

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
WORK SESSION MEETING
MARCH 9, 2010**

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 President, Eileen Haynes.

Board Members Absent: Vice President, Ruben Fuentes

Administration Present: Superintendent of Schools, Patrick Tierney, Lincoln School Principal, Phyllis Alpaugh, Thomas Jefferson School Principal, Teresa Rehman.

IV. Board Secretary Pro-Temp

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to appoint Dr. Patrick Tierney as the Board Secretary, pro-temp, to preside over the March 9, 2010 Board Meeting.

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

V. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Dr. Tierney informed the Board that March 26, 2010 was not noted as a half day on the school calendar.
 - b. Reminder – There is an additional Board Meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 18, 2010.
2. Enrollment – Dr. Tierney informed the Board we currently have 675 students.
3. Curriculum and Instruction
 - a. Professional Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 18.
 - b. Thomas Jefferson Distinguished Scholar Induction Ceremony is in May 2010.
4. Personnel
 - a. Dr. Tierney informed the Board that 58 employees received RICE Letters and on March 15, all employees will receive them.
 - b. Custodial Evaluation – Dr. Tierney discussed the new custodian evaluation with the Board. Dr. Tierney added he shared the evaluation with the RBEA Co-Presidents as well.
5. Finance
 - a. Budget 2010-2011 – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that there is a chance that the 2010-2011 budget will be capped at a 0% tax levy increase and a 15% reduction in State Aid.

- b. Spending Freeze is in place for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.

- 6. Policy
 - a. First Readings – Dr. Tierney discussed the policies that will be approved for a first reading.
 - b. Abolishing - Dr. Tierney discussed the policies that will be abolished.

- 7. Facilities
 - a. Lincoln School
 - Sewer line repairs to begin on March 29.
 - Grease trap cleaning March 31
 - Mr. Hurley is currently looking into getting the gym floor refinished.
 - b. Thomas Jefferson
 - Mr. Hurley is collecting prices for a new steam table.
 - Grease trap cleaning March 31
 - c. Administration Building
 - Roof repairs should be done by March 31, weather permitting.

- 8. Negotiations – Fact finding is set for March 31, 2010 at 4:00pm.

- 9. Legislative Update
 - a. S2 – Pension Reform
 - b. S3 – New Health Insurance Regulations
 - c. S4 – Sick Leave Caps
 - d. Life of a school bus

- 10. Principal's Reports
Dr. Tierney and Ms. Rehman discussed the past month's events.

VI. Comments from the Public

Ms. Coulther asked about the custodian evaluation.

Ms. Rich asked if a budget presentation will be provided to the staff.

Ms. Aragona supports a full time nurse.

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 February 2010 Cafeteria Account Reconciliation and the Cafeteria Checking Account Report.
- 4. Recommend approval of the minutes from the February 9th and February 16th, 2010 Board of Education Meetings.
- 5. Recommend approval of the attached Travel Expenditure/Professional Day requests.

Policy

1. Recommend approval of the First Readings of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
8420.7	Lockdown
2460.16	Special Education Instructional Material to Blind
2460.8	Special Education Free Appropriate
2460.9	Special Education Transition from Early Intervention
6471	School District Travel
6111	Special Education Medicaid Initiative Program (SEMI)
5533	Pupil Smoking
5338	Diabetes Management
1570	Internal Controls
6660	Student Activity Fund
6471	School District Travel
6360	Political Contributions
5512	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
2631	NJQSAC
2467	Surrogate Parents
1620	Administrative Employment Contracts
0172	Legal services
0142	Nepotism
0177	Professional Services
9700	Special Interest Groups
8461	Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Alcohol and other Drug Abuse
7434	Smoking on School Grounds
3159	Teaching Staff Members/School District Reporting Responsibilities

2. Recommend abolishing the following policies:

Policy #	Title
8464	Missing Children
2460.5	Special Education – Participation in State Wide Testing
2460.10	Special Education – Maintenance, Access to and Confidentiality of Pupil Records
2460.14	Special Education – In Service Training
0147	Board Member Compensation and Expenses
0147A	Board Member Compensation and Expenses

Curriculum

1. Recommend approval of the attached Field Trip requests.

VIII. Resolutions

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Barbara Gutkin as an emergent hire as a Long Term Substitute LDTC at a per diem rate of \$250.00 per day 2 days per week, effective March 12th.

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the following bids for the repair of the Administration Building roof, pursuant to 18A: 18A-3, Public School Contract Law.

Joseph David Roofing - \$3,248
Vitiello Roofing – Did not submit
Weatherproofing Technology - \$4,765

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to award the contract for the repair of the Administration Building roof to Joseph David Roofing in the amount of \$3,248, pursuant to 18A: 18A- 37.

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

IX. Information

1. The students that received High Honor Roll for the second marking period will be attending the March 16th Board of Education Meeting.
2. Public Hearing on the Budget – Monday, March 29, 2010 @ 3:00pm
Superintendent’s Roundtable on the Budget – Monday, March 29, 2010 @ 7:30pm
3. Home Language Survey – Kindergarten Registration, Pre-K Registration, all new students
4. Approval of State Aide Adjustment
5. Submission of the application for the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program Grant Competition
6. Upcoming Events
3/10 – 3/12 Parent Teacher Conferences
3/12 – Thomas Jefferson Celebrating Pi Day
3/23 - Math Day at MHHS (7th and 8th graders)
3/31/10 – Fact Finding
4/7 – Court – Settlement Hearing
7. Budget Presentation Calendar
4/7 – Home & School
TBD – Mayor and CFO
TBD – Original Seniors
4/8 – Borough Council
4/15 – Super Seniors
4/23 - Staff

X. Motion to Enter into Closed Session

"The next topic on the agenda relates personnel and 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 personnel and litigation, 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 8:13 p.m. in a unanimous roll call vote. (Haynes/McNally)

XI. Motion to Return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 9:11 p.m.

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

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 9:13 p.m. to adjourn for the evening.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Tierney
Board Secretary, Pro Temp