

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
WORK SESSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 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: Laura Lugo, Tim Rogers, Christa Smith, Vice-President, Eileen Haynes and Board President, Debra McNally .

Board Members Absent: N/A

Administration Present: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patrick Tierney, and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

VI. Presentations

Energy Solution – Mr. Jim Downs discussed how his company could save the Board money if they entered into a two year contract with them.

V. Superintendent's Report

1. Principal's Reports – Ms. Alpaugh and Ms. Rehman discussed the events that took place in their school during the month of October.
2. Shorts - John Dennehy, Thomas Jefferson School student presented the Board with a petition with 99 signatures on it asking if shorts could be worn year round. After some discussion the Board and Dr. Tierney decided that the decision should be made by the parents.
3. Audit – Mr. Hurley discussed the audit with the Board.
4. Signage/Advertisements/Fundraiser – Dr. Tierney discussed the possibility of corporate sponsorships and will research them further.
5. Legislative Updates – Dr. Tierney discussed some pending legislation with the Board.
6. Salary Request – Dr. Tierney discussed an OPRA request he received from the Daily Record.
7. American Education Week – Dr. Tierney informed the Board American Education week will begin November 14 and end November 20.
8. Hall of Fame – No applications have been submitted.
9. Enrollment – Dr. Tierney reported current enrollment is 670.

VI. Comments from the Public

Maryanne Kawiecki asked what are the intentions of Energy Solutions? Dr. Tierney said it is to save money.

Can the Board of Education sell signs around the baseball field? Dr. Tierney will research it.

Jeri Hurley asked if there has been any news about the money districts were promised if staff members took no increase. Mr. Hurley said no.

VII. Minutes

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

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

VIII. Approval of Budget Transfers

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers.

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

IX. Approval of the Manifest Bills

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

November 2010 - \$769,516.63

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)

X. Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report's for October 2010.

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

XI. 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/Haynes)

XII. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items # 1-10.

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 attached list of Professional Development/Travel Expenditure requests.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the October 2010 Cafeteria Reconciliation and Cafeteria Checking Reconciliation Report.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings-Financial, Compliance and Performance of the Rockaway Borough School District Board of Education for the fiscal year ending, June 30, 2010. It should be noted that no recommendations were made.

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Comprehensive Financial Report of the Rockaway Borough School District Board of Education for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The audit synopsis is attached. The complete Comprehensive Annual Report is available
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a child study team request for student #45 to receive home instruction for 10 hours per week starting 11/12/10 at an hourly rate of \$49.00 for approximately 2 weeks. .
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a child study team request for Home Instruction for student #110, 10 hours per week retroactive to 11/1/2010 at an hourly rate of \$35.27 for approximately 12 weeks.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a child study team request for Home Instruction for student #07, 10 hours per week retroactive to 11/8/2010 at an hourly rate of \$35.27 for approximately 2-3 weeks. Student is attending Calais School and has had behavioral difficulties at school resulting in suspension.
8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a child study team request for personal aide at out of district school for student #100 effective 11/8/2010 through remainder of 2010/2011 school year. Rate is \$135 per day
9. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Tara Renehan to provide the Home Instruction for student # for 10 hours per week for approximately 12 weeks at a rate of \$35.27 retroactive to November 1, 2010.
10. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with Morris Hill Regional High School to provide Child Study Team Services to the Mine Hill, Wharton and the Rockaway Borough Board of Education. The contract will provide the services of one school psychologist, one school social worker and two LDTCs. The contract will begin July 1, 2010 and end June 30, 2011. The cost is \$162,508.00.

B. Personnel

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel Items # 1-4.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Morgan Abrams to complete her 300 hours of work to participate in CCM's Cooperative Education/Internship Program for Spring Semester of 2011.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Ruth Champagne, Kathleen Evans, Valeryia Molchanov, Heather MacQueen, and Alexandra Katz as substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 school year.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to increase Marcy Rattay's hours from by 30 minutes per day effective November 1, 2010.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept with regret the resignation of Mrs. Kami Ives effective December 16, 2010.

C. Policy

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following policies and regulations for a second reading:

Policy #	Title
0146	Board Member Authority
0171	Duties of Board President and Vice President
0173	Duties of Public School Accountant
2431.4	Concussion Testing and Return-to-Play
3144	Certification of Tenure Charges
R3144	Certification of Tenure Charges
4159	Support Staff/School District Reporting Responsibilities
5516	Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices (ECD)
6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures
R6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures
6830	Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

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

D. Curriculum

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached field trip request.

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

E. Addendum

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Addendum Items # 1-2. The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (Smith/Rogers)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Russ Greuter as a substitute playground aide at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the submission of the FY 11 IDEA Amendment #1 Application to the New Jersey Department of Education.

XII. Old Business

None.

XIII. New Business

None.

XIV. Comments from the Public

Carol Coulther asked why the Child Study Team Contract is being approved now. Mr. Hurley said he just received the contract.

XV. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 9:45 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Smith/Haynes)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary