

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
WORK SESSION MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 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, Debbie McNally, Tim Rogers and Board President, Eileen Haynes.

Board Members Absent: Vice President, Ruben Fuentes

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

Ruben Fuentes arrived at 7:35pm.

IV. High Honor Roll Awards

Dr. Patrick Tierney and Teresa Rehman distributed the High Honor Roll Certificates.

V. Comments from the Public

None.

VI. Discussion

1. Enrollment – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that we currently have 669 students.
2. School Calendar – The Board discussed the proposed 2010-2011 calendar.

VII. Motion to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2009 and November 17, 2009 Board of Education Meetings.

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

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

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

IX. Motion to approve the attached list of transfers.

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

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

December 2009 \$748,531.90

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

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

XI. Committee Reports

A. FINANCE

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for November 2009.

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Cafeteria Checking Account and Cafeteria Reconciliation Reports for November 2009.

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached Professional Development/Travel Expenditure requests.

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

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into contract with Dover Public Schools to accept their preschool student #26 to attend the Rockaway Borough Public Schools Inclusive Preschool Program retroactive 12/2/2009 for the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year at prorated tuition rate of \$9767.00 annually.

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

5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the continuation of home instruction for student #204 for additional 60 days retroactive to 11/5/09. The student is receiving 5 hours of instruction per week at an hourly rate of \$35.27 (to be adjusted at the completion of negotiations).

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

6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to submit the fiscal year 2010 IDEIA Amendment Application and fiscal year 2010 IDEIA ARRA Amendment Application to the New Jersey Department of Education.

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

7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to submit the Lincoln School Door Replacement Project to the New Jersey Department of Education.

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

B. CURRICULUM

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached field trip requests.

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following revised School District Goals for the 2009/2010 school year:

Goal I:

Increase achievement for students included in the subgroups identified by No Child Left Behind on the Language Arts Literacy and Math portion of the NJASK tests.

Goal II:

Review and revise the district Gifted and Talented curriculum.

Goal III:

Develop and implement a Distinguished Student Association at the Thomas Jefferson School.

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

C. POLICY

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Rockaway Borough School District Calendar for the 2010-2011 school year.

This resolution was tabled.

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the revisions to the NJQSAC District Performance Review (DPR) Data for Program and Instruction.

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to submit the application for dual use of educational space for the 2009/2010 school year to the Morris County Executive Superintendent of Schools.

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

D. PERSONNEL

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Kimberly Stockstill as the Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools beginning January 1, 2010 at an annual salary of \$48,000.00.

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve with regret the resignation of Mrs. Linda Bond, RN for the purpose of retirement effective July 1, 2010.

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a maternity leave utilizing available sick days until her doctor determines her period of disability has ended. At the end of her disability period, Mrs. Leshowitz has asked to be placed on six weeks of New Jersey Family Leave to care for her newborn.

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

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve with regret the resignation of Mrs. Victoria Laib for the purpose of disability retirement effective April 1, 2010. Mrs. Laib will continue to work intermittently through the first week of January 2010 at which time she will utilize sick days until her disability retirement is approved.

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

5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Susan Milite to provide home instruction for student #205 retroactive 11/30/2009 for 5 hours instruction per week at an hourly rate of \$35.27 for approximately 2 weeks. (Rate to be adjusted at the completion of negotiations).

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

6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Caitlin Starr as a second grade teacher at Lincoln School effective December 16, 2009. Ms. Starr will be placed on step BA-1 of the 2008/2009 RBEA teacher's salary guide (\$42,885 pro-rated) Salary to be adjusted at the completion of negotiations.

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

7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Chris Wheeler as a substitute teacher for the 2009/2010 school year at a daily rate of \$80.00 per day.

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

XII. Old Business

1. RBEA/Administrative Meeting – Dr. Tierney discussed the Rockaway Borough Education Association's concerns with the Board.
2. Additional January Board Meeting – The Board decided they will have an additional Board Meeting on Saturday, January 16 at 9:00am to discuss the budget.
3. AESOP – Dr. Tierney told the Board he would like to move forward with the program and have it up and running on February 1, 2010.

XIII. New Business

1. Thomas Jefferson Conference Room – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that there was a leak in the conference room.

XIV. Comments from the Public

None.

XV. Closed Session

"The next topic on the agenda relates to 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 a 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 8:16pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Fuentes)

XVI. Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 9:15 p.m.

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

XVII. RBEA Meeting

The Board discussed the meeting between the RBEA and Dr. Tierney.

XVII. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 9:36p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Haynes/McNally)

Respectfully submitted,

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