

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY  
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
Rockaway Borough Community Center  
August 17, 2009**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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, Debbie McNally, Paul Oster, Vice-President, Ruben Fuentes and President, Eileen Haynes.

**Board Member Absent:** N/A

**Administration Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Emil J. Suarez and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

**IV. Board Member Candidate Interviews**

The Rockaway Borough Board of Education met and interviewed Jean McMullen, Tim Rogers and Christa Smith.

**V. Superintendent's Report**

1. Re-registration – Mr. Suarez discussed re-registration and informed the Board that about 60%-70% of the students have been re-registered.
2. Reading Recovery Report – Mr. Suarez discussed the program.

**VI. Discussion Items**

1. Facilities:
  - a. Superintendent Vacancy – Ms. Haynes discussed options for the position of superintendent with the Board. The Board will conduct interviews for the position on September 1.
  - b. H1N1- Mr. Suarez reported on the meeting he attended dealing with H1N1. One topic that was discussed was mass vaccinations and could the school be used as a place to administer the vaccines. Mr. Suarez said he has no problem allowing the local health department to administering the vaccines, but does not want Board of Education employees administer the vaccines. Mr. Suarez stated that custodians will be in district every other weekend to do additional sanitizing.
  - c. Capital Reserve – Mr. Hurley informed the Board that the County Office did approve the transfer of money from the Capital Reserve Account into the General Fund for the installation of the fire doors at the Lincoln School. The next step will be to work on bid specifications with the architect and hopefully begin the bidding process in September.

- d. Board and District Goals – Mr. Suarez discussed the goals with the Board.
- e. NJQSAC – Mr. Suarez informed the Board that committee meetings are scheduled for early September.
- f. The Ad Hoc Committee for Facilities and Space Utilization Solutions – The Board discussed who will be on the committee.
- g. Facilities/Maintenance:
  - 1. Modular Classroom/Summer Maintenance - Mr. Hurley informed the Board that during the renovations it was discovered that the section of the wall that needs to be moved, is a weight bearing wall. The district architect, Kellen Chapin, worked with M-Space to devise a solution. M- Space will have to install a beam to bear the weight and a pillar to support it. Mr. Hurley added that this is due to a design flaw during construction of the modular. Mr. Hurley stated the delay caused by not being able to move the classrooms into the modular, put the regular summer maintenance behind schedule. In an attempt to create space, Mr. Hurley informed the Board that two PODS have been delivered and are currently at the Lincoln School. This allowed the custodians to move most of the pre-school items from Lincoln into the PODS, so the custodians can finish their routine cleaning.
- h. Occupational Therapist and Physical Education Teacher- Mr. Suarez informed the Board that he had two candidates that turned down the job as Occupational Therapist because of the low salary. He was offering them \$60,000/year plus health benefits, but would like to offer \$70,000-\$75,000/year. Mr. Suarez also discussed the need to increase the physical education teacher's time to  $\frac{3}{4}$ . The additional costs would come from the breakage gained by the resignation of Stacy Hines.
- i. Stimulus Money – Mr. Suarez discussed what the money was used on and what the remaining funds may be used on.
- j. Gifted and Talented Teacher/Full Time Computer Teacher – The Board wants to keep computers full time and hire a part time gifted and talented teacher.

## **VII. Comments from the Public**

A person asked if the Board is going to install a canopy between the Lincoln School and the modular. Ms. Haynes said no.

John Wojtaszek asked if the Board will be deciding on a candidate tonight. Ms. Haynes said yes.

Carol Coulther asked why the Board didn't budget to replace classroom doors instead of fire doors. Mr. Suarez said the fire doors are required by code.

## **VIII. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

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

**IX. Approval of the Manifest Bills**

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

August                      \$326,000.82

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/Fuentes)

**X. Approval of Budget Transfers**

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers.

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

**XI. 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. (Fuentes/Lugo)

**XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Finance**

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

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve attached list of Professional Development/Travel expenditures for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following Child Study Team requests for out of district placements as per their IEPs' for the 2009-2010 school year:

Student #	Location	Cost	Transportation
86	Park Lake	\$56,200	N/A
07	Calais School	\$44,010	ESC - to be determined
112	Calais School	\$44,010	ESC - to be determined

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

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following Child Study Team requests for PG Chambers to provide Physical Therapy services for 09/10 school year for following students at \$77.00 per hour.

<b>Student #</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Duration</b>
27	2 x month	30 minutes
50	2 x week	30 minutes
96	1 x week	30 minutes
68	1 x week	30 minutes
104	2 x week	30 minutes
65	2 x month	30 minutes
2	1 x week	30 minutes
16	2 x week	30 minutes
84	2 x week	30 minutes

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

5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request for the following ABA Home component services as per IEPs for 2009/2010 as follows:

<b>Student #</b>	<b>Hours per week</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Provider Rate</b>
#27	2 hours and ½ hour consult	Jeanette Murphy	\$50.00
#16	2 hours and ½ hour consult	Jeanette Murphy	\$50.00
#86	3 hours	Jeanette Murphy	\$50.00
#37	1 hour per week and 1 hour per month consult	Jeanette Murphy	\$50.00
#100	1 hour	Jeanette Murphy	\$50.00

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 the following Child Study Team request for Jeanette Murphy to continue to provide 3 hours per week ABA Home component services for student #86 retro to 8/3/09 through 9/4/09 at \$50 per hour.

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 Child Study Team request for Kelli Fowler to attend an IEP meeting as general education teacher as mandated by state law on 8/13/09. Ms. Fowler will be paid one hour at hourly curriculum rate to be determined at completion of negotiations.

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 the following Child Study Team request for Dodi Yobs to attend an IEP meeting as general education teacher as mandated by state law on 8/13/09. Ms. Yobs will be paid one hour at hourly curriculum rate to be determined at completion of negotiations.

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 the following Child Study Team request for Cheryl Hennessey to attend an IEP meeting as a special education teacher as mandated by state law on 8/13/09. Ms. Hennessey will be paid one hour at hourly curriculum rate to be determined at completion of negotiations.

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

10. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with the Bridgewater- Raritan Regional School District to provide Reading Recovery training and technical support for Sue Lonergan and Jennifer Marsh during the 2009/2010 school year. The cost of the program is \$750/ teacher.

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

11. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP for the purpose of providing Manuals of Bylaws and Policy and a Manual of Administrative Regulations and the updates for these manuals. The cost will be \$2,490 for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

12. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Jeffrey Oster, Private Investigator to investigate residency issues for the district for the 2009-2010 school year at the rate of \$35.00 per hour.

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

13. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education transfer up to \$50,000 from the Capital Reserve Account to the General Fund for the purpose upgrading fire doors in the Lincoln School.

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

14. A RESOLUTION BINDING THE ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICES THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Rockaway Borough Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2014 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to

purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2014 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

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

15. A RESOLUTION BINDING THE ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PURCHASE NATURAL GAS SERVICES THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Rockaway Borough Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2014, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2014 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

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

## **B. Personnel**

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept with regret the resignation of Mr. Emil Suarez, Superintendent of Schools effective Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

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

2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following new hires for the 2009-2010 school year:

Name	Step/Hrs	Position	Salary
Liz Hartwig	N/A – 2 hours per day	Playground Aide	\$10.00 per hours
Judy O’Hara	N/A – 6 hours per day	*Personal Aide	\$14.00 per hour
Elizabeth Milite	N/A – 6 hours per day	*Personal Aide	\$14.00 per hour
*funding for personal aides through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act			
Michael Onischuck	BA-1 (65%)	Phys. Ed./Health Teacher	\$32,163.75

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

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following assignments for the 2009-2010 school year:

Name	Step/Hrs	Position	Salary
Morgan Abrams	N/A – 5 hours per day	*Personal Aide/Personal Bus Aide	\$14.35 per hour
Lisette Marrero	2 hours per day 1.5 hours per day	Lunch/Playground Aide Personal Bus Aide	\$10.00 per hour \$14.00 per hour

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

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following transfers:

Jennifer Targonski from grade 5 math to grade 6 math  
 Kathy Forte from grade 5 LAL to grade 5 math  
 Monica Koerner from grade 7 LAL to grade 5 LAL

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

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

Cheryl Rossi	Allison Longo	Theresa Weldon
Russell Greuter	Dan Riccio	MaryAnn Kudlacik-Kawiecki
Sally Mastras	Eileen Garbarini	Vicky Burnor
Kathryn O’Hara	Domenica Opalewski	Donna VanDuyne
Judy O’Hara	Jaclyn Nemric-Dellavalle	Allison Longo

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

6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Kellianne Fowler for lateral movement on the salary guide from BA8 to MA8 effective September 1, 2009.

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

7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Jamie Argenziano for lateral movement on the salary guide from BA-5 to MA-5 effective September 1, 2009.

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

8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Tanya Fleming as a substitute playground aide for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

9. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following 2.5% increases for the 2009-2010 school year.

Trish Iaconetti to \$15.70  
Renee Willard to \$14.35

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

10. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following custodian longevity increases for the 2009-2010 school year.

Joe McConnell	\$220.00	Longevity annually
Frank Talty	\$400.00	Longevity annually

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

11. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following staff members to provide summer curriculum review.

LAL – Michele Secula/Monica Koerner/Grace Percelay/  
Tracy DeCrosta/Nicole Petrozzo/ Jessica Marrero/Jamie Argenziano  
Spanish – Maria Portillo/Carolyn Kearns  
Specials – Marianne Kopetz/ Teddy Love/David Waxman  
Science – Denise Glenn/David Raider/Mary Ann Medore  
SS – John Wojtaszek  
Math – Jennifer Matschke/Jennifer Targonski/Sue Milite/Kellianne Fowler/  
Joanne Parent/Sally Snelson/Kathy Forte  
Library – Diane Rounsaville

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

12. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Diane Leshowitz, LDTC, for summer child study team duties conducted from 6/22/09 to 8/12/09. Ms. Leshowitz worked a total of 33.25 hours. The rate will be determined after negotiations conclude.

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

13. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept, with regret, the resignation of Stacy Hines, 6<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher effective August 17, 2009.

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

## C. Policy

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following Rockaway Borough Board of Education and District Goals for the 2009-2010 School Year:

### **Board of Education Goals:**

#### **Goal I:**

Hire a new superintendent.

#### **Goal II:**

The Board of Education will complete the 2009-2010 New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum evaluation by reviewing the components of the Continuum and submitting the appropriate paper work to the Department of Education by November 15.

#### **Goal III:**

The Board of Education will identify areas where shared services are already implemented and investigate additional possibilities for shared services.

#### **Goal IV:**

The Board of Education will review the report provided by the Facilities Review Committee and develop a plan to address the future facility needs of the district.

### **School District Goals:**

#### **Goal I:**

Increase achievement for students included in the subgroups identified by No Child Left Behind on the Language Arts Literacy and Math portion of the NJASK tests.

#### **Goal II:**

Review and revise the district Gifted and Talented curriculum.

#### **Goal III:**

Develop and implement extra-curricular/enrichment activities for students at the Lincoln Elementary School.

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

## **XII. Old Business**

Ms. Haynes asked if the bleachers or swings have been removed from the Thomas Jefferson School yet. Mr. Hurley said that Joe Rossi is going to do it this before school starts.

Mr. Joe Vincente thanked Mr. Suarez for his service as the Superintendent on behalf of the Mayor and Council

## **XIII. Comments from the Public**

None.

**XIV. Motion to Enter into Closed Session**

The next topic on the agenda relates to a litigation, personnel and 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 negotiations and student 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 in a unanimous roll call vote at 10:02pm. (Lugo/Fuentes)

**XV. Motion to Return to Open Session**

A motion was approved to return to open session at 10:55 p.m. (McNally/Lugo)

**XVI. Board Appointment**

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to appoint Tim Rodgers to fill the vacant Board of Education seat, effective September 1, 2009.

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

**XVI. Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 11:01 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Hurley/Fuentes)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary