Test Coordinator Training/Morristown	3/17/14	\$0.		Required training
Marianne Kopetz	NJMEA Music Conference	2/20-22, 2014	\$160.00		To provide teacher with resources and materials to incorporate in the music classes in TJ and Lincoln Schools.
Phyllis Alpaugh	Somerset County Superintendent of schools	2/21/14		Mileage: 66 miles @.31 = \$21.78	Presentation will focus on Classroom activities and environment that will better prepare students for upcoming PARCC online assessments.
Phyllis Alpaugh	Morristown, NJ	3/17/14		Mileage: 9 miles @ .31 = \$5.58	Required training for district and school test coordinators.

Superintendent Approval _____ Date _____

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