

# Rockaway Borough Board of Education

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

White House Administration Building  
103 East Main Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866

**Tuesday, June 25, 2019: 7:00 PM**

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### **ROCKAWAY BOROUGH SCHOOLS' MISSION STATEMENT:**

*The mission of the Rockaway Borough School District, a caring and diverse community, is to propel the success of each student by creating an environment that fosters self-confidence and encourages creativity through quality instruction and educational opportunities aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.*

#### **1. Call To Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m., by Mrs. Christa Smith, Board President, by reading the following announcement to those present:*

"In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, The Rockaway Borough Board of Education has provided adequate notice of this meeting to the public by having the time, date and place thereof advertised in the Daily Record and The Citizen newspapers, posted our website, and posted in other public places. Official Board actions will be taken after the Executive Session concludes."

#### **2. Board Member Roll Call**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Five (5): Mrs. Karen Walter, Mrs. Alexa Piombino, Mr. Jeffery Tobias, Mrs. Linda McGovern, VP and Mrs. Christa Smith, Board President.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None (0)

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Mrs. Phyllis Alpaugh, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. William Stepka, SBA/Secretary of the Board

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

*The Pledge of Allegiance was then held . . .*

#### **3. 7:00 PM: Motion to Enter Executive Session: 7:12 pm**

Be it Resolved, that the Board enter into Executive Session (Private) for the purpose of a personnel issue: presenting and discussing the Superintendent's Evaluation for the 2018-19 School Year; the nature of which will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. At the conclusion of the Private portion, the Board will reconvene in Public Session and take action on any other business that might be brought before it.

Moved By: Mrs. Piombino    Seconded By: Mrs. Walter    Voice Vote: All Ayes

#### **4. Motion to Adjourn Executive Session: 7:36 pm**

Moved By: Mrs. McGovern    Seconded By: Mrs. Piombino    Voice Vote: All Ayes

**5. Other Business Before the Board**

- A. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the BA, to approve the manifest the Bills & Claims List, which is on file in the Board/Business Office:  
Bills & Claims List: June 19 to June 25: \$224,382.22
- B. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Supt, to approve Joanne Morena as an Extended School Year (ESY) Substitute teacher on call as needed at prevailing rates of pay.
- C. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Supt, to approve a 6-year licensing agreement with McGraw Hill of Columbus, OH, in the amount of \$13,562.64 for the Teen Health Program, starting in the 2019-2020 school year.
- D. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Supt, to approve the purchase of K-6 grade FOSS Consumable items from Delta Education of Nashya, NH, in the amount of \$3,550 for the 2019-2020 school year.
- E. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Supt, to approve a 5-year licensing agreement with National Geographic Learning of Independence, KY, in the amount of \$12,864 (if send them a purchase order by 7/15 we will receive a 20% discount, which is already reflected) for the 6th, 7th & 8th grade "Big Ideas Math Program," beginning for the 2019-2020 school year.
- F. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Supt, to approve an out-of-district special education tuition contract with the Wharton Board of Education, of Wharton, NJ for special education student #290, retro-active to May 20th to June 30th for a total cost of \$8,476.37, for the 2018-19 school year.
- G. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Supt, to approve an out-of-district special education tuition contract with Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey - Horizon Lower School, for student #311 effective July 1, 2019, including ESY for 2019, for a total of 210 school days, for a tentative tuition rate of \$84,665.70.
- H. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Supt, to approve a contract with Horizon Healthcare Staffing, of Manalapan, NJ, to provide a one on one LPN nurse for student #311, effective July 1 to June 30, 2020, to accompany this student on the van in the am & pm and be with the student in the classroom (at Horizon Lower School), for \$48.00 per hour for 7.5 hours per school day for 210 school days for a total cost of approximately \$75,600.
- I. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Supt, to approve student #311 to have special education transportation services beginning July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, to and from Horizon Lower School to be arranged through the Sussex Regional Transportation Cooperative (of which we are a member of) and possibly share the ride (and the cost), if & when possible, and to be billed every month accordingly.

- J. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the BA, to graciously accept a donation, in accordance with Board Policy Number 7230, from the Tobias Family (of which Mr. Tobias is currently a Board Member), of approximately four (4) tons of used commercial grade red rubberized mulch, worth approximately \$1,600, for use in both schools’ playgrounds. This will require the maintenance staff to utilize district equipment to remove the mulch from Mr. Tobias’ residence, transport to the schools, and spread in the playgrounds.
  
- K. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Supt, to approve the District Goals for the 2019-20 school year as presented by the Superintendent of Schools.

**Consent Agenda: move and vote on entire agenda in one motion:**

<b>Motion By: Mrs. McGovern</b>		<b>Seconded By: Mrs. Walter</b>	
<b><u>Roll Call Vote:</u></b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b><u>Nay</u></b>	<b><u>Abstain</u></b>
<b>Mrs. Walter</b>	<b>Aye</b>		
<b>Mrs. Piombino</b>	<b>Aye</b>		
<b>Mr. Tobias</b>	<b>Aye</b>		
<b>Mrs. McGovern</b>	<b>Aye</b>		
<b>Mrs. Smith</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

All Resolutions unanimously carried.

**6. Motion to Adjourn: 8:15 pm**

There being no further business before the Board, the was hereby adjourned.  
 Moved By: Mrs. Piombino    Seconded By: Mrs. Walter    Voice Vote: All Ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. William Stepka, RSBA  
 Secretary of the Board of Education/  
 School District Business Administrator