

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Regular Public Meeting
Thomas Jefferson School
September 15, 2011

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Board Vice – President, Debbie McNally.

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 and Vice-President Debbie McNally.

Board Member Absent: Board President, Tim Rogers

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

IV. Superintendent's Report

1. Principal's Reports – Ms. Alpaugh and Ms. Rehman discussed the events that took place in their schools.
2. Enrollment – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that we currently have 663 students.
3. Opening Day – Dr. Tierney discussed the first day of school with the Board.
4. Transportation – Dr. Tierney informed the Board and the public that the business office have received a quote for the Andrea Drive AM run, but it will not begin until September 27. Until that time we will have two busses pick up the children.
5. NJASK- AYP – Dr. Tierney briefly discussed the report and told all people that an in depth report will be provided at the October Board of Education Meeting.
6. Facilities:
 - a. Classroom Doors - Dr. Tierney explained that when the Fire Door Project was proposed to the State it included replacement of the fire doors and several classroom doors. Since the project was approved including the classroom doors, they want the Board to repair the classroom doors before they reimburse us for part of the project.
 - b. Lincoln School Roof – Dr. Tierney informed that Board that while Kellen Chapin, himself and Mr. Hurley were on the roof, they noticed it needs repairs. Dr. Tierney and Mr. Hurley will meet with Kellen next week to discuss the project.
 - c. Lincoln Fire Escape – Dr. Tierney explained that we were originally going to paint it, but then it turned out to need substantial repairs, which cost about \$77,000.
 - d. Lincoln Sewer Line – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that the storm drain pipe is now going into the correct drain.
7. Legislation – None to report on.

V. Comments from the Public

The Board discussed the Andrea Drive AM bus run with several members of the community.

VI. Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2011 Rockaway Borough Board of Education meetings.

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

VII. Approval of the Manifest Bills

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

September - \$611,171.32

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. (Smith/Lugo)

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/Smith)

IX. 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. (Smith/Lugo)

X. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items #1 -12.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Cafeteria Reconciliation Report and the Cafeteria Checking Account Reconciliation Report for August 2011.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report for July 2011 and August 2011.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached Professional Development/Travel Expenditure requests.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education "authorizing execution and delivery of the grant agreement" to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the “Delegation of Authority to the School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project”.
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the 2011-2012 out of district preschool tuition rate at \$8,500.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to authorize the School Business Administrator, Joseph P. Hurley Jr., to issue “requests for quotes” to perspective vendors for the installation of classroom doors at the Lincoln School.
8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a child study team request to approve Invoice #1172 from Progressive Therapy totaling \$1,625.00 for services rendered May/June 2011.
9. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a revised contract with EIRC for an additional \$2,400 to provide professional services from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The revised cost will be \$9199.00.
10. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a child study team request to accept student #143 from Dover Board of Education at annual rate of \$8,500 to attend PALS class at Lincoln School for the 11/12 school year.
11. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a child study team request for a personal aide for student #143 from Dover Board of Education, 6 hours per day at hourly rate of \$14.50, (\$15,921).
12. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a child study team request for Home Instruction for student #209, 5 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$35.98 for the 2011/2012 school year.

B. 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 Sally Snelson for a horizontal movement from BA30 – 8 to MA – 8 at an annual salary of \$53,110.00 retro to September 1, 2011.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve David Pickett to an increase from 4/5ths to Full Time at an annual salary of \$31,870.00 for the 2011-2012 school year.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Daniel Riccio as a personal aide for the 2011-2012 School year at an hourly rate of \$14.50 for 6 hours per day.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Vivian Liannen from Monmouth University as a student teacher at Lincoln School from September 6, 2011 through December 16, 2011.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Susan Milite to provide Home Instruction for student #209 for 5 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$35.98.

6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following extra-curricular advisors for the 2011 -2012 school year.

Position	Advisor
Yearbook	Mike Leahey/Cindy O'Brien
SGO	John Wojtaszek
National Junior Honor Society	Sally Snelson
Director of Musical	Helen Love
Jazz Band	Helen Love
Solar Car Advisor	Denise Glenn
Basketball (Girls)	Robert Longo
Basketball (Boys)	Josh Reed
Cross Country (Boys and Girls)	Robert Hayzler
Baseball	Robert Hayzler
Softball	Robert Longo

7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following new hires for the 2011-2012 school year:

Name	Step/Salary	Position
Deborah Martin	\$80.00 per day	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Danielle Esten	\$80.00 per day	Substitute Teacher/Aide

C. Policy

Ms. McNally asked if there has been an increase in bullying. Dr. Tierney said yes and that some of the students accused of bullying are claiming it is them being bullied.

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report dated September 15, 2011 for incident numbers 1 – 2 at the Lincoln School and 1-6 at the Thomas Jefferson School.

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

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

D. Addendum

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Addendum Items 1 –4, 6-8

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

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Addendum Item 5

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

1. WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2011 the governing body of the Rockaway Borough Board of Education, County of Morris, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Rockaway Borough Board of Education

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Joseph P. Hurley Jr. is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

2. **WHEREAS**, the New Jersey School Boards Insurance Act, Assembly 1373, enacted and signed by the Governor in 1983, enables school districts to cooperate with each other to make the most efficient use of their powers and resources on a basis of mutual advantage in the areas of insurance and self-insurance and related services; and

WHEREAS, the Rockaway Borough Board of Education desires to secure protection, services, and savings relating to insurance and self-insurance for itself and its departments and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Rockaway Borough Board of Education finds that the best and most efficient way of securing this protection and services is by cooperating with other school districts across the State of New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the Rockaway Borough Board of Education under its obligations as a member of the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group does allow for safety inspections of its properties, to pay contributions in a timely fashion and to comply with the bylaws and standards of participation of this Group.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Rockaway Borough Board of Education:

THAT the Rockaway Borough Board of Education joins with other school districts in organizing and becoming members of the **ERIC WEST** Subfund a fund within the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group; and

THAT, by adoption and signing of this resolution, the Board of Education is hereby joining the **ERIC WEST** Subfund a fund within the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group effective the date indicated below, and for the duration of three consecutive years for all coverages bound during the policy year this resolution is adopted.

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to the approve submittal of the FY2012 NCLB application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the below listed amounts.

Title I - \$54,527
Title IIa - \$25,592
Title III - \$4,797

It should be noted that the below listed staff members 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 - \$20,000 Title IIa Allocation

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to the approve submittal of the FY2012 IDEA application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the below listed amounts.

IDEA Basic – \$201,346 (Rockaway Borough \$117,640 and NP Schools \$83,706)
IDEA Preschool - \$8,354 (Rockaway Borough \$3,194 and NP Schools \$5,160)

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

Diane Hamman, Instructional Aide - \$16,107.66
Maryann Kohaut, Instructional Aide - \$8,053.83
Trish Iaconetti, Personal Aide – \$17,622.90
Catherine Quirk, Instructional Aide - \$16,107.66
Jean Swanick, Instructional Aide - \$16,107.66
Donna VanDuyne, Instructional Aide - \$19,511.46
Eileen Weidanz, Instructional Aide - \$16,766.46
Morgan Abrams, Personal Aide - \$10,067.29
Christine Capen, Personal Aide - \$15,372.00
Heather Doering, Instructional Aide - \$15,723.36
Tanya Fleming, Personal Aide - \$15,723.36
Carol Leonard, Personal Aide, \$15,372.00
Judy O'Hara, Instructional Aide, \$15,723.36
Nichole Taylor, Instructional Aide, \$15,372.00
Cheryl Sanchez, Personal Aide, \$15,372.00
Karen Nedo, Personal Aide, \$16,107.66
Diane Miller, Personal Aide, \$16,107.66

5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into an agreement with Morris Hills Regional High School to provide transportation for the Andrea Drive Route #1A. This contract will begin September 27, 2011 and end no later than June 30, 2012. The cost will be \$6,512.
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Tara Renehan to provide Wilson Reading Instruction to student #122 for 2 hours per week at a rate of \$35.98. Ms. Renehan will begin 9/20/2011 and end no later than June 30, 2012.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the AMENDED special education contract with YCS-Sawtelle Learning Center – Montclair for student #86. The new contract reflects an increase in per diem cost for the personal aide. The cost increased from \$156.45 to \$161.81.
8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve using the additional State Aid in the amount of \$72, 635 to replenish the health insurance account. This money was taken out to pay for the Lincoln School Fire Escape Repairs.

XI. Old Business

Dr. Tierney discussed the volunteer screening process.

XII. New Business

Dr. Tierney said that he and Mr. Hurley will meet with Kellen Chapin next week to discuss the playground.

XIII. Comments from the Public

Mr. and Mrs. Morena pointed out that their child is one of 24 in their class. Such a large class size puts stress on the teachers and makes it hard for them to leave 1st grade with the required skills. Dr. Tierney and Ms. McNally said the Board hired a Reading Specialist to help focus on all 663 students, and not a general classroom teacher who would just help a portion of the first grade. The Reading Specialist will be able to pull students that need help out of class and work with them in small groups. This would not be accomplished if an additional first grade teacher was hired.

Mr. Morena asked why a sports program was reinstated when Rockaway Borough has an excellent recreation program. Ms. McNally said that it has an educational component and that it helps motivate kids to keep their grades up so they can participate.

Ms. Delle asked why kids cannot get up and move around during lunch and that it is like being in jail. Ms. Rehman said students spill lunches, are disrespectful to the aides, gossip and argue, which all lead to fights. Ms. McNally added that this is not the Board's intention, but the students must learn to be respectful. The Board will look into this practice.

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 9:04 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Smith/Lugo)

Respectfully submitted,

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