

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
September 22, 2009**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Board President, Eileen Haynes.

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.

III. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Laura Lugo, Debbie McNally, Tim Rogers, Vice-President, Ruben Fuentes and Board President, Eileen Haynes.

Board Members Absent: N/A

Administration Present: Thomas Jefferson School Principal Patrick Tierney and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

IV. Comments from the Public

None.

V. Closed Session

"The next topic on the agenda relates to a personnel, 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 negotiations and 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 7:31pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (Lugo/McNally)

VI. Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 7:50 p.m.

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (Fuentes/McNally)

V. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached travel/professional development requests for the 2009-2010 school year.

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Fuentes)

VI. Personnel

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a contract with Teresa Rehman as the "Interim Assistant Principal" of the Thomas Jefferson School effective September 22, 2009 through January 15, 2010. Mrs. Rehman will receive a monthly stipend of \$1,350 for the additional duties and will be evaluated three times during the probationary period.

The motion was approved in a roll call vote. (McNally/Fuentes)

VII. New Business

Ms. Haynes asked about the status of the classroom doors. Mr. Hurley told her they are being worked on. Mr. Hurley suggested budgeting for the upgrading of the doors in 10-11 budget.

Ms. Haynes asked about the condition of the playground wall at the Lincoln School. Mr. Hurley said he and Mr. Tierney are meeting with Borough Engineer, Mike Spillane, the head of Public Works, Joe Rossi and a representative from the construction company to discuss the repairs.

Mr. Hurley informed the Board that new accountability regulations require districts to have a personnel system that is 22,020. The price will exceed \$15,000, but Mr. Hurley stated that he spoke to a representative and was told they can pay the cost over two years.

XIII. Old Business

None.

XIV. Resolution

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education approve Patrick Tierney's professional development request to attend the New Jersey Association of School Administrator's Annual New Superintendent's Academy in Trenton, NJ and at the Atlantic City Convention Center in Atlantic City, NJ. The classes will begin on October 14, 2009 and end on or about April 28, 2010. The cost will be \$1,000. The purposes of these classes are to meet the requirements for a Superintendent's certificate.

The motion was approved in a roll call vote. (Fuentes/McNally)

XVII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:22 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (McNally/Lugo)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary