

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
ROCKAWAY BOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTER
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
JUNE 15, 2009**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Board President, Eileen Haynes.

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, Debra McNally, Paul Oster, Vice-President, Ruben Fuentes and Board President, Eileen Haynes.

Board Members Absent: N/A

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

IV. Solar Cars

Denise Glen, the solar car teams and the robotics team demonstrated their creations for the Board.

V. Superintendent's Report

1. Enrollment – Mr. Suarez discussed current year enrollment. We are currently at 665 students.
2. Curriculum and Instruction
 - A. NJQSAC- District Performance Review Committee
 1. Introductory Meeting was held on June 8.
 2. DPR Committees:
 - a. Operations – Pat Tierney (Chair), Joe Hurley, Kathy Stanton and Dodi Yobs.
 - b. Instruction and Program – Phyllis Alpaugh (Chair), Carol Coulther, Maryann Medore, Sally Snelson and Debra McNally.
 - c. Governance – Emil Suarez (Chair), Dave Waxman, Eileen Haynes and Debra McNally.
 - d. Fiscal Management – Joe Hurley (Chair), Sandy Patamia, Michele Secula, Eileen Haynes
 - e. Personnel – Emil Suarez (Chair), Vicki Laib, Laura Newman and Joe Hurley
 - B. Eighth Grade graduation is Friday, June 19th at Morris Hills High School.
 - C. Solar Cars – Two of our teams went to Springfield, MA to compete. They placed 18th and 28th out of 122 teams.

- D. We are currently awaiting approval for the summer use of stimulus money.
 - E. Teachers are reviewing curriculum in preparation for NJQSAC.
- 3. Legislative News
 - A. Senate Bill 1882 – permits municipalities to transfer responsibility of hiring adult crossing guards to school districts.
 - B. There will be “eight to ten” preliminary studies in the State to examine the study process for evaluating potential district consolidations before completing the remaining planned studies.
 - C. Public Hearings are being held on modifications to the Accountability Regulations.
- 4. Facilities
 - A. The modular Unit is currently being prepared for the installation of the bathrooms.
 - B. Work on the modular is slated to begin Monday, June 29.
 - C. Classroom moves will begin as soon as the Lincoln School closes.
 - D. Mr. Suarez and Mr. Hurley discussed the fire door installation at the Lincoln School.
- 5. Other Items
 - A. Influenza A
 - 1. Influenza like illnesses are down
 - 2. Attendance is returning to normal
 - 3. Custodians did a good job disinfecting and cleaning this week.

VI. Discussion Items

- 1. Facilities/Maintenance:
 - A. Zoning Officer – Kellen Chapin is going to meet with the zoning officer from Rockaway Borough to review the plans this week.
 - B. Long Range Facilities Plan – Kellen Chapin made some revisions and will re-submit the plan.
 - C. Lincoln School Fire Doors – During the creation of the 2009-2010 budget, the Board allocated \$50,000 for the installation of two to three sets of fire doors at the Lincoln School, but this money maybe used for the installation of the bathrooms in the modular. Mr. Suarez said the hopes to use the Stimulus Money for the bathrooms, but we need to get approval before we can. If the Stimulus Money cannot be used, Mr. Suarez pointed out that the Board maybe able to use money from our Capital Reserve Account, but this needs to be approval by the County Office.

2. Modular Canopy – Mr. Hurley told the Board it would cost \$24,741. The Board decided not to have a canopy installed.
3. Board and District Goals for 2009-2010 – Mr. Suarez and the Board discussed goals.
4. Stimulus Money – Mr. Suarez distributed the submitted application and discussed the content with the Board.
5. Curriculum – Mr. Suarez discussed our curriculum with the Board and suggested having staff work at revising it over the summer.
6. Non-Association Salary Increases – Mr. Suarez suggested approving the 2.5% salary increase for those that are not in the association.
7. Staffing:
 - a. Janay Royer and Aileen Schumacher – Mr. Suarez discussed moving Ms. Royer to second grade and Ms. Schumacher to third grade.
 - b. Speech Therapist – Mr. Suarez informed the Board that interviews are being conducted.
 - c. Gifted and Talented – Mr. Suarez discussed the future of the position.
 - d. Resignations – Mr. Suarez informed the Board that Ms. Katy Haire and Ms. Jessica Syros have resigned.
 - e. Summer Custodian – Mr. Suarez told the Board that the third summer custodian, Joseph Dodd, is also the son of the Morris Hills Regional High School Superintendent, Ernie Palestis.
8. Information:
 - a. Facilities Review Committee – Members of the committee discussed their report with the Board.
 - b. Health Benefits – Ms. Haynes discussed the 12-20% increase for health benefits and possible ways to pay for the increase. The Board did not want to cut staff at this point.

VII. Public Hearing on Administrator Contract

The School Business Administrator's Contract was available for anyone to review.

VIII. Comments from the Public

None.

IX. Principal's Reports

Lincoln School Principal, Phyllis Alpaugh, and Thomas Jefferson School Principal, Pat Tierney discussed events in their schools.

X. Approval of the Manifest Bills

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

June 2009 \$672,745.98

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. (Lugo/McNally)

XI. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 12, and May 19, 2009 Board of Education meetings.

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

XII. Bill Supplement

Motion to approve a June 30, 2009 supplemental register to be approved at the July Board Meeting.

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

XIII. Approval of Budget Transfers

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers.

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (Oster/Fuentes)

XIV. 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. (Oster/Fuentes)

XV. Committee Reports

A. Finance

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for May 2009.

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Cafeteria Checking and the Cafeteria Reconciliation Report for May 2009.

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request for an out-of- district placement for student #07 at the Calais School effective June 16, 2009 through June 24, 2009 at a per diem rate of \$218.36 per day. Transportation will be billed separately.

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

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following placement for the following 2009-2010 ESY school year program.

Student #	Location	Dates	Cost	Transportation
86	Park Lake	7/1-8/7	\$3,600	N/A

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

5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following placements for the following 2009-2010 ESY school year programs.

Student #	Location	Dates	Cost	Transportation
100	DLC-Union	6/25-8/6	\$12,492	N/A
07	Calais School	7/6/09-8/14/09	\$7335.00	to be determined
112	Calais School	7/6/09 – 8/14/09	\$7335.00	to be determined
15	Harbor Haven	7/6-7/24, 8/3 – 8/20	\$5,595	\$990
57	Harbor Haven	8/3 – 8/20	\$4320	\$495
37	Harbor Haven	8/3 – 8/20	\$4120	\$247.50
100	Harbor Haven	8/10 – 8/20	\$3013.34	\$165

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

6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request for the following in-district extended school year placements for 2009-2010 school year.

<u>Preschool</u>	<u>PALS</u>	<u>K-3</u>	<u>4-8</u>
104	27	61	79
80	23	50	37
74	105	66	57
62	68	98	25
94	16	40	19
111	65	4	34
85			91
96			84
			41
			35

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

7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following summer positions for the 2008-2009 summer school program @ an hourly rate of 35.27 per hour:

Lisa Cangelosi	30 days/ 3.5 hours per day plus ½ hour prep per week
Lisa Belluzzi	30 days /3.5 hours per day plus ½ hour prep per week

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

8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request to enter into a service agreement with the following ABA Instructors to provide six weeks (ESY services) of ABA Home Component Services for the following students:

Student #	Hours per week	Provider	Provider Rate
#27	2 hours	Jeanette Murphy	\$50.00
#16	2 hours	Colleen Stevens	\$50.00
#86	3 hours	Jeanette Murphy	\$50.00
#37	1 hour	Jeanette Murphy	\$50.00
#100	1 hour	Jeanette Murphy	\$50.00

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

9. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request to extend the contract with PG Chambers to provide an additional six weeks of occupational therapy and physical therapy for the extended school year program.

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

10. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request for Morristown Memorial's Child Neurology to provide a neurological evaluation for student #80 at a cost of \$650.00.

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

11. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to appoint Vincent Montanino of VM Associates, Inc. of Mt. Arlington, NJ as District Auditor for the 08-09 school year at a rate of \$16,100.

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

12. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2009-2010 school year to provide transportation services.

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

13. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a contract between Rockaway Borough Board of Education and American Appraisal Associates from July 1, 2009 through July 2010. The purpose of this contract is to provide the district with a fixed asset report. The fee will be \$1,050 per year.

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

14. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2009-2010 school year to provide non-public nursing services to St. Cecelia, Sacred Heart and the Kiddie Academy. Funds to be provided by the Non-Public Nursing State Aid.

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

15. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with Karl and Associates for Comprehensive Environmental Services for the 2009-2010 school year. The cost will be \$7,500.00.

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

16. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with Catapult Learning to provide services to students with disabilities in the non-public schools to be served with a proportionate share of IDEIA and Chapter 192& 193 funds. This contract will begin July 1, 2009 and end June 30, 2010.

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

17. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the bid for a food service management company for the 2009 – 2010 school year, from Dowling Food Service Management, Inc.

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

18. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to award the contract for a food service management company, for 2009 – 2010 school year, to Dowling Food Service Management, Inc. The cost of the contract is a flat \$9,929.20 Management Fee and a flat \$4,000 Administrative Fee. Dowling is projecting a \$15,013.51 profit and guarantees a \$10,000 profit to the LEA. The LEA will receive an estimated \$3,000.00 rebate on annual food purchases which will be reflected as a credit on the monthly statement for purchases for that month.

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

B. Personnel

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept with regret the resignation of Jessica Syros effective July 1, 2009.

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept with regret the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Kathy Haire effective July 1, 2009.

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Janay Royer as a second grade teacher at the Lincoln School for the 2009-2010 school year. Ms. Royer will be placed on Step BA-3 of the teachers salary guide. Salary to be determined at the completion of negotiations.

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

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to transfer Aileen Schumacher from grade two to grade three at the Lincoln School for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached staff assignments for the 2009-2010 school year..

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

6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Joseph Dodd as a summer custodian at an hourly rate of \$9.00 per hour. Mr. Dodd will be employed 7.5 hours per day/5 days per week from June 22 through August 30, 2009.

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

7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Joe Ellis to provide 2009-2010 extended school year bus runs for out-of-district placement students. Hourly rate to be determined at the completion of negotiations.

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

C. Policy

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

Regulation #	5320	Immunizations
Regulation #	8420.7	Lockdown Procedures
Regulation #	5512	Harassment
Regulation #	2460.1	Special Education

The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. (Oster/Fuentes)

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached professional development/travel expenditure requests.

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

D. Miscellaneous

1. The Board of Education of Rockaway Borough School District goes on record as opposing Senate Bill #1882.

WHEREAS, this bill permits municipalities to transfer responsibility of hiring adult crossing guards for the local school district and any charter schools within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, this bill passes on not only a financial burden, but also takes public safety responsibility away from trained personnel in local police departments and transfers that responsibility to school districts which do not have the expertise or personnel to handle this responsibility; and

WHEREAS, school districts are currently limited to a 4% increase in their annual revenue; and

WHEREAS, we believe this issue of safety and security clearly rests with the local municipality and the local police force; be it

RESOLVED, that the Rockaway Borough School District strongly opposes and encourages members of the New Jersey Senate and Assembly to oppose Bill #1822.

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

XV. Old Business

None.

XVI. New Business

The Board discussed putting information about themselves on the District website. Ms. Haynes suggested listing the terms and the committees that each Board Member serves on. Ms. Haynes also suggested if any member of the community has a question or comments they can email it to Mr. Hurley. The Board liked the idea.

XVII. Comments from the Public

None.

XVIII. Executive Session

The next topic on the agenda relates to a negotiations 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 litigation and negotiations, 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 9:53pm. (McNally/Fuentes)

XIX. Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 10:15 p.m. (Oster/Fuentes)

XX. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 10:16 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Fuentes/Oster)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary