

Rockaway Borough Board of Education

Rockaway, New Jersey

REGULAR MEETING

Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

MINUTES

7:30pm

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.

III. 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,
Thomas Jefferson School Principal Mark Schwarz, Lincoln School Principal Phyllis Alpaugh

IV. Superintendent's Report

- ✓ Facilities – Reroofing of Administration building
- ✓ Security Project
- ✓ Proposed policies on agenda
- ✓ Principals' Reports
 - Thomas Jefferson School Principal Mark Schwarz -
Back-to-School Night, RAMS Assembly, Washington DC Trip Planning, Magazine Drive,
911 Memorial Field Trip, SGO Rally, Progress Reports, Collins Workshop for Teachers,
Talent Show, Halloween Dance
 - Lincoln School Principal Phyllis Alpaugh –
Picture Day, Back-to-School Night, Emergency Management Meeting, Anti-Bullying
Assembly, 100 Year Anniversary Open House

Superintendent – Meeting with Commissioner of Education regarding funding for Full Day Kindergarten Program

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

Substitute Teacher Shortage

VI. Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers dated September 15, 2014 to October 14, 2014.

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

VII. Motion to approve the Certification of Major Account and Line Item Status.

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

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

October \$852,055.84

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)

IX. Motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2014 and September 25, 2014 Board of Education meetings.

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

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

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

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

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 the attached list of field trip requests.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Dodi Yobs to do home instruction for student # 989 for 5 hours per week retroactively beginning October 1, 2014 for approximately 6 weeks. Mrs. Yobs will be paid at an hourly rate of \$37.06.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the contract in the amount of \$2,400 with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for participation in the 2014-2015 Bid Purchasing Program.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the contract with Bayada Home Health Care, Morris Plains, NJ to provide Nursing Services, on an as needed basis, for the 2014-2015 school year in accordance with the agreement signed between the parties.

6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a contract in the amount of \$300 with Michelle Lawton to provide a 2 hour in-service for the paraprofessionals.

B. POLICY

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Policy Items # 1-3.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2014-2015 school year.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report dated _____ for incident numbers _____ and _____.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following policies and regulations for a first reading:

Policy #	Title
P3283	Electronic Communications between Teaching Staff Members and Students
P 4283	Electronic Communications between Support Staff Members and Students
P 5611	Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses
R5612	Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees
P 5612	Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees
P 5613	Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses
P 5756	Transgender Students
P8505	Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods

C. PERSONNEL

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel Items # 1 - 3.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Steve Petry as the district's 5th/6th grade Science teacher from October 15, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Mr. Petry will be placed on Step BA-1 of the teachers guide at an annual rate of \$47,150.00.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Becky Kehoe as an instructional/personal aide for the 2014 – 2015 school year at a rate of \$14.00 per hour for 5.75 hours per day pending criminal history review.
3. 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
Boys Basketball	Michael Onischuk/Michael Leahey
Girls Basketball	Robert Longo

XI. Old Business - none

XII. New Business - none

XIII. Comments from the Public –

XIV. Addendum #1

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Addendum Item #1

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to award a contract in the amount of \$11,600 to KCH Development, Wayne, NJ, in accordance with their low quote.

XV. Motion to go into 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 8:16 pm by a unanimous roll call vote (Lugo/Haines)

XVI. Motion to go into open session.

The motion was approved at 8:37 pm by a unanimous roll call vote (Haines/Rogers).

XVII. Addendum #2

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Addendum Item #2

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools terminates the employment contract of Sevalija Fazic, custodian, pursuant to the notice provision of the contract effective 30 days from the date of the Board Resolution.

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 BOARD OF EDUCATION
FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

GRADE	TEACHERS	DATE	TIME DEPART/RETURN	DESTINATION	# OF STUDENTS	# OF ADULTS	COST PER STUDENT	REASON FOR TRIP
7/8	Kopetz	11/3/14	8:45 am 2:15 pm	Morris Knolls High School	35	2	\$0.	District Vocal Music Day

SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____

THE FOLLOWING FIELD TRIPS WERE APPROVED BY THE ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BD OF ED ON _____

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

NAME	TRAVEL/WORKSHOP LOCATION	DATE	WORKSHOP/ CONVENTION EXPENSES	OTHER EXPENSES	PURPOSE OF THE PD
Monica Dattoli	Understanding GNET & LDSS ways to support grieving children in school/Morristown	10/28/14	\$89.00		To gain awareness of issues related to loss and to build a toolbox of strategies to assist children coping with death.
Monica Dattoli	One Day conflict resolution training/New Brunswick	11/13/14	\$0.		Training provides information regarding conflict resolution strategies will support work of guidance counselor.
Amy McConnell	Embracing the past and shaping the future/Rutgers University	10/22/14	\$75.		Improving content knowledge to be used in class as well as lesson ideas.
Diane Rounsaville	Ensure that your school library program/Fairfield	12/9/14	\$275.		To help media center to help meet common core. New books for common core.
Sharon Izzo	Morris Cty Public Safety Training Academy	10/16/2014	FREE		Focus on the development and mathematical content for PARCC exam.

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BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____

SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____

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

NAME	TRAVEL/WORKSHOP LOCATION	DATE	WORKSHOP/ CONVENTION EXPENSES	OTHER EXPENSES	PURPOSE OF THE PD
Phyllis Alpaugh	Zeris Inn, Mountain Lakes, NJ	10/23/14	FREE		Broadening instructional skills for the classroom.
Jamie Argenziano	Zeris Inn, Mountain Lakes, NJ	10/23/14	FREE		Broadening instructional skills for the classroom.
Marianne Kopetz	District Music Day/Morris Knolls HS	11/3/14	\$0.		7 th & 8 th grade chorus students have the opportunity to participate in vocal district music day at Morris Knolls High School with other middle school and high school students.
Susanne Lonergan	Duffy Elementary School	12/18/14	FREE		To learn from and collaborate with other Reading Recovery Professionals.
Mark Schwarz	Legal One Training/New Providence, NJ	11/20/14	\$150.	Mileage 42.8 miles X .31 = \$13.27	Legal training for school administrators.
Mark Schwarz	Legal One Training/NJPSA	1/27 & 28/14	\$300.	Mileage 117 X .31 = \$36.27	Legal Training for school administrators.

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SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____

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