

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Regular Public Meeting
Thomas Jefferson School
January 19, 2012

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.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 Board President, Tim Rogers

Board Member Absent: N/A

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

IV. Superintendent's Report

1. Principal's Reports – Ms. Alpaugh discussed the events that took place in the Lincoln School and Dr. Tierney discussed the events that took place at Thomas Jefferson School during the past month.
2. Pre-school Tuition – The Board discussed the tuition prices for the 2012-2013 school year. They decided to charge \$2,500 for parents living in district and \$9,500 for schools looking to send students here.
3. Nurse's Reports - Dr. Tierney discussed the nurse's reports.
4. Enrollment – Current student enrollment is 663.
5. Legislative Updates – Dr. Tierney discussed changing the election date to November and the Urban Hope Act.
5. School Calendar – The Board discussed the 2012-2013 school calendar.
6. Facilities – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that both boilers in the Lincoln School went down and needed emergency repairs. Due to the age of the boilers, it was recommended to have both repaired at the same time.
Dr. Tierney explained due to the costs of repairs to the boilers and unanticipated special education tuition, Mr. Hurley will send an email about a spending freeze to the staff.
7. Board to Board Meeting –Dr. Tierney informed the Board that Jim Jencarelli, Superintendent Morris Hills Regional, asked if the Board would like to attend a Board to Board Meeting on January 24. No one was available.
8. NJQSAC – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that Eleanor Jaick will be in district on January 27 to discuss how the district can earn more points in the curriculum section of NJQSAC.
9. Hall of Fame – Ms. Alpaugh reported that there were no new applications.
10. American Diplomas Project – Dr. Tierney discussed.
11. Michelle Lockwood – Dr. Tierney asked if our staff would perform a presentation at the NJ Council for Inclusive Education summer conference. The presentation is related to the positive behavior support program that was created and implemented in the Rockaway Borough Schools this year.

12. Race to the Top – Dr. Tierney discussed the Grant.
13. EVVR – Dr. Tierney reviewed the report.

V. Comments from the Public

Carol Coulther asked if Dr. Tierney would notify the RBEA of any decision he makes. Dr. Tierney said yes.

VI. Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2011 Rockaway Borough Board of Education meeting.

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

VII. Approval of Budget Transfers

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers.

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

VIII. Certification of Major Account and Line Item Status

Motion to approve the Major Account and Line Item Status.

This item was tabled.

IX. Approval of the Manifest Bills

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

January - \$698,214.73

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

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

X. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items #1-2 and 4-7.

Item number three was tabled.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the pre-school tuition rate for the 2012-2013 school year as \$2,500.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the out of district preschool tuition rate at \$9,500 for the 2012-2013 school year.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for December 2011.

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Cafeteria Checking Account and Cafeteria Reconciliation Reports for December 2011.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to designate Joseph P. Hurley Jr. as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 17:27-3.3(a).
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached Professional Development/Travel Expenditures.
7. WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group (NJSBAIG) Board of Trustees approved proposed amendments to its Bylaws at a public meeting on October 19, 2011 in accordance with Article IX(C) of the current NJSBIG Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the current NJSBAIG Bylaws require for the proposed amendments to be approved by member school districts; and

WHEREAS, seventy-five (3/4) of the member school districts must approve the proposed amendments within one hundred eighty (180) days of the hearing on the amendments:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that at a regular meeting of the Rockaway Borough Board of Education held on January 19, 2012, the Rockaway Borough Board of Education does hereby approve the proposed amendments to the NJSBAG bylaws.

B. Policy

Dr. Tierney and the Board discussed item number four.

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Policy Items #1 and 3-5. Item number two was tabled.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report dated January 19, 2012 for incident number 29.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the school calendar for the 2012-2013 school year.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the Violence and Vandalism Report for September 1, 2011 through present.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following policies and regulations for a final reading:

Policy #	Title
0142	Board Member Qualifications
0168	Recording Board Meetings
2431.4	Prevention and Treating of Sports Related Concussions and Head Injuries
3230	Outside Activities
5519	Dating Violence at School
6472	Emergency Contracts
6472	Tuition Assistance

8505	School Nutrition
8670.01	Parental Transportation Out of District Placements
9180	School Volunteers
9181	Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co Curricular Activity Advisors
R2431.4	Prevention and Treatment of Sports Related Concussions and Head Injuries
R5519	Dating Violence at School

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

4123	Probationary Period
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C. Personnel

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel Items #1-7.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve with regret the resignation of Lisette Marrero for the purpose of caring for her grandchild, effective January 23, 2012.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a maternity leave for Mrs. Janay Revis. Starting April 9, 2012, Mrs. Revis will begin utilizing her accumulated sick days until they are exhausted. Once all accumulated sick days are exhausted, she will begin her 12 weeks of FMLA. Mrs. Revis will remain on maternity leave through September 1, 2013.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the termination of Mr. Dave Ciccotti effective upon completion of the day on Friday, February 17, 2012.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Nicole Macera as a playground aide for three hours and fifteen minutes per day, five days per week at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Susan Milite as the maternity leave replacement for Mrs. Argenziano, Reading Specialist, for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, effective 2/17/12. Ms. Milite will be paid at a per diem rate of \$240.81.
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the emergent hire of Dominick Patamia. Mr. Patamia will serve as the evening custodian at the Lincoln School beginning January 23, 2012 and will be placed on step C-6 at an annual salary of \$35,620 with an additional \$500.00 stipend for a Black Seal License to be payable in June.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Debra Shatynski, Tina Hart, Jesus Barbosa, Lauren Schweizer, Ariel Auriemma, Bhavana Chopra, Christopher Dally, Lianne Vivian, Marilyn Horowitz and Courtney Smith as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2011-2012 School Year at a rate of \$80.00 per day.

D. Curriculum

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Curriculum Items # 1-2.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the 5 year Curriculum Review and Textbook Replacement Plan.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached field trip requests.

XII. Old Business

Dr. Tierney and Mr. Hurley discussed the serving of fruit juice at lunch.

XIII. New Business

Mr. Hurley distributed and briefly reviewed the first draft of the 2012-2013 school budget.

XIV. Comments from the Public

Ms. Aragona asked if the Board is considering making the Lincoln School Nurse full time next year. Dr. Tierney responded.

XV. Executive Session

The next topic on the agenda relates to student 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 student 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 in a unanimous roll call vote at 9:07pm. (Haynes/McNally)

XVI. Motion to Return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 9:21 p.m. (Haynes/McNally)

XVII. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 9:22 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Haynes/McNally)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary