

Rockaway Borough Board of Education
Rockaway, New Jersey
Regular Meeting
Thomas Jefferson School
Cafeteria
March 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

- 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.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Laura Lugo, Tim Rogers, Vice-President, Christa Smith and Board President, Eileen Haynes.

Board Member Absent: Debra McNally

Administration Present: Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dennis Mack, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Edward J. Appleton

III. Superintendent's Report

- ✓ 2014-2015 School Calendar
- ✓ HIB Report

IV. Comments from the Public (related to the agenda)

School Calendar, Testing Calendar, Parent-Teacher Conferences,
Status of Teacher Salary Guides?

V. Resolutions

A. FINANCE

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items # 1- 2.
The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote (Lugo/ Rogers)

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 apply for a waiver granting the Board permission to not participate in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) for the 2014-2015 school year due to the fact that the State of New Jersey projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students.

B. PERSONNEL

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Sandy Gancarcik to be increased from 80% to full time at a salary of \$48,840.00 effective March 21, 2014. Mrs. Gancarcik will remain on step MA-4 (final step and salary to be determined upon the completion of negotiations.)

C. POLICY

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Policy Item # 1.
The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote (Rogers/Lugo)

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 _____ - _____.

D. CURRICULUM

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Curriculum Item # 1.
The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote (Haines/Smith)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached field trip requests.

VI. Recommendations

A. CURRICULUM

1. Recommendation to approve the attached school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year.

B. PERSONNEL

1. Recommendation to approve Susan Milite as the Maternity Leave replacement teacher for Jennifer Fassnacht beginning on or about May 6, 2014. Mrs. Milite will be placed on BA-1 of the teacher's salary guide at a pro-rated salary of \$44,550.00.

VII. **Old Business**

VIII. **New Business**

IX. **Comments from the Public**

X. **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 7:50pm by a unanimous roll call vote (Lugo/Rogers)

XI. **Motion to go into open session**

The motion was approved at 8:00pm by a unanimous roll call vote (Lugo/Rogers)

XII. **Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved unanimously at 8:01 pm to adjourn for the evening. (Smith/Rogers)

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
8 th grade	Cindy O'Brien	3/20/14	9:00 am 12:00 pm	Morris Hills HS	78	6	\$0.	8 th grade students going to high school to watch special performance of their play.

Approved on: _____

Superintendent's Approval: _____

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TRAVEL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL REQUEST**

NAME	TRAVEL/WORKSHOP LOCATION	DATE	WORKSHOP/ CONVENTION EXPENSES	OTHER EXPENSES	PURPOSE OF THE TRIP
Daniele Ferrone	Teaching the iGeneration/County College of Morris	3/18/14	\$10.		How to motivate engage and teach the Internet Generation using technology.
Monica Kline	The Habits of Happy People	3/26/14	\$79.		Learn about how to develop habits that help maintain positive emotions, thoughts, actions, and relationships – will support role of guidance counselor and provide resources to support a positive school climate.
Aileen Schumacher	Piscataway, NJ	3/19/2014	\$25.00		Apply reading & writing to social studies instruction.

BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____

SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____

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