

Rockaway Borough Board of Education
Rockaway, New Jersey
REGULAR MEETING
Thomas Jefferson School - Cafeteria
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
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: Mrs. Concannon, Mrs. Grow, Mr. Rogers, Vice President Haynes, and President Smith

Board Members Absent: NONE

Administration Present: Superintendent of Schools Mark Schwarz, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Yvonne Hellwig

IV. Rockaway Rotary Literacy Grant Presentation

Mr. Rob Seifert, Ms. Janice Christiansen and Ms. Christine Firth of the Rockaway Borough Rotary Club presented a check for \$1,000.00 in support of the 'Reluctant Readers Literary Club' at the Lincoln Elementary School. The Rotary Club applied for the grant from the Rotary Foundation. Superintendent Mark Schwarz thanked both the Rotary Club and Rotary Foundation for the generous gift to the Lincoln School.

V. Thomas Jefferson School High Honor Roll Presentation

Ms. Stephanie Bonaparte, Principal, Thomas Jefferson School, presented students with certificates for High Honor Roll achievement. Time was allotted for photo opportunity and refreshments

VI. Superintendent's Discussion Items

- Principal's Report –Thomas Jefferson: one of our 5th graders won the Morris County Art Show
Thomas Jefferson: participated in a 'Clean Community' program run thru the township
Lincoln School: The Dance Party is scheduled for Friday and it is also 'Wear Red D
Lincoln School: The Readers Theatre and Pre-School registration both went well
- Curriculum Report - Ms. Argenziano shared some thought on the Tech Expo the Administrators had attended in Atlantic City
Just wrapped up the second round of renaissance testing

- Technology Report
- Facilities Report – Need to improve the IMP Insect Management Program for QSAC
- Legislative Update
- Policy Update – Policies are being reviewed for first reading
- Auditor's Report

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

NONE

VIII. Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers dated January 20, 2016 to February 9, 2016.

Motion by: Mrs. Haynes Seconded by: Mrs. Grow

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

Motion by: Mrs. Haynes Seconded by: Mrs. Concannon

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

February 2016 \$715,045.15

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

Motion by: Mrs. Haynes Seconded by: Mrs. Grow

XI. Motion to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for December 2015.

Motion by: Mrs. Haynes Seconded by: Mrs. Concannon

XII. Motion to approve the minutes from January 19, 2016 and February 2, 2016 Board of Education meetings.

Motion by: Mrs. Haynes Seconded by: Mrs. Concannon

XIII. **FINANCE**

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance items, #1-8.

Motion by: Mrs. Concannon Seconded by: Mr. Rogers

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 2016.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the district's waiver application, requesting permission to not participate in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) for the 2016-2017 school year due to the fact that the State of New Jersey projects the district having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings-Financial Compliance and Performance of the Rockaway Borough School District Board of Education for the 2014 – 2015 school year. Please note that no recommendations from the auditor have been made at this time.
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Rockaway Borough Board of Education for the 2014-2015 school year. The audit synopsis is attached. The complete Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is available in the Office of the School Business Administrator.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve n the following Bilingual (Arabic) evaluations at a cost not to exceed \$650.00 per evaluation for student #215; as requested by the Child Study Team:
 - Educational
 - Psychological
 - Language with Speech articulation
 - Occupational Therapy Evaluation
 - Social History
8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following Bilingual (Spanish) evaluations at a cost not to exceed \$500.00 per evaluation for student #216; as requested by the Child Study Team:
 - Educational
 - Psychological
 - Language with Speech articulation, if needed
 - Social History

XIV. **POLICY**

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Policy items, #1-4

Motion by: Mrs. Haynes

Seconded by: Mr. Rogers

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying – Investigations, Trainings and Program Report for the July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 reporting period.

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Violence, Vandalism and Substance Abuse report for the July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 reporting period.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report dated 2015-16-09 for incident numbers 1 case unconfirmed through January 2016
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the second reading of the following policies and regulations:

Policy/Reg #	Title
P1240	Evaluation of Superintendent
R1240	Evaluation of Superintendent
P3221	Evaluation of Teachers
R3221	Evaluation of Teachers
P3222	Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators
R3222	Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators
P3223	Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals and Assistant Principals
R3223	Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals and Assistant Principals
P3224	Evaluation of Principals, Vice-Principals, and Assistant Principals
R3224	Evaluation of Principals, Vice-Principals, and Assistant Principals
P3431.1	Family Leave
P4431.1	Family Leave
P5516	Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices (ECD)
P5756	Student Gender Identity and Expression

XV. CURRICULUM

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

Motion by: Mrs. Haynes Seconded by: Mrs. Grow

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve new curriculum for the following subject areas, effective February 10, 2016:
 - K – 8 Physical Education - (aligned with the 2009 New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards)
 - K – 8 Health - (aligned with the 2009 New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards)

- K – 8 World Language - (aligned with the 2009 New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards)
- K – 5 Language Arts - (aligned with the 2010 Common Core State Standards)

XVI. **PERSONNEL**

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

Motion by: Mrs. Haynes Seconded by: Mrs. Grow

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the child care leave of absence for Michael Leahey, Language Arts Teacher, Thomas Jefferson Middle School, pursuant to the New Jersey Family Leave Act, effective May 2, 2016 through May 30, 2016.

****ITEM # 2 WAS TABLED****

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Jennifer Matschke for a horizontal movement from MA-7 to MA+30-7 effective January 4, 2016 as per the contract between the Rockaway Borough Board of Education and the Rockaway Borough Education Association.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Morris Knolls High School students, Johnvi Joshi and Maggie McDonald, to conduct a service learning project at Thomas Jefferson School as part of their high school program. Students will conduct classroom observations and provide tutoring services under the supervision of Mrs. Orosz and Mrs. Bonaparte.

XVII. Old Business

None

XVIII. New Business

None

XIX. Comments from the Public

None

XX. Motion to enter 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.

Motion by: Mrs. Haynes Seconded by: Mrs. Grow

XXI. Motion to reconvene Public Session

Motion by: Mrs. Haynes Seconded by: Mr. Rogers

XXII. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by: Mrs. Haynes Seconded by: Mrs. Grow

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15pm

Yvonne Hellwig
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	3/3/16	9:00 am 1:30 pm	Great Swamp New Vernon, NJ	53	7	\$18	To extend our nonfiction unit (ELA) and build upon Science curriculum
7 th 8 th	PE Dept	2/17/16	10:30 am 2:00 pm	Aspen Ice Randolph, NJ	50	2	\$14	To enhance the PE curriculum with real world connections, enabling students to practice different types of physical activity outside the traditional classroom setting.
7 th 8 th	Matschke	2/19/16	9:00 am 1:45 pm	Liberty Science Center Jersey City	157	15	\$25	Provide students with the opportunity to watch the Imax movie, "National Parks Adventure" which ties to the cross curricular project the 7 th & 8 th graders have been working on.
7 th & 8 th Volleyball Club	Onischuk Leahey Widuta	2/25/16	2:30 pm 5:30 pm	Allamuchy MS Volleyball Club Tourney Challenge	30	3	\$0	To participate in a club volleyball practice match prior to this year's county club volleyball tourney.
7 th & 8 th Volleyball Club	Onischuk Leahey Widuta	3/1/16 snow date 3/2/16	3:00 pm 6:30 pm	GMCJSCA Club Volleyball Tourney Valleyview MS Denville	30	3	\$0	To participate in annual GMCJSCA County Club Volleyball tournament; represent TJ & Rockaway Boro and defend 2015 championship.

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
Christine Matrisciano	Therapeutic Evaluation and Treatment of Toe Walking PG Chambers Cedar Knolls, NJ	5/13/16 5/14/16	\$435		To learn more about toe walking and treatment strategies for my students.
Nicole Frangoulis Cheryl Hennessy	Roxbury Visit Jefferson Elementary School	2/9/16	\$0		To view the Schoolwide Fundamentals program being utilized in the special education classrooms.
Steve Petry	Universal Design for Learning Part 1 Morris Plains, NJ	2/5/16	\$0		Scientific research principles to instruct and engage all learners using student choice menus in lesson design.
Marianne Kopetz	NJ Music Educators Association Hilton Hotel & Conf Ctr East Brunswick, NJ	2/18/16 2/19 /16 2/20/16	Conference - \$165 Dues - \$122		This 3 day workshop focuses on resources related to working with students in elementary and middle school music classes.
Monica Dattoli Phyllis Alpaugh	LGBTQ Awareness and Sensitivity Training Lodi, NJ	3/11/16	\$140 per person		Training will provide information about LGBTQ community and ways we can create more inclusive schools and classroom environments.
Amy Mulhearn	Mommy I Don't Feel So Good Parsippany	3/10/16	\$119.99	\$59.95 Mosby's pediatric book \$29/99 Lab Tests book	Information in this seminar is related to mandatory PD for school nurses in first 3 years of employment.
Mark Schwarz	Ed Surge Tri-state Superintendent Innovation Summit Ramapo College	2/26/16	\$0	\$0	This event is an "innovation summit" in which school leaders will convene to share and learn about best practices in educational technology.

Superintendent Approval _____ Date _____

Board Approved _____