

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Regular Public Meeting
Rockaway Borough Community Center
July 20, 2009

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

Board Member Absent: Debbie McNally

Administration Present: Superintendent of Schools, Emil J. Suarez, Thomas Jefferson School Principal, Patrick Tierney and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

IV. Discussion Items

1. Board and District Goals – Mr. Suarez and the Board discussed Board and District Goals for the 2009 – 2010 school year.
2. Stimulus Funding – Mr. Suarez discussed the possibility of using the funding for special education aides and professional development.
3. Facilities Review Committee – Mr. Suarez and the Board discussed objectives for the committee.
4. School Board Conference – Mr. Hurley asked the Board if they would be interested in attending the New Jersey School Board Conference in October. The Board said no.
5. Board Vacancy – Mr. Suarez and the Board discussed the procedure for filling the vacancy.
6. Keller Avenue Road Work – The construction company has asked to store vehicles and materials behind the Thomas Jefferson School. Mr. Suarez told the company they need to sign a waiver and include us on their certificate of insurance.
7. Maintenance:
 - a. Modular – The modular updates are slated to begin next week.
 - b. Thomas Jefferson School Canopy – The canopy is being stripped and re-painted.
 - c. Summer Maintenance – Mr. Hurley reported that we are on schedule.
 - d. Playground Mulch and Maintenance – Mr. Hurley discussed the conditions of the swings and the amount of mulch required for the playground. The Board asked Mr. Hurley to remove the swings for the Thomas Jefferson School and leave the swings at the Lincoln School.
8. 2009 – 2010 Preschool Tuition Rate – Mr. Hurley discussed increasing the preschool tuition rate with the Board. The Board decided to increase tuition 4% to \$9,767.00.
9. Hourly Wage Increase – Mr. Suarez discussed increasing the hourly wage of Karen Nedo, Diane Miller and Morgan Abrams from \$14.00/hr to \$14.35/hr.
10. Finesville Institute for Innovative Teaching – Mr. Suarez discussed the program with the Board. It will cost \$19,550.

V. Information

1. Physical Education Interviews - Mr. Suarez informed the Board that the interviews will begin this week.
2. Update on 3rd and 6th grade registration – Mr. Suarez discussed the process.
3. District Website – Mr. Suarez informed the Board that he site is up and running.

VI. Superintendent’s Report
Curriculum and Instruction

1. The curriculum review is to begin next week.
2. A technical assistance session on the use of the stimulus money will be held next week.
3. Ms. Alpaugh and Mr. Tierney are finalizing school schedules with Ms. Johnson teaching half time computers and half time gifted and talented.
4. The State Board of Education adopted a resolution setting new achievement standards in mathematics and language arts literacy (NJ ASK) in grades three and four. The action mirrors similar action taken last year for the NJ ASK after the new tests were administered last year to students in grades 5-8.

Legislative News

1. Senate Bill # 1882 – permits municipalities to transfer responsibility of hiring adult crossing guards to school districts has not yet been voted on. The legislature may take this up after their summer recess.

Other Items

1. The County Health Department has scheduled a meeting for August to prepare for a fall outbreak of H1N1.
2. There will be a discussion on using schools as immunization centers if need arises.

VII. Comments from the Public

Sherry Rich asked if the Board would consider using the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education for some in-services.

VIII. Approval of the Manifest Bills

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

June Supplemental -	<u>\$396,516.50</u>
July	- <u>\$260,210.28</u>

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)

IX. Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 15 and 29, 2009 Rockaway Borough Board of Education meetings.

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

X. Approval of Budget Transfers

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers.

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

XI. Certification of Major Account and Line Item Status

Motion to approve the Major Account and Line Item Status.

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

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 June 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 the Cafeteria Checking and Reconciliation Reports for June 2009.

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

3. 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 2009-2010 school year. The cost is \$1,902.00 per school.

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request for an out-of- district placement for student #07 and #112 at the Calais School for the 2009 -2010 school year. The cost will be \$51,345. Transportation will be billed separately.

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

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request for an out-of- district placement for #100 at The Morris-Union Jointure Commission for the 2009 -2010 school year. The cost will be \$76,220.00. Transportation will be billed separately.

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 a contract with Protective Measures for the purpose of providing fire alarm monitoring, inspections, testing and maintenance for the 2009-2010 school year. The cost is \$1,902.00 per school.

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

6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to continue the price of the school lunch at \$2.00 for students and \$2.50 for adults for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a contract with Global Connect. The contract will begin July 1, 2009 and end June 30, 2010.

The cost is \$2.00 per student.

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

8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to submit the FY2010 IDEIA Application to the NJ Department of Education..

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

9. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into an agreement with Rockaway Township Board of Education to form a consortium for the purpose of spending Title III funding for the 2009- 2010 school year.

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

10. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with Jeanette Murphy to provide 2 hours per week of home instruction for student #108 retroactive to 6/22/2009 through 7/31/2009 at a rate of \$35.27/hour.

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

11. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the 2009 - 2010 pre-school disabled tuition rate as \$9,767.00

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

12. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with the Dover Board of Education for student #114 to attend the Rockaway Borough 2009 – 2010 Inclusive Preschool Program at a tuition rate of

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

13. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with Finesville Institute for Innovative Teaching in the amount of \$19,550 for the purpose of providing 23 full days of professional development.

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

B. PERSONNEL

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Kami Kongolo as the district's speech therapist for the 2009-2010 school year. Ms. Kongolo will be placed on Step MA-6 of the teachers 2008-2009 salary guide at an annual rate of \$51,755.00. Final salary to be determined at the completion of negotiations

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Aileen Schumacher for lateral movement on the salary guide from BA to BA + 30 effective September 1, 2009.

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Lisa Belluzzi to receive additional 1/2 hour per week for Extended School Year retro active to 6/22/09 - 7/31/09 at 35.27 per hour.

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

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve an increase from \$14.00 per hour to \$14.35 per hour retroactive to June 22, 2009, for Karen Nedo, Diane Miller and Morgan Abrams

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

5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approval the following special education teachers and staff members to attend TIENET training on 9/1/09. Staff to be paid at a hourly rate to be determined at completion of negotiations.

Child Study Staff – (3 hours training)

Diane Leshowitz, Caryn Reppen, Kami Kongolo

Special Education Teachers – (2 hours training)

Sue Lonergan, Mary Leslie, Ceil Crum, Carol Coulther, Lisa Belluzzi, Bob Kamenetz, Janet Dobbs, Cheryl Hennessy, Tara Renehan

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

6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approval the following special education teacher attend TIENET training on 9/1/09. Staff to be paid at a hourly rate to be determined at completion of negotiations.

Special Education Teachers – (2 hours training)

Jennifer Marsh

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

7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept with regret the resignation of Paul Oster from his position as Board of Education member effective September 1, 2009.

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

Paul Oster abstained.

8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to appoint Kimberly Stockstill as the acting Secretary to the Superintendent (part-time) from July 21, 2009 to August 31, 2009. Kimberly's hours will be shared between the Thomas Jefferson School and the Superintendent's Office. Kimberly's salary will be adjusted from \$32,727.00 to \$38,446.00 (prorated) during this time.

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

9. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Sandra Patamia as Temporary Office Assistant at the Thomas Jefferson School 3 hours per day from July 21, 2009 to August 31, 2009 at her current hourly rate of \$15.80.

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

10. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Marcy Rattay as the morning personal bus aide for 1.5 hours daily at her current rate of \$14.00 per hour from July 21, 2009 to July 31, 2009.

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

XIII. Old Business

None.

XIV. New Business

None.

XV. Comments from the Public

Carol Coulther asked in Jennifer Marsh will be trained. Mr. Suarez said yes.

XVI. Executive Session

The next topic on the agenda relates to a negotiations matter, 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 a negotiations matter, 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 9:01pm. (Lugo/Fuentes)

XVII. Motion to Return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 9:15 p.m. (Lugo/Fuentes)

XVIII. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 9:16 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Fuentes/Lugo)

Respectfully submitted,

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