

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
February 24, 2011**

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, Vice President, Eileen Haynes, and Board President, Debra McNally.

Board Members Absent: Christa Smith

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

IV. Superintendent's Report

1. 8th Grade Washington DC Trip – Dr. Tierney announced that they will be a 1 hour delay tomorrow due to inclement weather.
2. Morris Hills Magnet/IB Update – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that on January 15, an assistant coach tried to enter the building, but was stopped by the Thomas Jefferson Night Custodian, Mr. Fazlic. When Mr. Fazlic told the coach he was not authorized to use the building until 6pm, the coach began yelling and using profane language. This prompted Ms. Basile, Thomas Jefferson Secretary, to call the Borough Police. Dr. Tierney also told the Board that food and drinks were taken from the Lincoln School cafeteria when the recreation basketball was present.
3. Legislative Update – Dr. Tierney discussed proposed legislation.
4. 2011-2012 Budget Discussion – Dr. Tierney and Mr. Hurley discussed the proposed budget with the Board.

V. Comments from the Public

Mike Onischuk asked if his field trip was approved. The Board said it was approved last week.

Rob Hayzler said the Thomas Jefferson floor was just refinished and it is already scratched. Dr. Tierney said that he believes that was done by opening and closing of the doors when the chairs are kept under the stage.

VI Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2011 and January 20, 2011 Rockaway Borough Board of Education meeting.

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

VII. Approval of Budget Transfers

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers.

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

VIII. Approval of the Certification of Major Account and Line Item Status

Motion to approve the Certification of Major Account and Line Item Status.

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

IX. Approval of the Manifest of Bills

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

January \$930,039.54

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/Rogers)

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 January 2011 Cafeteria Reconciliation and Checking Reconciliation Report.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request for student #86 to attend an out of district placement for the 2010-2011 school year as per IEP. Student #86 will be attending YCS - Sawtelle Learning Centre, - Montclair beginning February 28, 2011 and ending on or about June 24, 2011. The cost is \$51,967.80, prorated.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Home Instruction for student #209, 5 hours per week at a rate of \$63.00 per hour, effective 2/28/11.
4. Approval for Caitlin Starr to provide 2 hours Home ABA services per week for student #86 at an hourly rate of \$35.27 effective 2/28/2011 for the remainder of the 10/11 school year.
5. Approval and Submittal of Tentative 2011-2012 School Budget

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the 2011-2012 school district budget for submission to the voters as follows:

General Fund	\$7,489,841
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	\$ 0
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 406,244
Debt Service Fund	\$0
Total Budget	\$7,896,085

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rockaway Borough Board of Education acknowledges that the 2011-2012 budget as describes above results in a total tax levy of \$6,969,279; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rockaway Borough Board of Education acknowledges that the 2011-2012 budget as describes above includes \$20,705 from the Educational Jobs Fund, allocated in the above budget, line 18-4522; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rockaway Borough Board of Education approves a cap adjustment due to an increase in Health Care costs in the amount of \$35,465 and an adjustment due to increases in enrollment in the amount of \$43,588; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there should be raised an additional \$ \$40,000 for General Funds in the same school year (2011-2012). These taxes will be used exclusively to reinstate the sports program eliminated in the base budget. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the district's tax levy. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rockaway Borough Board of Education approves the appropriation of \$108,531 from surplus, to help offset the tax increase;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the school district Policy 9250, Expenses and Reimbursement, and NJAC 6A:23A-7.3, provide that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2011-12 school year. That the District Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2011-12 school year not to exceed \$26,000 and that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded. To date, \$727.16 has been spent in the 2010-2011 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23A-5.2(a)1, the Rockaway Borough Board of Education establishes in the 2011-2012 school budget the following maximum expenditures professional services for the 2011-2012 school year:

Legal Services	\$10,000
Auditing Services	\$17,250
Architectural Services	\$10,000
Negotiator	\$10,000
Strauss Esmay	\$2,500
ABA Services	\$54,175
Occupational and Physical Therapy Services	\$78,515
Medical/Psychiatric Evaluation Services	\$6,000

B. Personnel

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

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Karen Johannessen as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2010 – 2011 school year at a rate of \$80.00 per day.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve with regret the resignation of Mrs. Grace Percelay for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2011.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve with regret the resignation of Mr. Robert Longo for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2011.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve with regret the resignation of Ms. Susan Milite for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2011.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve with regret the resignation of Mrs. Jane Perry for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2011.

C. Policy

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

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

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

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 a student personnel matter 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 student 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 in a unanimous roll call vote at 8:21pm. (Haynes/Lugo)

XV. Motion to Return to Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 8:45 p.m. (Rogers/Haynes)

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:47 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Rogers/Haynes)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary