

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
January 28, 2010**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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, Debra McNally, Tim Rogers and President, Eileen Haynes.
Board Members Absent: Vice President, Ruben Fuentes

VI. Discussion Item

The Board discussed the proposed 2010-2011 budget.

V. Comments from the Public

Joanne Morena asked about revenues and expenses. Mr. Hurley responded.

Ruth Champagne asked when teacher's negotiations will be over. Dr. Tierney said he doesn't know, but the next meeting is March 31.

Ruth Champagne asked if administration is getting a raise in 10-11. Dr. Tierney said yes, they are getting a 2% increase.

Ruth Champagne then discussed self contained special education and three first grades.

Russ Grueter spoke about the life of a school bus and asked how old the district busses are. Mr. Hurley said the oldest is a 2004.

Leanne Pratt spoke about pay to play music programs and clubs.

John Wojotaszek commended the on the openness of the budget process.

Toni Dennehy asked if parents could do fund raising. Ms. Haynes said yes.

The Board discussed having the budget hearing on March 29 at 3:00 p.m. in the Thomas Jefferson cafeteria.

VI. Closed Session

"The next topic on the agenda relates to litigation, 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 8:26 p.m. in a unanimous roll call vote. (Rogers/Lugo)

VII. Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 8:39 p.m.

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

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:39 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Lugo/Rogers)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary