

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Regular Public Meeting
Thomas Jefferson School
Room 128
July 10, 2012
7:30pm

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Board President, Christa Smith.

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, Debra McNally, Vice-President, Tim Rogers and Board President, Christa Smith.

Board Member Absent: N/A

Administration Present: Superintendent of Schools/Thomas Jefferson School Principal, Dr. Brian Purzak, Lincoln School Principal, Phyllis Alpaugh, Thomas Jefferson School Assistant Principal, Mark Schwarz, and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

IV. Superintendent's Report

1. Superintendent Transition – Dr. Purzak discussed his transition as well meetings with the staff.
2. Legislative Updates – Dr. Purzak discussed the tenure reform bill and noted it is currently being reviewed by Governor Christie.
3. Interviews/Hiring Status – Dr. Purzak discussed the progress he has made.
4. August Board Meeting Date Change – Dr. Purzak discussed moving the August 14 Board Meeting to August 21. The Board agreed.
5. School District Beautification Project – Ms. Alpaugh discussed the improvements that took place throughout the district.
6. Facilities and Maintenance:
 - a. Lincoln School Playground – Mr. Hurley informed the Board that the construction is almost complete. Mr. Hurley added that he is working on the getting a rail installed on steps.
 - b. Lincoln School Classroom Floors – Mr. Hurley reported that room 211 and art/music room are completed
 - c. Lincoln School Carpets – Mr. Hurley informed the Board that the carpet has been installed in the Lincoln School office.
 - d. Lincoln School Classroom Doors – Mr. Hurley told the Board that the doors are being fabricated and will delivered July 23 or July 30.
7. Dowling Food Prices – Mr. Hurley discussed the recommended increases on food items for the 12-13 school year.

V. Comments from the Public

Carol Coulther asked if we will have a new behaviorist by the beginning of school and if the person will be contracted. Dr. Purzak said yes.

John Wojotaszek asked about the new tenure law. Dr. Purzak responded.

VI. Approval of the Manifest of Bills

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

June Supplemental \$204,696.67

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)

VII. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 7, 8 14 and 22, 2012 meetings of the Rockaway Borough Board of Education.

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

VIII. Approval of Budget Transfers

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers.

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

IX. Approval of the Certification of Major Account, 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/Lugo)

X. Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for June 2012.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Item 1.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request for Educational Services Commission of Morris County to provide speech therapy services for six week extended school year. Speech Therapist will work 3 days per week, 4 hours per day effective 6/25/2012 – 8/3/2012 at contracted rate of \$96.00/hour.

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items 2-5.

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a contract with Protective Measures for the purpose of providing fire alarm monitoring, inspections, testing and maintenance for the 2012-2013 school years. The cost is \$1,902.00 per school per year.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to increase the price of the school lunch to \$2.45 for students and \$2.95 for adults for the 2012-2013 school year.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept a grant in the amount of \$14,548.00 from the New Jersey Department of Education. These funds are to be used to support the implementation of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached Professional Development/Travel Expenditure requests.

B. PERSONNEL

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel Item 1-5.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Nate Stevens as a Part Time Custodian for the 2012-2013 school year for 3 hour/ day, 5 day/week beginning upon receipt of Criminal History Review Approval. Mr. Stevens will be placed on Step C-2 of the Custodian guide at an hourly rate of \$15.68.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to hire Mihaela Tuluca as a Maternity Leave teacher for the 2nd grade for the 2012 – 2013 school year on step MA Step 1 of the teacher’s salary guide at a salary of \$48,150.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Denise Jacobus and Christine Aragona to provide nurse related services for the remainder of the ESY at an hourly rate of \$35.98(to be adjusted upon the completion of negotiations) not to exceed a total of 88 hours.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Brian Walls as a summer custodian at an hourly rate of \$9.00 per hour. Mr. Walls will be employed no more than 7.5 hours per day/5 days per week from receipt of Criminal History Review Approval through August 30, 2012.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Evan O’Brien as a summer custodian at an hourly rate of \$9.00 per hour. Mr. O’Brien will be employed no more than 7.5 hours per day/5 days per week from receipt of Criminal History Review Approval through August 30, 2012.

C. Curriculum

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Curriculum Item 1.

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached Field Trip requests.

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

D. Policy

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Policy Item 1.

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached Job Description for the Vice Principal/District Curriculum Coordinator.

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

E. Addendum Items

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Addendum Item 1 and 2.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Teresa Rehman's resignation from the Rockaway Borough School district effective Friday, July 6 2012.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Patrick Tierney resignation from the Rockaway Borough School district effective Friday, June 30 2012 at 11:59pm.

XII. Old Business

None.

XIII. New Business

None.

XIV. Closed Session

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I move that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of 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 7:47pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Haynes)

XV. Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 8:15p.m.

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

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:16 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (McNally/Lugo)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
School Business Administrator/

Board Secretary

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ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
Room 128
MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION
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I. Motion to Enter Closed Session

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The motion was approved at 7:47pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Haynes)

Ms. Alpaugh was present.

II. Discussion

The Board and Ms. Alpaugh discussed an incident involving a staff member.

Ms. Alpaugh left at 7:58pm.

Dr. Purzak informed the Board that he has not received an approved contract from the County Office.

Dr. Purzak informed the Board that he received a letter from the mediator asking for dates to meet. The board's negotiators discussed dates they are available.

III. Motion to Return to Open Session

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Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary