

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY  
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL  
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
February 29, 2012**

**I. Call to Order and Flag Salute**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Board President, Tim Rogers.

**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:** Eileen Haynes, Laura Lugo, Christa Smith, Vice-President Debbie McNally and Board President, Tim Rogers

**Board Members Absent:** N/A

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

**IV. Superintendent's Report**

1. Enrollment Report – Dr. Tierney reported that there are currently 668 students in district.
2. Principal's Reports – Ms. Alpaugh discussed the events that took place in the Lincoln School and Ms. Rehman discussed the events that took place at Thomas Jefferson School during the past month.
3. Race to the Top III – Dr. Tierney recommended not participating because the amount time needed to complete the program would not be equal to the amount of funds we would receive. The Board agreed.
4. Home and School Award –
5. Commissioner's Convocation – Dr. Tierney discussed the plan which included a restructuring of NJ Department of Education.
6. State Aid Increase – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that Rockaway will get \$67,781 more than last year. Dr. Tierney added that there is speculation that this is due to the new Teacher Evaluation Program.
7. Teacher Evaluation EE4NJ – Dr. Tierney discussed the program.
8. Legislative Updates – Dr. Tierney discussed A2489 and A2492.
9. Nurse's Reports –
10. Morris County Improvement Authority – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that the MCIA has loan program and asked if the Board is interested in taking out a loan for the Lincoln School playground. The Board said yes.
11. 2012-2013 Budget Discussion – Dr. Tierney and Mr. Hurley discussed the proposed budget with the Board. Ms. McNally asked if Dr. Tierney has considered making some of the staff that was reduced to 4/5 full time. Dr. Tierney said that is we didn't have to pay for teacher evaluation, as mandated by EE4NJ, we would.

**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)

<b>Policy #</b>	<b>Title</b>
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

