

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL LIBRARY
WORK SESSION MEETING
January 12, 2010**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 7:30p.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, Debra McNally, Tim Rogers, Vice President, Ruben Fuentes and President, Eileen Haynes.

Board Members Absent: N/A

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

IV. Joanne Borin

Joanne Borin discussed the Superintendent Evaluation.

V. Discussion

1. Principal's Reports – Ms Alpaugh and Ms. Rehman discussed the events that took place in their school during the month of December.
2. Enrollment – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that as of January 5, 2010 there were 667 students in district.
3. Curriculum and Instruction:
 - a. Professional Development – January 18 will be the next in-service day.
 - b. Jim Gamble, Finnesville Institute, will provide professional development opportunities.
 - c. Michele Lockwood, NJ Coalition for Inclusive Education, will provide professional development opportunities.
 - d. Washington DC Trip – Dr. Tierney discussed the cost of the Washington DC Trip with the Board. Dr. Tierney stated the cost is \$545 per student and the cost for the Board will be \$14,000 - \$15,000.
4. Going Green – Dr. Tierney described the steps the district will take to go green.
5. Terra Novas – Dr. Tierney discussed the Terra Nova exam with the Board.
6. Personnel – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that interviews are being conducted for G&T.

7. Finance:
 - a. There is a budget meeting scheduled for January 16.
 - b. Race to the Top – Dr. Tierney discussed the Grant and suggested not applying. The Board agreed.
 - c. The Board discussed the preschool tuition rate for 2010-2011.
 - d. Qualified Purchasing Agent – Mr. Hurley discussed the changes with the Board.

8. Policy – The below policies were discussed by the Board.

Policy #	Title
2423	Bilingual and ESL Education
2560	Live Animals in School
3126	Induction Program for Provisional Teachers
3240	Professional Development
3281	Inappropriate Staff Conduct
2415.03	Highly Qualified Teachers
3431.3	NJ Family Leave Insurance Program
4281	Inappropriate Staff Conduct
4431.3	NJ Family Leave Insurance Program

9. Facilities:
 - a. NJQSAC – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that John Sincaglia, County School Business Administrator, conducted a facilities walk through in December.
 - b. The Lincoln sewer line has been repaired, the PODS removed and a new shed installed.
 - c. TJ Conference Room – Dr. Tierney informed the Board there was a leak in room over the conference room.
 - d. Trees – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that several trees were removed near the Administration Building.

10. Negotiations:
 - a. Fact finding is set for March 31 at 4:00pm.

11. Legislative Updates:
 - a. A-3228 – Provides that tuition assistance or additional compensation for graduate degree provided under employment contracts for certain school district administrators may only be provided if degree is conferred by accredited institution.
 - b. A-3472 Establishes a permanent Inter-district Public School Choice Program.
 - c. A-3671 Requires certain conditions be met in order for school districts to provide their employees with tuition assistance for coursework or additional compensation upon acquisition of academic credits or completion of a degree program.
 - d. A-4270 Establishes New Jersey Special Education and Traumatic Brain Injury Task Force.

VI. Comments from the Public

Carol Coulther asked if Jim Gamble could bring someone in for special education.

VII. 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 December 2009 Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports.
4. Recommend approval of the December 2009 Cafeteria Checking Account Reconciliation and Cafeteria Account Reconciliation Report.
5. Recommend approval of the minutes from the December 8th and 15th, 2009 Board of Education meetings.

POLICY

1. Recommend approval of the 2010-2011 School Calendar.

CURRICULUM

1. Recommend approval of the attached Travel Expenditure/Professional Day requests.
2. Recommend approval of the attached field trip requests.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE

1. 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. (McNally/Rogers)

PERSONNEL

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a contract with Teresa Rehman as Assistant Principal of the Thomas Jefferson School/ District Technology Coordinator effective January 16, 2010 through June 30, 2010 at an annual salary of \$90,000.00.

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Bill Meehan, District Technology Assistant to work 30 hours per week effective January 16, 2010 through June 30, 2010 at an hourly rate of \$25.63.

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Sandy Patamia to work 6 hours per week in the Accounts Payable Department effective January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

This resolution was tabled.

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Kathryn Koppanyi 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/Fuentes)

X. Information

1. Family Math - January 6, 2010
2. District Professional Development Committee – January 14, 2010
3. Special Board meeting – January 16, 2010
4. Teacher In-service Day (No School for students) – January 18, 2010
5. Facilities Solution Meeting – January 19, 2010
6. NJQSAC monitoring – January 28, 2010
7. End of Second Marking Period – January 29, 2010

XI. Executive 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 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 8:50pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (Lugo/Fuentes)

Motion to Return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 9:26 p.m. (McNally/Rogers)

X. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 9:27 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (McNally/Rogers)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary