

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Thomas Jefferson Science Lab**  
**Room 128**  
**August 30, 2012**

**I. Call to Order and Flag Salute**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.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.

**III. Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Eileen Haynes, Laura Lugo, Debra McNally, Vice-President Tim Rogers and Board President, Christa Smith.

**Board Members Absent:** N/A

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

**IV. Discussion**

1. Interviews – Dr. Purzak reported that all 11 positions have been filled.

**V. Committee Reports**

**A. Finance**

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

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept a donation in the amount of \$701.50 from Family Eye Care of Wharton. These funds will be used for staff appreciation.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to the approve submittal of the FY2013 NCLB application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the amounts listed below.

Title I - \$49,109

Title IIa - \$24,288

Title III - \$4,478

It should be noted that the staff members listed below have either part or all of their salary paid from the listed Entitlement.

Valerie Bertoli, Instructional Aide - \$16,107.66  
Jean Giouvanos, Instructional Aide - \$16,107.66  
Wendy Nickoley, Instructional Aide - \$19,511.46  
Donna VanDuyne, Instructional Aide - \$19,511.46  
Jamie Argenziano, Reading Specialist - \$19,000 Title Iia Allocation

**B. Personnel**

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel Items # 1 – 9.

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

Ms. Smith read a letter from David Waxman.

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following teachers for curriculum writing at an hourly rate of \$35.98 (in addition to those approve at the 8/21/12 Board of Ed Mtg.) (Final rates to be determined upon the completion of negotiations).

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2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve with regret the resignation of David Waxman to pursue his career in education at the Alpha School District as the Vice Principal. Mr. Waxman’s resignation is effective August 29, 2012.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Lori Sernio as an emergent hire as the district Behaviorist at a rate of \$75.00 per hour, not to exceed 18 hours per week.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Lisbeth Schnurman as an emergent hire as the district’s Speech and Language Therapist for the 2012 – 2013 school year. Ms. Schnurman will be placed on Step MA-14 of the teachers guide at an annual rate of \$64,810.00 (Final rates to be determined upon the completion of negotiations).
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Cecilia Isenberg as an emergent hire as the district’s 4/5 (four-fifths) art teacher for the 2012 – 2013 school year. Ms. Isenberg will be placed on Step BA-1 of the teachers guide at an annual rate of (\$44,550.00 \* .8) \$35, 640.00 (Final rates to be determined upon the completion of negotiations).
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Margaret Lenahan as a district playground aide at a rate of \$10.00 per hour, for 3 hours per day.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Jeff Burnor as an emergent hire as a district bus aide at a rate of \$14.00 per hour, for 4 hours per day.

- 8 Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Julie McBride as a personal aide for 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$14.32 for the 2012 – 2013 school year.
- 9 Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Morgan Abrams as a personal aide for 4 hours and 15 minutes per day at a rate of \$14.67 per hour for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

**C. Curriculum**

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

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the revised curricula for the following:

<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>
Math	K-8
Language Arts	K-8
Science	K-8
Social Studies	K-8
World Language	K-8
Health/Physical Education	K-8
Visual and Performing Arts	K-8
English as a Second Language	
Pre-School	

**VI. Old Business**

None.

**VII. New Business**

None.

**VIII. Comments from the Public**

Ms. Coulther asked about Mr. Onischuk’s salary. Dr. Purzak responded.

**IX. Executive Session**

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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 students and 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 6:40 pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Haynes)

**X. Motion to Return to Open Session**

A motion was approved to return to open session at 7:13 p.m. (McNally/Haynes)

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 7:14 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (McNally/Haynes)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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Phyllis Alpaugh and Mark Schwarz were present.

**II. Discussion**

Dr. Purzak informed the Board that there is a possible residency issue and he is going to call the attorney to discuss it further.

Dr. Purzak discussed student # 140 with the Board.

Dr. Purzak discussed Sean Reyes' contract with the Board. The agreed that he will receive 12 sick days annually and the Board directed Dr. Purzak to offer Mr. Reyes 10 vacation days, but can grant him up to 15.

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