

**Rockaway Borough Board of Education
Rockaway, New Jersey
WORK SESSION**

Thomas Jefferson School - Cafeteria

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

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 (left meeting at 9:23 pm), Board President Debra McNally

Board Member Absent: NA

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

IV. Superintendent's Discussion Items

- 100th Day of School Challenge for Charity
- February 24, 2015 – High Honor Roll Presentation
- Facilities Update – Administration Building gutter came loose from building and fell due to ice build-up. Gutter removed, no real damage to building.
- Legislative Updates – Student Pupil Assessment Policy #2622
- Kindergarten – recommendation to offer full day kindergarten program in 2015-2016. Review of current enrollments. Board of Education requests additional information.

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

Various parents and members of the teaching staff spoke in favor of the full day program citing benefits to children, need for additional time and value of earlier exposure .

VI. **RESOLUTIONS**

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Resolution Items # 1-5.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report dated February 10, 2015 for incident numbers TJ 1415 - 08.
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 2015-2016 school year due to the fact that the State of New Jersey projects the district having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Heather Garris of the County College of Morris to complete 25 hours of classroom observations in the Rockaway Borough School District. Mrs. Hennessy has agreed to be Ms. Garris' cooperating teacher.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Elizabeth Milite to do home instruction for student # 985 for 5 hours per week for a length of time to be determined. Ms. Milite will be paid at an hourly rate of \$37.06.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a contract in the amount of \$2,700 with the North Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education, Inc., East Brunswick, NJ for providing behavioral and inclusive education and technical assistance for targeted students in accordance with their proposal dated December 7, 2014.

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve as amended Resolution Item # 6.

6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the first reading of the attached policy # P 2622 – Student Assessment and regulation # R2622 – Student Assessment.

VII. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommend approval of the minutes from the January 20, 2015 Rockaway Borough Board of Education meeting.

Recommend approval of the attached list of budget transfers for the month ending January 31, 2015.

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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VIII. **FINANCE**

Recommend approval of the attached list of Professional Development/Travel Expenditure requests.

Recommend approval of the attached list of Field Trip requests.

Recommend approval of the Cafeteria Checking Account and Cafeteria Reconciliation Reports for January 2014.

Recommend approval of a Child Study Team request to purchase 2 sets of Record Forms and Exam books from Pearson for OT evaluations at a cost of \$86.00 each, not to exceed a total cost of \$198.00 including shipping and handling.

Recommend approval of a Child Study Team request for 8 sessions of hospital instruction for student #175 at St. Clare's for the time period; 1/13/15 to 1/23/15 at a cost of \$54.00 per session totaling \$432.00.

Recommend approval of a Child Study Team request for an increase in services for student #188 at Lake Drive School as follows: 2 OT sessions per cycle at a cost of \$300.00 per month, 1 individual and 1 group session of Physical Therapy per cycle at a cost of \$225.00 per month, and 1 Speech Therapy session per cycle at a cost of \$150.00 per month for a total not to exceed \$4050.00 for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

Recommend approval of a Child Study Team request for a bilingual psychological evaluation for student #194 to be performed by Hillmar, LLC at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

Recommend approval of a Child Study Team request for a bilingual social evaluation for student #194 to be performed by Hillmar, LLC at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

Recommend approval of a Child Study Team request for a neurodevelopmental assessment for student #188 to be performed by Dr. Haran at a cost not to exceed \$475.00

IX. **Old Business** - none

X. **New Business** - none

XI. **Comments from the Public** – none

XII. Motion to go into Executive Session

The next topic on the agenda relates to personnel, student 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, student 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 8:15 pm by a unanimous roll call vote (Haines/Smith)

XIII. Motion to go into open session.

The motion was approved at 10:00 pm by a unanimous roll call vote (Haines/Smith)

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved unanimously at 10:00 pm to adjourn for the evening. (Haines/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 nd	Medore Tuluca Yobs	6/12/15	9:00 / 2:00	Red Mill Museum, Clinton, NJ	65	12	\$6.00	To enhance and build upon Social Studies curriculum.
5-8	Love/Kopetz	5/8/15	Approx. 8:00 am Approx. 8:00 pm	High Note Festival/Dorney Park	75	15	\$42.00	Students will perform in an ensemble which will be evaluated with positive taped comments by experienced adjudicators. The experience will be the culmination of much preparation, and is a means for motivating the students to practice hard and work toward higher standards. The amusement park is both an incentive and a reward for participation.

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
Monica Dattoli	Cognitive behavioral therapy techniques for everyday practice/Parsippany	3/5/15	\$199.00		Provides information techniques and strategies for working with students.

Superintendent Approval _____ Date _____

Board Approved _____