

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
September 1, 2009**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Vice-President, Ruben Fuentes and Board President, Eileen Haynes.

Board Members Absent: N/A

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

IV. Closed Session

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I move that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of interviewing personnel candidates, 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 7:01pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Fuentes)

V. Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 8:34pm.

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

Mr. Suarez came back at 8:35pm.

Ms. Haynes informed the all those present that Mr. Tierney will be appointed Superintendent of Schools as soon as his contract is approved.

VI. Board Candidate Interviews

Ms. Haynes explained the interview process with all those present. The Board then proceeded to interview Tony Gebbia, Jean McMullen, Christa Smith and Tim Rogers.

VII. Appointment

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to rescind the appointment of Timothy Rogers as a board member to fill the vacant seat made at the August 17, 2009 board meeting.

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

VIII. Finance

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports 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 the following Child Study Team request for ESC to provide Occupational Therapy services effective 9/15/09 through the end of the 2009/2010 school year for following students attending an out of district school at a rate to be determined.

Student #	Frequency Duration
07	1 x week 30 minutes
112	1 x week 30 minutes

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 to provide 5 hours per week of home instruction for student #230 effective September 8, 2009 through March 8, 2010. Home instruction will be split between Education, Inc through Morristown Memorial Hospital and a district home instructor. The hourly rate for the district instructor will be \$35.27 per hour and the hourly rates for Education, Inc. for in-hospital tutoring to be determined.

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

IX. Personnel

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

Name	Step/Salary	Position
Kami Kongolo	Step MA-6/\$51,755	Speech Therapist
Laurie Marquez Opthof	Step MA-9/\$57,130	7th LAL Teacher
Michael Onischuk	Step BA-1/ \$32,163.75 (75%)	PE/Health Teacher (75%)
Tanya Fleming	\$10.00 per hour playground/lunch	Playground/Lunchroom/Personal
	\$14.00 per hour personal bus aide	Bus Aide

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

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

New Staff	Member Mentor
Janay Royer	Jeri Hurley
Michael Onischuk	Rob Hayzler

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 the following emergent hire effective September 16, 2009.

Name	Step/Salary	Position
Christine Mastrisciano	MA13/\$67,198 (prorated)	Occupational Therapist

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

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to appoint Kimberly Stockstill as the Acting Secretary to the Superintendent (Part-Time) from September 1, 2009 to October 15, 2009. Kimberly's hours will be shared between Thomas Jefferson School and the Superintendent's office. Kimberly's salary will be adjusted from \$32,737.00 to \$38,446.00 (prorated) during this time.

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 Sandra Patamia as a temporary office assistant throughout the district for 3 hours per day from September 1, 2009 to October 15, 2009 at her current hourly rate of \$15.80.

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 Bria Rose, Eleanor McCann, Rebecca Kehoe, Nicole Patamia, Brenda Kiminyo-Bode and Darlene Klus as substitute teachers/instructional aides for the 2009-2010 school year at a daily rate of \$80.00 per day.

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 Jeanette Murphy, Darlene Kottelles MaryAnn Kudlacik-Kawiecki, Jennifer Targonski, Monica Koerner and Sue Milite as home instruction teachers for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

X. Discussion Items

1. Enrollment – Mr. Suarez discussed first enrollment and told the Board we are currently at 64.
2. Modular – Mr. Hurley told the Board that the electrical has passed inspection, the new supply sheds have been order for the Ms. Leslie and Ms. Marsh and the trench that was dug for the pipes will be filled in next week.
3. Lincoln Classroom Doors – Mr. Hurley informed the Board that Mr. Talty and Mr. Pico have been working on the classroom doors.

XI. Closed Session

"The next topic on the agenda relates to discussing board candidates for the vacant board of education seat, 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 board candidates for the vacant board of education seat, 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 9:34pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (Lugo/Fuentes)

XII. Open Session

A motion was approved to return to open session at 10:45pm.

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

XIII. Appointment

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to appoint Tim Rogers as the board member to fill the vacant board of education seat effective September 8, 2009.

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

XIV. Comments from the Public

Carol Coulther discussed a letter she sent to the Superintendent and Principals.

XV. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 10:55 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Lugo/Fuentes)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL
MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION
September 1, 2009**

I. Motion to Enter Closed Session

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The motion was approved at 7:01pm in a unanimous roll call vote. (McNally/Fuentes)

II. Discussion

Mr. Suarez left at 7:02pm. Mr. Tierney was present.

The Board interview Mr. Tierney and negotiated items Mr. Tierney would to have in his contract.

At 7:35pm Laura Newman arrived.

Ms. Haynes explained the process and the Board proceeded to interview Ms. Newman.

At 7:57pm Ms. Newman left.

At 8:00pm Teresa Rehman arrived.

Ms. Haynes explained the process and the Board proceeded to interview Ms. Rehman.

Ms. Rehman left at 8:33pm.

III. Motion to Return to Open Session

A motion was made at 8:34 p.m. to return to open session. (Fuentes/Lugo)

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Hurley Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary