

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
WORK SESSION MEETING
APRIL 13, 2010**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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, Vice President, Ruben Fuentes and Board President, Eileen Haynes.

Board Members Absent: N/A

Administration Present: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patrick Tierney, and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

Dr. Tierney thanked Ruben Fuentes for his years of service as a Board Member.

IV. Discussion

1. Principal's Reports – Ms. Alpaugh and Ms. Rehman reviewed the events in their schools.
2. Enrollment – There are currently 673 students enrolled.
3. Curriculum:
 - a. Dr. Tierney reminded the Board that NJASK testing will begin on April 27.
 - b. Dr. Tierney informed the Board that the Reading Recovery Program Training will no longer be held in Bridgewater-Raritan School District.
 - c. Dr. Tierney informed the Board that the Social Studies Olympiad will be held at Morris Hills this year.
4. Policy – Dr. Tierney discussed policy changes.
5. Facilities:
 - a. House Trap at the Lincoln School – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that the trap has been fixed.
 - b. White House Roof – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that the roof has been repaired.
 - c. Lincoln School Gym Floor – Mr. Hurley informed the Board that he is gathering quotes for the resurfacing of the floor.
 - d. Lincoln School Fire Doors – Mr. Hurley distributed and discussed a letter from Kellen Chapin, District Architect, about the project. Mr. Hurley told the Board the base bid and Alternate one and two are for the installation of the fire doors, alternate three is for the hold opens on the doors and alternate four was for the replacement of some classrooms doors. Mr. Hurley recommended accepting the base bid and alternates one, two and three. The price for the before mentioned items are \$86,805. The resolution shall be approved at the April 27 Board Meeting.

6. Personnel– Dr. Tierney discussed the retirement of Carol Johnson, Peggy Wah and the resignation of Tom Thein.
7. Legislation – Dr. Tierney updated the Board on pending legislation.
8. Negotiations – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that the RBEA has agreed to make concessions.

V. Comments from the Public

Ms. Joyce Freimuth asked what kind of concessions the RBEA made. Dr. Tierney reminded everyone that he cannot discuss the concessions.

VI. 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 and March 2010 Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports.
4. Recommend approval of the March 2010 Cafeteria Checking Account Reconciliation and Cafeteria Account Reconciliation Report.
5. Recommend approval of the minutes from the March 9th, March 16th, March 18th and March 29th, 2010 Board of Education meetings.
6. Recommend approval of the attached Travel Expenditure/Professional Day requests.
7. Recommend approval to enter into contract with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2010-2011 school year to provide nonpublic nursing services to St. Cecelia, Sacred Heart and the Kiddie Academy. Funds to be provided by the Non-Public Nursing State Aid.

POLICY

1. Recommend approval of the Second 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 second reading to abolish 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.

VII. Resolutions

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to submit the IDEIA ARRA Amendment #3 application to the NJDOE.

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to submit the NCLB Amendment #2 application to the NJDOE.

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Maryanne Medore and Kathleen Kalena as Family Math Instructors with each receiving a \$300/year stipend.

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, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Carol Johnson, for the purpose of retirement effective July 1, 2010.

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

5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Margaret Wah, for the purpose of retirement effective July 1, 2010.

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

VIII. Information

- 2011 School Election Date changed to April 27th due to Passover
- Fact Finding Session – 3/31/10
- Board of Education Self Evaluation
- 2010 Comparative Spending Guide
- 2010 Baseball/Softball Schedule
- Mr. Hurley read a thank you note from the First Assembly of God for the use of the gymnasium on Sundays.

IX. New Business

None.

X. Old Business

None.

VIII. Closed Session

"The next topic on the agenda relates to 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 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 8:03 p.m. in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Rogers)

IX. Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 8:59 p.m.

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

X. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 9:02 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