

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCIENCE LAB
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 21, 2011**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 6:02p.m.by Board President, Tim Rogers.

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: Eileen Haynes, Laura Lugo, Christa Smith, Vice President, Debbie McNally and President, Tim Rogers.

Board Members Absent: N/A

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

IV. Comments from the Public

None.

V. Resolutions

A. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve items # 1-10.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached staff assignment for the 2011-2012 school year.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to re-hire Natisha McKown as a guidance counselor (a previously eliminated position) for the Rockaway Borough School District, on Step MA-30-5 of the Teacher's Guide at an annual rate of \$50,640.00, effective July 1, 2011 until June 30, 2012.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Jamie Argenziano to do LAL curriculum writing at an hourly rate of \$35.98 not to exceed 40 hours.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Sally Snelson to do Math curriculum writing at an hourly rate of \$35.98 not to exceed 40 hours.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve, with regret, the resignation of Mr. James Golden effective June 30, 2011.

6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Cynthia O'Brien as an LAL Teacher at Thomas Jefferson School for the 2011-2012 school year. Mrs. O'Brien will be placed on Step BA-4 of the teachers guide at an annual rate of \$45,240.00.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Alise McGeehan as an LAL Teacher at Thomas Jefferson School for the 2011-2012 school year. Ms. McGeehan will be placed on Step BA-1 of the teachers guide at an annual rate of \$44,550.00.
8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve an increase for Sandy Patamia to 5.5 hours per day as Accounts Payable Clerk effective June 22, 2011 through August 31, 2011 at a rate of \$16.16 per hour.
9. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Kathryn McGee as an LAL Teacher at Thomas Jefferson School for the 2011-2012 school year. Mrs. McGee will be placed on Step BA-1 of the teachers guide at an annual rate of \$44,550.00.
10. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached professional development requests.

VI. Old Business

None.

VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Discussion Items

- a. Retention Policy - The Board discussed the retention policy. Ms. McNally noted that at the June 14, 2011 Board of Education Meeting, the Board was told that there will be six retentions in first grade. This was false, there are going to be three.
- b. ESL - The Board discussed the ESL program.
- c. Volunteer Security Checks - The Board discussed the security checks. Ms. McNally pointed out that administration should notify all volunteers of the security checks as soon as possible.

X. Comments from the Public

Ms. Yobs asked if the Board was looking to hire a new G&T teacher. Dr. Tierney said yes. Ms. Yobs asked if Indira Brcvak is going to resign. Dr. Tierney said he was told she was, but still has not received a letter. Carol Coulther asked if there will be mentors for the new hires. Dr. Tierney responded.

XI. 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 6:31pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Smith)

XII. Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 6:46p.m.

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

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 6:47 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Haynes/Lugo)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary