

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
SPECIAL SESSION MEETING
MARCH 29, 2010**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 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.

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, Dr. Patrick Tierney and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

IV. Comments from the Public

None.

V. Budget Presentation

Dr. Tierney discussed the proposed 2010-2011 Rockaway Borough Board of Education School Budget.

VI. Approval and Submittal of Tentative 2010-2011 School Budget

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the 2010-2011 school district budget for submission to the voters as follows:

General Fund	\$7,203,438
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	\$ 90,000
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 399,210
Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Budget	\$7,692,648

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rockaway Borough Board of Education acknowledges that the 2010-2011 budget as describes above results in a total tax levy of \$6,766,947; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rockaway Borough Board of Education approves a cap adjustment due to the loss of State Aid in the amount of \$64, 448; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following capital project for the 2010-2011 school year:

Funded through a Capital Reserve Withdrawal	
Replacement of Fire Doors at the Lincoln School	\$90,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rockaway Borough Board of Education approves the appropriation of \$100,000 from surplus, to help offset the tax increase;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the school district Policy 9250, Expenses and Reimbursement, and NJAC 6A:23A-7.3, provide that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2010-11 school year.

That the District Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2010-11 school year not to exceed \$26,000 and that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded. To date, \$366.58 has been spent in the 2009-2010 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23A-5.2(a)1, the Rockaway Borough Board of Education establishes in the 2010-2011 school budget the following maximum expenditures professional services for the 2010-2011 school year:

Legal Services	\$10,000
Auditing Services	\$16,500
Architectural Services	\$10,000
Negotiator	\$10,000
Strauss Esmay	\$2,500
ABA Services	\$34,000
Occupational and Physical Therapy Services	\$37,000
Medical/Psychiatric Evaluation Services	\$4,500

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

VII. Old Business

None.

VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Comments from the Public

The budget, class size and health insurance was discussed.

Maryanne Kawiecki asked if sharing a Child Study Team with Morris Hills would provide lesser degree of service. Dr. Tierney said no.

X. Motion to Enter into Closed Session

"The next topic on the agenda relates personnel and negotiations, 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 negotiations, 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 4:09 p.m. in a unanimous roll call vote. (Lugo/Rogers)

XI. Motion to Return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 4:40 p.m.

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

XII. Superintendent's Evaluation

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the 2009-2010 Superintendent's evaluation.

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

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 4:43 p.m. to adjourn for the evening.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary