

Rockaway Borough Board of Education

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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Tuesday, August 25, 2020: 6:30 PM

~~Thomas Jefferson School Cafeteria/Gym, 95 East Main Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866~~

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81429216745?pwd=Y2hvLz11ZFZlWjhGQTZBzRVI6TnJxdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 2921 6745 Passcode: JrFYi3

1. Call to Order:

The meeting will be called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m., by Mrs. Christa Smith, Board President, by reading the following announcement:

"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 newspaper, posted on our website and at town hall. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the plan to reopen the schools (student instruction method) for the 2020-21 school year and any other business before the Board. Official action will be taken.

2. Board Member Roll Call:

Mrs. Linda McGovern, VP

Elected 2017 Board Member to 1st Term (Full 3-year term runs to Dec. 31, 2020)

Mrs. Alexis Piombino

Elected 2018 Board Member to 1st Term (Full 3-year term runs to Dec. 31, 2021)

Mrs. Christa Smith, President

Elected 2019 Board Member to 7th Term (Full 3-year term runs to Dec. 31, 2022)

Mr. Jeffrey Tobias

Elected 2017 Board Member to 1st Term (Full 3-year term runs to Dec. 31, 2020)

Mrs. Karen Walter

Elected 2018 Board Member to 1st Term (Full 3-year term runs to Dec. 31, 2021)

Mrs. Phyllis Alpaugh, Superintendent of Schools

Appointed 2017 Chief School Administrator & Non-Voting Board Member (CSA/Supt)

Mr. William Stepka, SBA/Bd. Sec.

Appointed 2017 School District Business Administrator (BA) & Secretary of the Board

Mr. Stepka Declares: a Board Quorum or All Present

"Now, please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance . . ."

3. Motion to Enter Executive Session:

Be it Resolved, that the Board enter into Executive Session (Private) for the purpose of discussing a legal issue pertaining to a construction contract now in place, the nature of which will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

THE BOARD ANTICIPATES TO BE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 60 MINUTES.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Voice Vote:

At this time, this Public ZOOM meeting will be paused, and the Board will enter into another, separate & private ZOOM meeting to conduct Executive Session.

4. Motion to Adjourn Executive Session and Return to the Public Meeting:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Voice Vote:

5. Discussion/Determination of the Delivery of Student Instruction

The Board will discuss and determine how the district will reopen for students on September 8, 2020.

6. Public Comment

You are encouraged to send your comment, **before the meeting**, to Mr. Stepka, the Board Secretary, at wstepka@rockboro.org with your name & address and comment, which will be read at this time to the Board. Also, this ZOOM meeting will have a “chat” option, which will *only* be seen by the Board Secretary, who will relay a comment if it has a name & address, otherwise, your ZOOM participation will be MUTED. Please present your comments in accordance with the following guidelines:

Please be respectful of the Board, Administration, Staff, Students, and all other Audience Members in attendance.

Public participation shall be governed by Policy #0167:

- A.** *All participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if applicable;*
- B.** *In the event it appears the public comment portion of the meeting may exceed 45 minutes, the presiding officer may limit each statement made by a participant to not less than three minutes' duration;*
- C.** *No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;*
- D.** *All statements, questions, or inquiries shall be directed to the presiding officer and any questions or inquiries directed by a participant to another Board member shall be redirected to the presiding officer who shall determine if such statement, question, or inquiry shall be addressed by the presiding officer on behalf of the Board or by the individual Board member; The presiding officer may: Interrupt, warn, and/or terminate a participant's statement, question, or inquiry when it is too lengthy; Interrupt and/or warn a participant when the statement, question, or inquiry is abusive, obscene, or may be defamatory; Request any person to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum; Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person prevents or disrupts a meeting with an act that obstructs or interferes with a meeting; Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting; and waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or to maintain an orderly operation of the Board meeting.*

- E.** *Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comment in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.*
- F.** *District staff members may make a statement, except for when the issue(s) or question(s) to be inquired about is subject to the administrative chain of command: ALL staff members shall address their concern/issue to their immediate Supervisor, Principal, the Business Administrator, or the Superintendent. Routine administrative/management questions/matters shall not be brought before the Board.*

7. Other Business Before the Board:

- A.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the BA, to approve and accept the Budgetary Transfers Report for the month of June 2020.
- B.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the BA, to approve and accept the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of June 2020.
I hereby certify, pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A2.3(e), that as of June 30, 2020, no budgetary line item has been over-expended in violation of NJAC 6:23-2.11(a). William Stepka, RSBA- Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- C.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the BA, to approve and accept the Treasurer of School Monies Financial Report for the month of June 2020.
- D.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Supt, to approve the employment of the following summer custodian help, at the hourly rate of \$12.50, as needed: Mr. Aidan Kennedy, of Rockaway; Mr. Brendan Lenahan, also of Rockaway, and Mr. Peter Fox, of Nutley, New Jersey.
- E.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Supt & BA, to increase the hourly rate for substitute custodians from \$12.00 to \$12.50, effective immediately, for the 2020-21 school year.
- F.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendations of the BA & Architect, to approve the following "Progress Payment" to the following contractor for work completed for the Referendum Projects, a copy of which is on file in the Business Administrator's Office:
1. FCI Construction, Lincoln Interior Improvements Pymt Ap. 2: \$423,948.00
(Total contract: \$1,160,000 / previously paid: \$335,454 / left to pay: \$400,598)
- G.** Any other Business Before the Board?

8. Consent Agenda

A. Move and Vote on all Agenda Resolutions & Recommendations in One Motion:

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Moved & Seconded By:</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstention</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mrs. McGovern:					
Mrs. Piombino:					
Mr. Tobias:					
Mrs. Walter:					
Mrs. Smith:					

Mr. Stepka declares all Resolutions & Recommendations are hereby _____.

9. Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

- A. Tuesday, September 1 @ 6:30 PM (August Regular Meeting)**
- B. Tuesday, September 22 @ 6:30 PM (September Regular Meeting)**

10. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting is hereby adjourned.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Voice Vote: