

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY**  
**Regular Public Meeting**  
**Thomas Jefferson School**  
**December 13, 2011**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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 Member Absent:** N/A

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

**IV. Superintendent's Report**

1. Principal's Reports – Ms. Alpaugh discussed the events that took place in the Lincoln School and Dr. Tierney discussed the events that took place at Thomas Jefferson School during the past month.
2. Enrollment – Mr. Hurley reported that the Rockaway Borough Board of Education currently has 664 students.
3. Nurse's Reports - Mr. Hurley discussed the nurse's reports.
4. Legislative Updates – Mr. Hurley discussed Senate bills S3123, S3128 and Assembly bills A4407, A4408 and A4419.
5. School Calendar – Mr. Rogers discussed the 2012-2013 school calendar.
6. Facilities – Mr. Hurley reviewed the bid information for the completion of the Lincoln School Door Replacement Project.
7. Holiday Concerts –The Board discussed the Holiday Concerts.

**VI. Comments from the Public**

Carol Coulther asked why the construction is beginning on the top floor. Mr. Hurley responded.

**VII. Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2011 Rockaway Borough Board of Education meeting.

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

**VIII. Approval of Budget Transfers**

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers.

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

**IX. Certification of Major Account and Line Item Status**

Motion to approve the Major Account and Line Item Status.

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

**IX. Approval of the Manifest Bills**

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

December - \$745,052.76

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. (Smith/Lugo)

**X. Committee Reports**

**A. Finance**

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items #1 -9.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports for November 2011.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Cafeteria Checking Account and Cafeteria Reconciliation Reports for November 2011.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached list of Professional Development/Travel Expenditure requests.
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to increase the maximum dollar limit for the below listed professional services, pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A-5.2(a) 1.

	Approved Amount	Revised Amount
Architectural Services -	\$10,000	\$20,000

5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request for student #140 to be placed on Home Instruction effective December 5, 2011 (length of time to be determined). Ten hours per week at an hourly rate of \$35.98.
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Tara Renehan for Home Instruction for Student #140 at an hourly rate of \$35.98.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request for student #71 to attend an out of district facility, Parsippany Immediate Care Children’s Psychiatric Center, effective December 1, 2011. Daily rate of \$450 along with an initial evaluation cost of \$550. Length of time approximately 2-4 weeks with additional review.

8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request for student #71 to also receive Home Instruction effective December 1, 2011 (length of time to be determined). Ten hours per week at an hourly rate of \$35.98.
9. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Deborah Napolitano for Home Instruction for Student #71 at an hourly rate of \$35.98.

**B. Policy**

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

Policy #	Title
0142	Board Member Qualifications
0168	Recording Board Meetings
2431.4	Prevention and Treating of Sports Related Concussions and Head Injuries
3230	Outside Activities
5519	Dating Violence at School
6472	Emergency Contracts
6472	Tuition Assistance
8505	School Nutrition
8670.01	Parental Transportation Out of District Placements
9180	School Volunteers
9181	Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co Curricular Activity Advisors
R2431.4	Prevention and Treatment of Sports Related Concussions and Head Injuries
R5519	Dating Violence at School

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

**C. Personnel**

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Michael VanDuyne and Ashley Rounsaville as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2011 – 2012 school year at a daily rate of \$80.00 per day.

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

**D. Curriculum**

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

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the attached field trip request.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the following curricula:

English Language Arts

Mathematics K-2  
 Algebra  
 Science

**XI. Addendum**

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Addendum Items 1 –7.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a maternity leave for Mrs. Jamie Argenziano. Starting February 22, 2012, Mrs. Argenziano will begin utilizing her accumulated sick days until they are exhausted. Once all accumulated sick days are exhausted, she will begin her 12 weeks of FMLA. Mrs. Argenziano will remain on maternity leave through June 30, 2012.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Sally Snelson for an additional 40 hours of math curriculum writing at an hourly rate of \$35.98
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Jamie Argenziano for an additional 40 hours of LAL curriculum writing at an hourly rate of \$35.98
4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Karen Nedo, effective December 30, 2011, to follow other career endeavors.
5. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to submit the 2011-2012 New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum Statement of Assurance to the New Jersey Department of Education.
6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the following bids and their alternates, for the Lincoln School Door Replacement Project, pursuant to 18A: 18A-4.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate #1</u>	<u>Base Bid + Alt 1</u>
C&M Door	\$19,900	\$13,700	\$33,600

Bids are accepted for the selected scope subject to compliance with applicable law, and to compliance with the Instructions to Bidders issued for this project.

7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to award the contract the Lincoln School Door Replacement Project to C&M Door, 20 Marley Street, Port Reading, NJ in the amount of \$33,600 based on their lowest responsible bid.

**XII. Old Business**

None.

**XIII. New Business**

None.

**XIV. Comments from the Public**

Mary Leslie asked how the Gifted and Talented Class Trips are funded. Mr. Hurley responded.

**XV. Executive Session**

The next topic on the agenda relates to litigation and student personnel, 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 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 8:31pm. (Lugo/Smith)

**XVI. Motion to Return to Open Session**

A motion was approved to return to open session at 8:48 p.m. (Lugo/Smith)

**XVII. Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:49 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Lugo/Smith)

Respectfully submitted,

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