

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY  
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL LIBRARY  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
February 16, 2010**

**I. Call to Order and Flag Salute**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31p.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. Discussion**

1. Principal's Reports – Ms Alpaugh and Ms. Rehman discussed the events that took place in their school during the month of January.
2. Enrollment – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that as of February 5, 2010 there were 672 students in district.
3. Curriculum and Instruction:
  - a. Haiti Fundraisers – Dr. Tierney discussed the fundraisers that are being conducted by students and faculty.
  - b. NJQSAC Review Letter – Dr. Tierney reviewed the letter from the County Office.
  - c. Family Math – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that the program has been postponed due to a death in the family of a staff member.
4. Facilities:
  - a. Lincoln School – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that the grease trap in the café will need to be replaced.
  - b. 2010-2011 Budget Dr. Tierney informed the Board that he and Mr. Hurley are waiting for State Aid numbers.
5. Terra Novas – Dr. Tierney discussed the Terra Nova exam with the Board.
6. Legislative Updates:
  - a. A-3228 – Dr. Tierney discussed the bill with the Board.

**VI. Comments from the Public**  
None.

**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 January 2010 Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports.
4. Recommend approval of the January 2010 Cafeteria Checking Account Reconciliation and Cafeteria Account Reconciliation Report.
5. Recommend approval of the minutes from the January 12<sup>h</sup>, January 16<sup>th</sup>, January 19<sup>h</sup>, and January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Board of Education meetings.
6. Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Networks & More! Inc. to provide e-mail and e-mail archiving services from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The costs will be \$798.60/year and \$399.30/year, respectively.
7. Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with School World to provide hosting services from July 1, 2010 until June 30, 2011. The cost is \$1,800/ year.
8. Recommend approval to submit the application for the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program Grant Competition prior to the February 26<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**PERSONNEL**

1. Recommend to approve John Ray, Hillary Levine, Mary Everett, Samantha Sheets, and Mihaela Tuluca as substitute teachers for the remainder 2009/2010 school year at a daily rate of \$80.00 per day.

**POLICY**

1. Recommend approval of the Final Readings (see below)

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

2. Recommend approval of the opening of poll times (2:00p.m. until 9:00p.m.) for the April 20, 2010 annual school election pursuant to P.L. 95 C.278.
3. Recommend approval of Wednesday, March 10, 2010 for the drawing of names for positions on the April 20, 2010 election ballot pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:60-8. The drawing will be held at 3:30pm in the office of the Thomas Jefferson School Principal.

4. Recommend approval of March 29, 2010 as the public hearing date for the proposed 2010-2011 school budget. The meeting will be held in the Thomas Jefferson School cafeteria, located at 95 East Main Street in Rockaway New Jersey and begin at 3:00 p.m.

#### **CURRICULUM**

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

#### **VIII. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to apply for a waiver granting the board permission to not participate in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI). Based on the revenue projections provided by the Department of Education, it would not be financial sound for the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to participate in SEMI.

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with Catapult Learning to provide services to students with disabilities in the non-public schools to be paid from IDEIA ARRA. This contract will begin February 9, 2010 and end June 30, 2010.

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to submit IDEIA ARRA Amendment Application #2 to the New Jersey Department of Education.

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

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

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

#### **IX. Comments from the Public**

None.

#### **X. Information**

1. Reminder that School Board Election petitions are due in the board office by 4:00 PM on Monday, March 1, 2010.

#### **XI. Executive Session**

"The next topic on the agenda relates to litigation and the 2010-2011 proposed budget, 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 8:11pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Rogers)

**Motion to Return to Open Session**

A motion was approved to return to open session at 8:57 p.m. (Haynes/Lugo)

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 9:01 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Rogers/Fuentes)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary