ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
APRIL 10, 2012

I.   Call to Order and Flag Salute
The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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 <u>Daily Record</u> and <u>The Citizen</u>.

III.   Roll Call
Board Members Present: Laura Lugo, Christa Smith, Vice President, Debra McNally and President, Tim Rogers.
Board Members Absent: Eileen Haynes
Administration Present: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patrick Tierney, Lincoln School Principal, Phyllis Alpaugh and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

IV.   Superintendent's Report
1. <u>Enrollment</u> – Dr. Tierney discussed enrollment. Rockaway Borough currently has 673 students.
2. <u>Nurse's Reports</u> – Dr. Tierney discussed the nurse's reports.
3. <u>Playground</u> - Dr. Tierney informed the Board that the old playground has been removed and thanked Mayor Grueter and the Rockaway Borough DPW for the removal. Dr. Tierney also thanked the Rockaway Borough Educational Foundation for their donation of $10,000.
4. <u>DOE Letter</u> – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that Borokids asked to use the Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria over the summer.
5. <u>Focus School</u> – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that the Thomas Jefferson School is now a Focus School and discussed what that entails.

Eileen Haynes arrived at 7:34pm.

V.   Comments from the Public
Mary Leslie asked if the new fence will still have two gates. Dr. Tierney said yes.

Carol Coulther asked if the heat at the Lincoln School can be turned down. Dr. Tierney said yes.

VI.   Committee Reports
A. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items # 1 – 3.

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

1.   Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to award the contract for the installation of a playground at Lincoln School to General Recreation, Inc. State

Contract #59057, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 18A:18A-10. The total cost of the project will be $53,786.70.

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept a donation in the amount of $10,000.00 from the Rockaway Borough Education Foundation. These funds will be used to offset the cost of the Lincoln School Playground project.

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached list of Professional Development/Travel Expenditure Requests.

B. Curriculum

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Curriculum Item 1.

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

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

C. Personnel

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel Item 1.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Wendy Kraus as a substitute nurse for the Rockaway Borough School district for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year at a daily rate of $100.00.

D. Policy

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

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 revised 2011 – 2012 school calendar.

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report dated **April 10, 2012** for incident numbers **TJ 32-34.**

VII.   Comment from the Public
Carol Coulther asked if there is a specific number for the cutoff. Dr. Tierney said about 44%.

VIII.   Old Business
None.

IX.   New Business
None.

X.   **Motion to Enter into Closed Session**
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I move that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel, 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 7:45p.m. in a unanimous roll call vote. (Haynes/McNally)

XI.   **Motion to Return to Open Session**
A motion was approved to return to open session at 8:23pm.

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

XII.   **Adjournment**
There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:24 p.m. to adjourn for the evening.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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II. **Discussion**
Dr. Tierney discussed his possible departure to Roxbury.

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