

**Rockaway Borough Board of Education
Rockaway, New Jersey
MINUTES**

Thomas Jefferson School - Cafeteria
Tuesday, March 10, 2015
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 Member Absent: Board President Debra McNally
Administration Present: Interim Superintendent of Schools Dennis Mack,
Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Edward J. Appleton,

IV. Superintendent's Discussion Items

- PARCC – Grades 4-5 finished, Grades 6-7 testing now, Grades 3&8 test next week, 8 students at Thomas Jefferson opted out, 1 at Lincoln
- Budget – State Aid same as 2014-2015, Borough property valuations flat, review of 2014-2015 initiatives (Lincoln Electrical Upgrade, Roof Repairs, Fire alarm systems, Asbestos abatement, Technology investment). 2015-2016 Budget (maintain staff & programs, use of Banked Cap, after school program through NCLB, Language Arts Textbooks). Board to adopt Tentative 2015-2016 Budget at the March 17, 2015 Board Meeting.
- 2015 - 2016 School Calendar – Impact of PARCC Testing to Spring Break
- Thomas Jefferson School Nurse – retiring at end of school year.
- Facilities Update roof repairs at Thomas Jefferson School

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

Wasps in schools, Swipe cards for doors

VI. **RESOLUTIONS**

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Resolution Item # 2. (Resolution #1 withdrawn)

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

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

VII. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommend approval of the minutes from the February 10, 2015 and February 24, 2015 Rockaway Borough Board of Education meetings.

Recommend approval of the attached list of budget transfers for the month ending February 28, 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:

February _____

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 2015.

Recommend approval to enter into contract with Netcong Elementary School at an annual tuition of \$24,090.00 for student #197.

Recommend approval of a Child Study Team request for A/JL Therapy to provide occupational therapy services for out of district student #175 for 2 sessions per week 2/12/15 - 6/30/15 at a cost of \$90 per hour.

IX. Old Business - none

X. New Business - none

XI. Comments from the Public

Mike Onischuck thanked Board for approving Volleyball Club
2015-2016 School Calendar snow day provisions

XII. Motion to go into Executive Session

The next topic on the agenda relates to personnel & student 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 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 7:50 pm by a unanimous roll call vote (Haines/Rogers)

XIII. Motion to go into Open Session

The motion was approved at 8:07 pm by a unanimous roll call vote (Haines/Rogers)

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved unanimously at 8:08 pm 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
MD – APE	Onischuk/Zangara/ Miller/Murphy/Quirke	3/24/15 Snowdate 3/25/15	10:00 am 12:00 pm	Rockaway Lanes/Rockaway	5	5	\$0.	Used as a reward for incentive program in class; introduce students to activities outside the PE setting.

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
Catherine Orosz	Copeland Middle School Rockaway	3/17/15	\$0.		To observe experienced science teachers teaching, share (gain) lesson and lab ideas, discuss curriculum and pacing. As a 1 st year teacher with no other experienced science teachers in the building. I feel my instruction will improve by seeing experienced and effective science teachers in action.
Nicole McCarter	Parsippany	5/6/2015	\$235.00		This workshop will benefit my WIN/BSI program with K-3 grade students with strengthening of comprehension.
Maryann Medore	College of St. Elizabeth	4/21/15	FREE		New strategies and resources for meeting NJ mandate on Holocaust Education.

Superintendent Approval _____ Date _____

Board Approved _____