

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Regular Public Meeting
Thomas Jefferson School
September 16, 2010

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Board 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: Tim Rogers, Christa Smith, Vice-President, Eileen Haynes and Board President, Debbie McNally.

Board Member Absent: Laura Lugo

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. Breakfast Program – Dr. Tierney discussed the program and reported that we have sold about 30 student breakfasts to date.
3. Opening Day – Dr. Tierney discussed the first day of school with the Board.
4. Enrollment – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that we currently have 663 students.
5. Transportation – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that we have two homeless students that are currently in a shelter in Morristown and that we must provide transportation for them. Dr. Tierney informed the Board that he has asked Morris Hills Regional to provide us with a quote for transporting the home students.
6. Air Quality Samples – Dr. Tierney discussed the report findings with the Board and pointed out that the highest indoor fungi and count was about eight times less than the outside count. This means there is no threat.
7. Construction – Dr. Tierney informed the Board most of the construction has been completed. We now must wait for the items on the punch list to be completed.
8. NJASK- AYP – Dr. Tierney informed the Board the letters about the grades are set to be received on September 24.
9. Education Jobs Fund– Dr. Tierney informed the Board that he has not been told when the amounts will be made public.
10. Legislation – Dr. Tierney discussed proposed some proposed legislation that prohibits Boards of Education from charging students that want to participate in activities, employee contribution for health insurance increasing from 1.5 to 30%, the Governor's Tool Kit, eliminating the NJ Direct 10 Plan, and increasing the retirement age to 65.

V. Comments from the Public

Carol Coulther thanked Dr. Tierney for moving the training session to an air conditioned location.

VI. Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 19 and August 31, 2010 Rockaway Borough Board of Education meetings.

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

VII. Approval of the Manifest Bills

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

September - \$494,057.19

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. (Haynes/Smith)

VIII. Approval of Budget Transfers

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers.

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

X. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items #1 -5.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Cafeteria Reconciliation and Cafe Checking Account Report for August 2010.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report for July 2010.
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 School 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".

B. Personnel

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel Items # 1 - 3

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to hire Dave Pickett as a custodian, 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 1, 2010 until June 30, 2011 at an hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following extra-curricular advisors for the 2010-2011 school year.

Position	Advisor
Yearbook	Jamie Argenziano
SGO	John Wojtaszek
National Junior Honor Society	Sally Snelson
Director of Musical	Helen Love
Jazz Band	Helen Love
Willow Tree Advisor	Cathy Forte
Solar Car Advisor	Denise Glenn

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following new hires for the 2010-2011 school year.

Name	Step/Salary	Position
Alicia Uppal	\$80.00 per day	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Jessica Burrows	\$80.00 per day	Substitute Teacher/Aide

XI. Old Business

None.

XII. New Business

None.

XIII. Comments from the Public

None.

XIV. Executive Session

The next topic on the agenda relates to student personnel and personnel, 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 student personnel and personnel, 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 7:50pm. (Haynes/Rogers)

XV. Motion to Return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 8:20 p.m. (Haynes/Rogers)

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:21 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Haynes/Smith)

Respectfully submitted,

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