

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL LIBRARY
WORK SESSION MEETING
January 13, 2011**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 7:31p.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 President, Debbie McNally.

Board Members Absent: N/A

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

IV. Discussion

1. Principal's Reports – Ms Alpaugh and Dr. Tierney discussed the events that took place in their school during the month of December.
2. Enrollment – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that as of January 7, 2011 there were 667 students in district.
3. Anti-Bullying Bill – Dr. Tierney discussed the proposed bill with the Board.
4. Morris County Improvement Authority – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that he received an invitation to discuss funding opportunities. Dr. Tierney said that he and Mr. Hurley will attend.
5. School Election – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that the election will take place April 27. Dr. Tierney also mentioned that the governor was thinking about moving the election to November.
6. Investigation– Dr. Tierney informed the Board that he received a request from the State looking for information about staff members taking part in negotiations during school hours.
7. School Calendar – Dr. Tierney discussed the proposed 2011-2012 school calendar with the Board.
8. Advertising – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that the bill approving advertising on school busses passed.
9. Superintendent's Lawsuit – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that several Superintendents are filing a lawsuit against the governor over their contracts.
10. Legislative Updates – Dr. Tierney discussed A3706, A3738, A3675 with the Board.
11. Facilities – Dr. Tierney and Ms. Alpaugh discussed a leak due to a urinal clogged with paper towels at Lincoln.
12. Pre-School Tuition - Dr. Tierney and the Board discussed increasing the tuition by \$150 to \$300 per year. No decision was made.

V. Comments from the Public

Maryanne Kawiecki asked if increasing pre-school tuition would help pay for the program. Dr. Tierney said no, but it would help offset the cost.

Maryanne Kawiecki also asked about the Boro Kids program. Ms. Haynes said that is an independent program and the Board cannot answer for them.

VI. Resolutions

A. FINANCE

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items #1 - 8. Item #2 was tabled.

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 the attached Professional Development/Travel Expenditure requests.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Pre-School Tuition at a monthly rate of _____ for the 2011-2012 school year.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with Teaching Strategies to provide curriculum for the PALS Program from February 2011 to February 2012. The cost of the program is \$897.95.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a revised contract with Phoenix Learning Center for student #100 with a tuition amount of \$57,940.00 and an additional \$27,000.00 for a personal aide.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Anne Reilly to provide Home Instruction for non-public student #207 for 2 hours per week retroactive to 12/16/2010 for approximately 6-8 weeks at an hourly rate of \$35.27.
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Sandra Patterson to provide Home Instruction for non-public student #207 for 3 hours per week retroactive to 12/16/2010 for approximately 6-8 weeks at an hourly rate of \$35.27.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a pediatric psychiatric evaluation with St. Barnabas Health Care System, Livingston NJ for student #141 at a fee of \$550.00.
8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a pediatric neurodevelopmental evaluation with Goryeb Children's Hospital/ Morristown Memorial Hospital for student #17 at a fee of \$350.00.

B. Curriculum

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

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

C. Personnel

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel Items #1 - 2.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to hire Dave Pickett as a half-time custodian, on Step 1 of the Custodial Salary Guide at \$30,935, pro-rated, effective January 5, 2011 until June 30, 2011.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to hire Jeff Helmlinger as an emergent hire as a custodian, on Step 2 of the Custodial Salary Guide at \$31,685.00, effective February 1, 2011.

VII. Old Business

Mr. Hurley informed the Board that Rockaway Borough Board of Education is eligible to receive from the TPAF staff wage freeze.

VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Budget Discussion

Mr. Hurley distributed copies of the proposed budget and support documentation. Dr. Tierney asked the Board to review and come to the next Board Meeting with any questions they may have.

X. Comments from the Public

Carol Coulther told the Board that the teaching staff would like to have another teacher for the day program. The Board liked the idea.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:22 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Haynes/Smith)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary