

Rockaway Borough Board of Education
Rockaway, New Jersey
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria
Tuesday, September 16, 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

III. 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.

IV. Roll Call

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

Board Member Absent:

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 Report

✓ Principal's Reports

Lincoln School Principal Phyllis Alpaugh: In-service programs, Renaissance Update, Oncourse Training, Back-to-School Night, Meeting with Teacher Mentors and Novices, 100th Anniversary Open House Sunday, October 5th.

Thomas Jefferson School Principal Mark Schwarz: Oncourse Training, 1st Day of School Activities, Accelerated Reader Program, Back-to School Night, Field Trips, Washington DC Trip.

✓ Facilities Update – District Security System Project Status, Electrical service limitations at Thomas Jefferson School

✓ Technology Update – Help Desk Ticket System

✓ HIB Report

Phyllis Alpaugh – NJDOE School Self-Assessment, improvement over prior year.

V. Comments from the public (Related to Agenda Items Only)

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

August - \$994,361.03

The regular register is on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote (Haines/Lugo)

- VII. **Motion to approve the minutes** from the August 19, 2014, August 26, 2014, and September 9, 2014 meetings of the Rockaway Borough Board of Education.

The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote (Haines/Lugo)

- VIII. **Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers** dated August 20, 2014 through September 8, 2014.

The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote (Haines/Lugo)

- IX. **Motion to approve the Certification** of Major Account and Line Item Status.

The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote (Haines/Lugo)

- X. **Motion to approve the August 2014 Cafeteria Reconciliation** and Cafeteria Checking Account Report.

The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote (Haines/Lugo)

XI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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 (Haines/Lugo)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached Professional Development/Travel Expenditure requests.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a contract with Speech Therapy Center, LLC to complete no more than 20 Speech-Language Evaluations, Reports, and Goals/Objectives during the 2014 – 2015 school year at a rate of \$350 per evaluation.

B. **PERSONNEL**

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel 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 Jennifer Berk and Tracy Casiano as substitute school nurses for the 2014 – 2015 school year at a rate of \$150.00 per day.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following extra-curricular advisors for the 2014-2015 school year:

Activity	Advisor
Yearbook	Michael Leahey/Cindy O'Brien
SGO	Amy McConnell
Newspaper	Michael Leahey/Cindy O'Brien
Director of the Musical	Helen Love
Jazz Band	Helen Love
Athletic Scheduler	Michael Onischuk
Boys and Girls Cross Country	Gina Baker/Michael Onischuk

C. CURRICULUM

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Curriculum Items # 1 – 4.

The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote (Smith/Haines)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached Field Trip request.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to submit the New Jersey Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act Report.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following updated and aligned Rockaway Borough Curricula:
 - Social Studies (Grade 8)
 - Science (Grades 1-8)
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following Rockaway Borough Curricula:
 - 21st Century Integrated Skills and Technology (Grades Pre-K-8)
 - Technology (Grades 4-8)

D. POLICY

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Policy Items # 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 increase the sub rate from \$80.00 per day to \$85.00 per day for the first 10 days worked and then increased to \$90.00 for every day thereafter through end of 2014-2015 school year.

XII. **Old Business/New Business** - none

XIII. **Comments from the Public**
Availability of test results?

XIV. **Motion to go into Executive Session**

The next topic on the agenda relates to personnel and negotiations matters which constitute 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 personnel and negotiations matters 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 7:58pm by a unanimous roll call vote (Haines/Rogers)

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

The motion was approved at 8:48pm by a unanimous roll call vote (Haines/Rogers).

VIII. **Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved unanimously at 8:49pm to adjourn for the evening. (Haines/Rogers).

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Appleton
Interim School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NAME	TRAVEL/WORKSHOP LOCATION	DATE	WORKSHOP/ CONVENTION EXPENSES	OTHER EXPENSES	PURPOSE OF THE TRIP
Phyllis Alpaugh	College of St. Elizabeth's	9/24/14 10/29/14 11/19/14 12/17/ 2014		Mileage 30mi @ .31= 9.30 Mileage 30mi @ .31= 9.30 Mileage 30mi @ .31= 9.30 Mileage 30mi @ .31= 9.30	Network provides workshops and speakers to keep abreast of developments and resources that support a positive school culture and environment.
Monica Dattoli	College of St. Elizabeth's	9/24/14 10/29/14 11/19/14 12/17/ 2014			Network provides workshops and speakers to keep abreast of developments and resources that support a positive school culture and environment.
Phyllis Alpaugh	Parsippany Holiday Inn	11/13/14	\$199.00	8 miles x 2= 16 <u>miles@.31</u> = \$4.96	Gain important knowledge regarding implementation and application of special education practices and law.
Ceil Isenberg	Art Educators of NJ 2014 conference/ Long Branch	10/5, 10/6, 10/7	\$225. registration	\$110.00 workshops	Many vendors and hands on workshops will be available for art educators. In addition workshops on Achieve NJ will be offered that are geared completely to art education. Its purpose is to promote and maintain the highest possible quality of instruction in visual arts in the state of New Jersey.
Susanne Lonergan Jennifer Marsh	Ringoes, NJ	9/17, 10/8, 11/12, 12/3		9/17-mileage <u>101mi.@.31</u> - \$31.31 10/8- mileage <u>101mi.@.31</u> - \$31.31 11/12- mileage <u>101mi.@.31</u> - \$31.31 12/3- mileage <u>101mi.@.31</u> - \$31.31	Ongoing professional development in adherence with reading recovery guidelines to assure the quality of the program.

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Jennifer Fassnacht	AMTNJ Annual conference/New Brunswick	10/24/14	\$205.		Meet with other state mathematics educators and attend workshops in order to improve classroom instruction.
Jennifer Matschke	AMTNJ Annual conference/New Brunswick	10/24/14	\$205.		Meet with other state mathematics educators and attend workshops in order to improve classroom instruction.
Sandy Gancarcik	AMTNJ Annual conference/New Brunswick	10/24/14	\$205.		Meet with other state mathematics educators and attend workshops in order to improve classroom instruction.
Catherine Forte	PARCC Mathematics/Morris Plains	10/16/14	\$0.		This training will help me learn more about the PARCC Assessment. The workshop will address testing blueprint item development and content issues.
Daniele Ferrone	PARCC Mathematics/Morris Plains	10/16/14	\$0.		This training will help me learn more about the PARCC Assessment. The workshop will address testing blueprint item development and content issues.

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

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPROVED AT THE _____ BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

GRADE	TEACHERS	DATE	TIME DEPART/RETURN	DESTINATION	# OF STUDENTS	# OF ADULTS	COST PER STUDENT	REASON FOR TRIP
8	O'Brien	10/31/14	9:15 am 1:45 pm	Pax Amicus	73	7	\$26.50	To see a live performance of literature read in class as per NJCCS.