

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
MAY 19, 2009**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Board President, Russell Perry.

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, Paul Oster, Vice-President, Ruben Fuentes and Board President, Eileen Haynes.

Board Members Absent: N/A

Administration Present: Superintendent of Schools, Emil J. Suarez and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

IV. Presentation of Awards

Mr. Suarez and Rockaway Borough School Board President, Eileen Haynes, presented High Honor Roll Certificates to students.

V. PALS Program Presentation

Ms. Laura Newman and Ms. Lisa Belluzzi discussed the PALS program with the Board.

VI. Long Range Facilities Plan

Mr. Kellen Chapin reviewed the Plan with the Board.

VII. Superintendent's Report

1. Enrollment – We currently have 671 students.
2. Curriculum and Instruction
 - a. NJQSAC – Mr. Suarez told the Board that he needs to set up a committee meeting to discuss the process.
 - b. 8th Grade graduation on Friday, June 19 and will be held at Morris Hills.
 - c. Mr. Suarez informed the Board that the 8th grade students did their Washington Projects today.
3. Legislative News
 - a. Stimulus Funding – Mr. Suarez discussed the amount the Board is eligible for and the application process.
 - b. Consolidation Task Force – Mr. Suarez discussed the meeting that took place on May 14.
 - c. Deferral of State Aide – Mr. Suarez discussed the deferral of the June State Aid payment. Mr. Suarez pointed out that most districts will not receive any State Aid until July.
4. Facilities
 - a. Facilities Review Committee – The next meeting on Thursday, May 21 at 7:00pm.
 - b. Mr. Suarez and Mr. Hurley discussed the damage to the two school busses.
5. Other Items
 - a. H1N1 – Mr. Suarez informed the Board that there have been no confirmed cases in Morris County, but our nurses are still continuing to monitor the situation.

VIII. Discussion Items

1. Board and District Goals – This item was not discussed.
2. Modular Classroom – Mr. Suarez told the Board that Ms. Marsh and Ms. Leslie are enthusiastic about moving.
Marybeth Dellova thinks the children will feel separated from the other kids if they are in the modular.

Maryann Kawiecki asked if it would be possible to get a fence around the play area. Mr. Hurley will look into pricing.

Ruth Champagne likes the idea of the pre-school and kindergarten moving into the modular and asked if the Board is still going to have a canopy installed. Mr. Hurley said he is still gathering quotes.

Mary Leslie like the idea of moving pre-school and kindergarten into the modular.

Ms. McNally asked if stimulus money can be used to upgrade computers. Mr. Suarez will look into that and advise the Board.

Mr. Fuentes stated that if Ms. Marsh and Ms Leslie want to be outside they will make it work out.

Mr. Oster asked what the final cost refitting the modular would be. Mr. Hurley said to divide the classroom and add the bathroom costs \$37,200. Mr. Hurley added he would have to get quotes for the fence and that he cannot say the prices for a roof that he has received until all quotes are in his possession.

Sally Mastras asked what will the Board do when the State mandates a full day kindergarten program. Mr. Suarez told her that is what all included in the Long Range Facility Plan that Mr. Chapin discussed earlier.

Ms. McNally likes the preschool there because they will always be supervised.

Ms. Lugo likes the idea and said it costs less than the others.

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the alteration of the modular which will include remodeling the modular to make it two classrooms and the installation of an ADA Compliant Bathroom. The total cost will be \$37,200.

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

3. District Auditor – Mr. Hurley informed the Board that he met with Vincent Montanino and discussed the new section of the audit report he will be preparing. Mr. Hurley said will do the items and will ask Mr. Montanino to submit a written proposal reflecting the reduced price of \$16,100.

VII. Comments from the Public

Carol Rodgers asked how many students are enrolled in the Gifted and Talented program. Mr. Suarez said about 40. Ms. Rodgers then asked why we are looking to bring the Gifted and Talented teacher back. Ms. McNally said because it is required by the State. Ms. Rodgers asked if the stimulus money can be used on the other 600 students. Ms. McNally said it can only be used on special education.

VIII. Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 14 and April 18, 200 meetings of the Rockaway Borough Board of Education.

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

IX. Approval of the Manifest Bills

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

May 2009 \$423,546.97

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. (Lugo/Fuentes)

X. Approval of Budget Transfers

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers.

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

XI. Certification of Major Account and 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/Fuentes)

XII. Committee Reports

A. Finance

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for April 2009.

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve April 2009 Cafeteria Checking and Cafeteria Reconciliation Reports.

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2009-2010 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.

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

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve submission of the 2008-2009 REBEL2 Grant to the Willow Tree Center for grant period 9/2/08 – 6/12/09.

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

5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept \$1,000 from the REBEL2 Grant.

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

6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with Honeywell Building Solutions to provide monitoring of the heating system for the 2009 – 2010 school year. The cost is \$2,647.

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

7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a tuition in the amount of \$250.00 for regular education students who attend the summer Pre-School Inclusion Program at the Lincoln School.

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

8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request to provide 10 hours of home instruction per week for approximately two to four weeks at an hourly rate of \$35.27 to non-public school student #202.

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

9. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with South Jersey Energy, through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES), for electric generation and electric related services, from May 2009 – May 2011. This will result in a 13% savings over PSE&G.

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

10. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the minutes from the March 10, 19, 26 and 31, 2009 Board of Education Meeting.

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (Fuentes/Oster)
Laura Lugo and Debra McNally abstained.

11. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached professional development request.

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

B. Policy

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

Regulation # 5320 Immunizations
Regulation # 8420.7 Lockdown Procedures
Regulation # 5512 Harassment
Regulation # 2460.1 Special Education

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following 2009-2010 summer hires and assignments. All teachers will receive one-hour of prep time per week for summer assignments. Final hourly rates for assignments will be adjusted accordingly at the completion of negotiations.

Type	Total # of days	Hours per day	Grade Levels	Dates
Pre-K Inclusion	24	2.5	Pre-K	6/22-7/31
PALS Program	30	3.5	Pre-K, K, 1	6/22-7/31
Extended School Year (2)	30	3.5	Grades 1-8	6/22-7/31
ESL Program	10	4	K-8	8/17-8/28
Enrichment Programs (5)	15	3	Grades 1-8	8/3-8/21

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the re-registration of all district students entering grades three or six during the 2009-2010 school year.

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

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following NJQSAC District Performance Review Committee as appointed by the Superintendent of Schools:

Emil Suarez	Superintendent
Joseph Hurley	Business Administrator
Pat Tierney	Thomas Jefferson Middle School Principal
Phyllis Alpaugh	Lincoln School Principal
Vicki Laib	Secretary to the Superintendent
Sandy Patamia	Accounts Receivable Clerk
Eileen Haynes	President, Board of Education
Debra McNally	Member, Board of Education
Dave Waxman	K-8 Art Teacher
Michel Secula	Sixth Grade LAL Teacher
Sally Snelson	Eighth Grade Math Teacher
MaryAnn Medore	Second Grade Teacher
Dodi Yobs	Kindergarten Teacher
Carol Coulther	Association Co-President
Kathy Stanton	Association Co-President

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

C. Personnel

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following summer school positions for the 2009/2010 school year. Summer school teachers will also receive one hour of paid prep time per week.

Name	Position	Hours per day	Days	Hourly Rate
Denise Glenn	Summer Enrichment	3	15	\$35.27
Jennifer Matschke	Summer Enrichment	3	15	\$35.27
Sharon Izzo	Summer Enrichment	3	15	\$35.27
Maryann Medore	Summer Enrichment	3	15	\$35.27
Susan Milite	Summer Enrichment	3	15	\$35.27
Bob Kamenetz	Extended School Yr. – TJ	3.5	30	\$35.27
Carol Coulther	Extended School Year - Lincoln	3.5	30	\$35.27
Mary Leslie	Extended School Yr. – Pre-K (Inclusion)	2.5	20	\$35.27
Betty Golden	Extended School Yr	2.5	4	\$35.27
Ceil Crum	PALS Program Extended School Year	3.5	25	\$35.27
Jeanette Murphy	PALS Program Extended School Year	3.5	5	\$35.27
Jeri Hurley	ESL Enrichment Program	4	10	\$35.27
Lisa Belluzzi	Behaviorist Therapist	TBD	30	\$35.27
Lisa Cangelosi	Speech Specialist	TBD	30	\$35.27
Sandy Patamia	Personal Bus Aide	1.75	30	
Marcy Rattay	Personal Bus Aide	2.5	30	\$14.00/hr
Karen Nedo	Shared Personal Aide	3.5	15	\$14.00/hr
Diane Miller	Shared Personal Aide	3.5	30	To be Determined
Kathryn O'Hara	Instructional Aide	3.5	30	\$14.00/hr
Robin Heins	Instructional Aide	2.5	30	To be Determined
Morgan Abrams	Shared Personal/Bus/Substitute Aide	3.0	24	\$14.00/hr

Elizabeth Milite	Instructional Aide	3.5	30	\$14.00/hr
Renee Willard	Shared Personal Aide	3.5	30	\$14.00/hr
Nico Huelsenbeck	Summer Custodial Assistant	7.5	6/22/09-8/30/09	\$9.25/hr
Michael Van Dwyne	Summer Custodial Assistant	7.5	6/30/09-8/30/09	\$9.00/hr
Jeri Hurley	Summer Substitute Teacher	TBD	TBD	TBD
Jackie Dellavalle	Summer Substitute Teacher	TBD	TBD	TBD
Dan Riccio	Summer Substitute Teacher	TBD	TBD	TBD
Bill Meehan	Technology Assistant	3hrs per week	6/30/09-8/30/09	TBD
James Sutton	Summer Custodian	15 hrs per week	6/30/09-8/30/09	TBD
Russ Greuter	Summer Substitute	TBD	TBD	TBD
Trish Iaconetti	Summer Substitute Personal Aide	TBD	TBD	TBD

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Darlene Kotteles as a home instruction teacher at an hourly rate of \$35.27 per hour for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.

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

XIII. Comments from the Public

None.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 9:37 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