

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
WORK SESSION MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 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 and The Citizen.

III. Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent: Debbie McNally

Administration Present: Lincoln School Principal, Phyllis Alpaugh, Thomas Jefferson School Interim Assistant Principal, Teresa Rehman, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patrick Tierney and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.,

IV. Comments from the Public

None.

V. Discussion

1. Principal's Reports – Ms. Alpaugh and Ms. Rehman discussed the events that took place in their schools during the month of November.
2. Curriculum
 - a. Gifted and Talented curriculum review committee – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that Ms. Newman will be chairing the committee.
 - b. Professional Development Update – Dr. Tierney discussed the results of his meeting with the Board.
 - c. Environmental Club proposal – Dr. Tierney informed the Board he had a request to begin a new club.
 - d. Revision of District Goals – Dr. Tierney told the Board the goals may need to be changed.
3. Personnel:
 - a. Thomas Jefferson Secretary – The new secretary will begin December 15.
 - b. Second Grade – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that he would like to recommend Caitlin Starr and he will need to find a replacement G&T Teacher.
 - c. Gifted and Talented teacher – Dr. Tierney said the Board may want to consider hiring a halftime G&T/half time subject teacher.
 - d. Superintendent Evaluation – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that Joann Borin is confirmed for the January 12 Board Meeting.
 - e. Chris Wheeler – There will be a resolution to approve Chris Wheeler on next week's agenda.

4. Finance
 - a. Budget 2010/2011 – Mr. Hurley asked the Board to start thinking of items or projects they would like to see in next year’s budget.
 - b. The 2010/2011 budget items are due to the superintendent by December 16.
 - c. ARRA Update – Mr. Hurley told the Board that we are still working with the State to get the correct grant allocation for the non-public schools.
 - d. 2010-2011 State Aid – Dr. Tierney told the Board that we may see a reduction in State Aid next year.

5. Policy – Dr. Tierney advised the Board that there are several policies that need to be updated.

6. Facilities:
 - a. Lincoln Sewer Line – The line has been repaired
 - b. Thomas Jefferson Lighting – Additional outside lights must be installed near the science lab.
 - c. Thomas Jefferson School Tree Removal – The tree in front of the Thomas Jefferson School, that fell down, has been completely removed.
 - d. POD Removal – Mr. Hurley is currently looking to purchase a new storage shed. This would enable the custodians to move the materials from the PODS to the shed.

7. Negotiations – Dr. Tierney reported that the fact finder is Tom Hartigan.

8. Legislative News:
 - a. A4151/S2850 – Requires schools to pay food service employees prevailing wage – HELD
 - b. A3317/S2427 - Requires schools to hire union electricians. Governor VETO

9. Board to Board Update – Mr. Rogers discussed the meeting with the Board.

VI. Recommendations

Finance

1. Recommend approval of the attached list of budget transfers.
2. Recommend approval of the Certification of Major Account and Line Item Status.
3. Recommend approval of the November 2009 Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports.
4. Recommend approval of the November 2009 Cafeteria Checking Account Reconciliation and Cafeteria Account Reconciliation Report.
5. Recommend approval of the minutes from the November 10 and 17, 2009 Board of Education Meetings.

Personnel

1. Recommend approval to accept, with regret the resignation, of Mrs. Victoria Laib for the purpose of disability retirement to begin effective April 1, 2010. Mrs. Laib will continue to work intermittently through until January 4, 2010 at which time she will utilize sick days until her disability retirement is approved.

2. Recommend approval of Kim Stockstill as the Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools beginning January 1, 2010 at an annual salary of \$48,000.00.
3. Recommend approval to accept, with regret the resignation, of Mrs. Linda Bond, RN for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2010.
4. Recommend approval for the continuation of home instruction for student #204 for additional 60 days retroactive to 11/5/09. The student is receiving 5 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$35.27 (to be adjusted at the completion of negotiations).
5. Recommend approval for preschool student #26 from Dover Public Schools to attend inclusive Preschool Program effective 12/2/2009 for the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year at prorated tuition rate (976.70/month).
6. Recommend approval for Susan Milite to provide home instruction Student for #205 effective 11/30/2009 5 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$35.27 for approximately 2 weeks (Rate to be adjusted at the completion of negotiations).
7. Recommend approval of Ms. Caitlin Starr for the Second grade teaching position effective 1/3/10 at Step 1 BA (42,885 pro-rated as of the RBEA 2008-09 contract. Salary to be adjusted at the completion of negotiations.)

Curriculum

1. Recommend approval of the attached list of travel expenditure/professional development requests.
2. Recommend approval of the attached field trip requests.

Policy

1. Recommend approval of the 2009-2010 School Calendar.

VII. Resolution

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the following Fiscal Year 2010 IDEIA ARRA Formula Grant Money in the following amounts:
 Basic \$238,865
 Preschool \$8,633

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (Lugo/Rogers)

VIII. Information

1. High Honor Roll students for the first marking period will be at the next meeting
2. Winter Wonderland – December 5, 2009
3. RBEA – Teacher for a Day – December 8, 2009
4. Liz Liebold Retirement Dinner – December 9, 2009
5. RBEA/Administration Meeting – December 10, 2009
6. Holiday Party Grades 4/5 & Holiday Dance Grades 6-8 – December 11, 2009
7. Morris Hills representatives for Grade 8 – December 18, 2009
8. Progress Reports Issued - December 23, 2009
9. Holiday Break – December 24, 2009 – January 3, 2010

IX. Comments from the Public

Carol Coulther thanked the Board for participating in the Teacher for a Day Program.

Jeri Hurley asked if the sub caller's phone line is going to be fixed. Dr. Tierney said that he is currently looking into using a sub-calling service called AESOP.

Debbie McNally arrived at 8:31pm.

X. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:35p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (McNally/Lugo)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary