

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
MARCH 16, 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 and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

IV. High Honor Roll

Ms. Rehman and Dr. Tierney awarded High Honor Roll Certificates.

V. Superintendent's Report

1. Enrollment – Dr. Tierney discussed enrollment.

2. Budget Presentation Calendar

3/29/10 - Public Hearing @ 3pm – TJ Cafeteria

3/29/10 - Superintendent's Roundtable (Additional Public Hearing) @ 7:30pm – TJ Cafeteria

4/7/10 - Home and School Association

4/8/10 - Borough Council

4/8/10 – Original Seniors

4/15/10 - Super Seniors

TBD - Mayor and CFO

VI. Comments from the Public

None.

VII. Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 9th and February 16th, 2010 Board of Education Meetings.

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

VIII. Certification of Line Item Status

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. Approval of Transfers

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers.

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

X. Bills List

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

March 2010 \$792,812.86

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

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

XI. Committee Reports

A. Finance

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Cafeteria Checking Account and Cafeteria Reconciliation Reports for February 2010

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 a Child Study Team request for student #204 to receive five hours of home instruction per week for 90 additional days at an hourly rate of \$35.27 per hour.

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 the attached Professional Development/Travel Expenditure requests.

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

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education 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.

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

5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education 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.

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

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. (Lugo/McNally)

C. Policy

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following policies and regulations for the first reading:

Policy #	Title
0142	Nepotism
0174	Legal services
0177	Professional Services
R1570/1570	Internal Controls
1620	Administrative Employment Contracts
R2460.16	Special Education Instructional Material to Blind
R2460.8	Special Education Free Appropriate
R2460.9	Special Education Transition from Early Intervention
2467	Surrogate Parents
2631	NJQSAC
3159	Teaching Staff Members/School District Reporting Responsibilities
R5338/5338	Diabetes Management
5512	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
R5533/5533	Pupil Smoking
6111	Special Education Medicaid Initiative Program (SEMI)
6360	Political Contributions
R6471/6471	School District Travel
6660	Student Activity Fund
7434	Smoking on School Grounds
R8420.7	Lockdown
8461	Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Alcohol and other Drug Abuse
9700	Special Interest Groups

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the first reading to abolish the following policies:

Policy #	Title
0147	Board Member Compensation and Expenses
0147A	Board Member Compensation and Expenses
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
8464	Missing Children

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

XII. Information

1. Board Self Evaluation
2. Superintendent’s Evaluation
3. March 26th – ½ Day of School
4. March 29th – April 5th- Spring Break
5. First Assembly of God will be using the TJ gym on Sundays for the next 11-14 months.
6. Fire Door Project – Mr. Hurley informed the Board that seven bids have been received to date.
7. Dr. Tierney discussed the potential State Aid reduction.

XIII. Comment from the Public

Ruth Champagne asked what “The Last Best Offer” was. Dr. Tierney explained.

XIV. Motion to Enter into 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 personnel, 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 8:03 p.m. in a unanimous roll call vote. (Rogers/Lugo)

XV. Motion to Return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 8:48 p.m.

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

XVI. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:49 p.m. to adjourn for the evening.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary