

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL LIBRARY
WORK SESSION MEETING
February 10, 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, Debra McNally.

Board Members Absent: N/A

Administration Present: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patrick Tierney, Lincoln School Principal, Phyllis Alpaugh and School 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.
2. Enrollment – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that as of February 5, 2010 there were 672 students in district.
3. Math Day – Math Day is scheduled for March 7.
4. Teacher for a Day – Teacher for a day is scheduled for March 23.
5. Legislative Updates – Dr. Tierney several bills including the pension reform bill.
6. Morris County Improvement Authority/Energy Improvement Plan – Dr. Tierney discussed the program he and Mr. Hurley attended.
7. County Guarantee Lease Program – Dr. Tierney discussed the program with the Board.
8. Board Meeting - Dr. Tierney suggested changing the meeting date to February 24. The Board agreed.
9. Student Teacher – Beth Kraft, who works for PG Chambers, asked if she could have a student teacher shadow her. The Board said okay.

V. Comments from the Public

None.

VI. 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. (Smith/Lugo)

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Speech Therapy Center, LLC to continue to provide speech therapy make up services at a rate of \$105 per hour (9am to 3pm), for an additional 8 school days in February due to the occurrence of several snow days, delayed opening and early dismissals in January 2011.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve for Dawn Odell, O.T.R. to provide OT services 1 x time per week for 30 minute session at a rate of \$80.00 per session for student #07 who transferred to Montgomery Academy December 13, 2010. Ms. Odell will provide services on site at Montgomery Academy effective 1/28/2011 through remainder of 2010/2011 school year.
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 to submit IDEIA ARRA Amendment Application #5 to the New Jersey Department of Education.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to apply for a waiver granting the board permission to not participate in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI). Based on the revenue projections provided by the Department of Education, it would not be financial sound for the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to participate in SEMI.
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a physical therapy evaluation with the Morris County Educational Services Commission for student #23 at a fee of \$355.00.

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Item #6.

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

B. CURRICULUM

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

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

C. POLICY

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

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

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

Policy #	Title
1140	Affirmative Action Program
1523	Comprehensive Equity Plan
1530	Equal Employment Opportunities
R1530	Equal Employment Opportunities
1550	Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contact Practices
R1550	Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contact Practices
2260	Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices
2415.01	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments and Accountability
2423	Bilingual and ESL Education
R2423	Bilingual and ESL Education
6360	Political Contributions
6362	Contributions to Board Members and Contract Awards
8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations
R8420	Emergency and Non-Fire Evaluation Plan
R8420.2	Bomb Treats
R8420.1	Lockdown Procedures
R8420.10	Active Shooter
8740	Bonding

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the opening of poll times (2:00p.m. until 9:00p.m.) for the April 27, 2011 annual school election pursuant to P.L. 95 C.278.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Wednesday, March 17, 2011 for the drawing of names for positions on the April 27, 2011 election ballot pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:60-8. The drawing will be held at 3:30pm in the office of the Thomas Jefferson School Principal.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve March 24, 2011 as the public hearing date for the proposed 2011-2012 school budget. The meeting will be held in the Thomas Jefferson School cafeteria, located at 95 East Main Street in Rockaway New Jersey and begin at 7:30 p.m.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the 2011-2012 School Calendar.

VII. New Business

Dr. Tierney discussed his meeting with Roman Ober from Advantage3.

Dr. Tierney discussed cutting preschool from three sections to two, but due to an increase in enrollment, this will not occur.

Dr. Tierney addressed the rumor that a said that kindergarten will be reduced by one section. Dr. Tierney stated that reducing the number of kindergarten sections was never discussed by him or the Board. The rumor was false.

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. Comments from the Public

None.

XI. Executive Session

"The next topic on the agenda relates to personnel and student matters, 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 a personnel matter, the nature of 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 at 8:11pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (Haynes/Rogers)

Motion to Return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 8:25 p.m. (Haynes/ Rogers)

X. Old Business

The Board discussed the proposed budget and amounts budgeted for special education.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:50 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Smith/Haynes)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary