

Rockaway Borough Board of Education
Rockaway, New Jersey
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria
Tuesday, February 24, 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, 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,
Lincoln School Principal Phyllis Alpaugh, Thomas Jefferson School Principal Mark Schwarz

IV. Thomas Jefferson School High Honor Roll Presentation

School Principal Mark Schwarz

V. Superintendent's Report

- ✓ Principals' Reports
 - Thomas Jefferson School Principal Mark Schwarz: Black History Week, Boys Basketball Team made semi-finals, Girls Basketball team league champs, teacher for a day, SGO sponsored Winter Dance, PARCC Assessment, Progress Reports 3/6/2015
 - Lincoln School Principal Phyllis Alpaugh: Penguin Day, RAMS Fest Meeting, Hop-a-Thon, Preschool Lottery, Wear Red for Women's Health, Drama Workshop, Fossil Assembly, Read Across America (next week)
- ✓ Facilities Update – water pipe break at Thomas Jefferson,
- ✓ Legislative Updates – Governor's budget address, court case regarding State pension Plan
- ✓ Full Day Kindergarten – historical perspective of enrollments and projections for 2015-2016.

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

Expressed support for full day kindergarten program

VII. Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers dated January 21, 2015 to February 24, 2015.

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

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

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

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

February 2015 - \$862,418.78

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

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

X. Motion to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for January 2015.

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

XI. Motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2015 and the February 10, 2015 Board of Education meetings.

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

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items # 1-10.

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 list of 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 the Cafeteria Checking Account and Cafeteria Reconciliation Reports for January 2015.

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the 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.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the 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.
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the 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.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the 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.
8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the 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.
9. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the 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
10. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Child Study Team request for a bilingual speech evaluation for student #194 to be performed by Hillmar, LLC at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

POLICY

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Policy Items # 2.

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

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 _____ - _____. **WITHDRAWN**

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the revised schedule of meetings for the Period of March 2015 to May 2015. Be it further resolved that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator be authorized to publish the schedule of meetings in the Daily Record and The Citizen.

Work Session Meetings

March 10, 2015

April 14, 2015

Regular Meetings

May 5, 2015

Special Meetings

March 17, 2015

April 21, 2015

May 19, 2015

June 16, 2015

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/Smith)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Rebecca Burrows as substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2014 – 2015 school year at a daily rate of \$85.00 per day for the first 10 days and \$90.00 for any additional days.
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
Baseball	Michael Onischuk
Softball	Robert Longo

XIII Old Business - NONE

XIV New Business – Proposal for Volleyball Club at Thomas Jefferson School

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the proposal for a Volleyball Club at Thomas Jefferson School for the 2014-2015 school year

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

XV Comments from the Public – 2ND Grade Field Trips pending approval

XVI 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 _____ 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 by a unanimous roll call vote (Lugo/Smith)

Debra McNally and Laura Lugo exit meeting

XVII Motion to go into Open Session

The motion was approved at 9:33 pm by a unanimous roll call vote (Lugo/Smith)

XVIII. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved unanimously at 9:34 pm to adjourn for the evening. (Haines/Rogers)

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Appleton
Interim School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Professional Development/Travel Expenditure Approval Request

NAME	TRAVEL/WORKSHOP LOCATION	DATE	WORKSHOP/ CONVENTION EXPENSES	OTHER EXPENSES	
Jenn Matschke	Vernier Data Collection Workshop/Princeton	4/14/15	\$0.		T s f
Ronnie Abrams	Affordable Care Act Workshop - Hilton Inn at the Rockaway Mall	2/26/15	\$60		T i A
Ed Appleton	Affordable Care Act Workshop - Hilton Inn at the Rockaway Mall	2/26/15	\$60		T i A

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

APPROVED AT THE _____ BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

GRADE	TEACHERS	DATE	TIME DEPART/RETURN	DESTINATION	# OF STUDENTS	# OF ADULTS	COST PER STUDENT
LLD/MD	Abrams/Zangara	3/4/15	9:00 am - 12:30 pm	Longo Planetarium at County College of Morris	10	7	\$5 per student \$10. Per adult

PRINCIPAL'S APPROVAL _____ DATE _____

SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL _____ DATE _____