

**ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY
Regular Public Meeting
Thomas Jefferson School
December 21, 2010**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Board President, Debbie McNally.

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, Tim Rogers, Christa Smith, Vice-President, Eileen Haynes and Board President, Debbie McNally.

Board Member Absent: N/A

Administration Present: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patrick Tierney, Lincoln School Principal, Phyllis Alpaugh, Thomas Jefferson School Vice-Principal, Teresa Rehman and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph P. Hurley Jr.

IV. Superintendent's Report

1. Principal's Reports – Ms. Alpaugh and Ms. Rehman discussed the events that took place in their schools.
2. Enrollment Report – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that we currently have 670 students.
3. TREMCO Presentation – Tim Rogers, Dr. Tierney and Joe Hurley discussed their meeting with the Board. TREMCO had some great ideas, but the Board simply does not have \$175,000 to begin the projects.
4. Enrollment – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that we currently have 663 students.
5. Lincoln Evening Custodian – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that the advertisement was run and interviews will begin in January.
6. 2011-2012 School Calendar – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that he met with the regional superintendents and discussed the school calendar and the possibility of sharing professional development.
7. Speech Update – Dr. Tierney told the Board that Kami's last day was December 16 and the new therapist, Indira Brcvak, will begin on February 1, 2011. Speech Therapy Center, LLC., will provide services until February 1.
8. Preschool Tuition – Dr. Tierney told the Board they will need to consider increasing the tuition for the 11-12 school year. Dr. Tierney told the Board that the population of preschool age students is increasing, so they Board may want to consider adding a fourth preschool class.
9. Thomas Jefferson School Gymnasium – Dr. Tierney told the Board that the floor needs to be refinished.
10. Donation – Dr. Tierney informed the Board that Mr. Perry donated ceiling tiles to the Lincoln School. Dr. Tierney accepted the tiles on behalf of the Board.
11. Legislation – Dr. Tierney discussed S2461, S2506, S2526, S2569, S2625 and S2043.

V. Comments from the Public

Mary Leslie asked if the dates in the RBEA's contract will match the days in Morris Hill's contract. Dr. Tierney said it is being looked into.

Mary Leslie asked if Morris Hills has a programs that helps 7th graders prepare for high school.

Ms. Lugo said there is nothing for 7th graders.

Mary Leslie asked who keeps track of the missed speech therapy. Dr. Tierney said t that Ms. Alpaugh will.

VI. Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 16 and November 29, 2010 Rockaway Borough Board of Education meetings.

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

VII. Approval of the Manifest Bills

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

September - \$840,474.36

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. (Haynes/Smith)

VIII. Approval of Budget Transfers

Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers.

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

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. (Haynes/Smith)

X. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Finance Items #1 -11.

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

1. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for November 2010.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve the Cafeteria Checking Account and Cafeteria Reconciliation Reports for November 2010.

3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to accept the following quotes to refinish the Thomas Jefferson School gymnasium floor, pursuant to NJAC 18A:18-3

All American Floor, LLC - \$2,932.50
J&J Gym Floors, LLC - \$1,500.00
J and R Hardwood Floors - \$1,552.50

4. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to award the contract to refinish the Thomas Jefferson School gymnasium floor to J&J Gym Floors, LLC, 77 Michael Drive, Wayne, NJ, pursuant to NJAC 18A:18-3, in the amount of \$1,500.
5. 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
Auditing Services -	\$16,500	\$17,000
Architectural Services -	\$10,000	\$15,000
ABA Services -	\$34,000	\$64,000
Medical /Psychiatric Evaluations	\$4,500	\$7,000

6. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to enter into a contract with New York University to provide Reading Recovery training and technical support for Sue Lonergan and Jennifer Marsh during the 2010-2011 school year. The cost of the program is \$750/ teacher.
7. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve non-public student #207 for Home Instruction for 5 hours per week retroactive to 11/30/2010 provided by Saint Clare's Hospital at an hourly rate of \$49.00 ending on 12/10/2010.
8. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to re-approve non-public student #207 for Home Instruction for 5 hours per week starting 12/16/2010 for approximately 6-8 weeks at an hourly rate of \$35.27.
9. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve for Speech Therapy Center, LLC to provide speech evaluations at a rate of \$350.00 for students that require evaluations as a result of initial referrals or re-evaluations.
10. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve for Speech Therapy Center, LLC to provide speech therapy services at a rate of \$105 per hour , 4 days a week 9 am to 3 pm effective 1/3/2011 through 1/31/2011.
11. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve a Child Study Team request for student #07 to attend an out of district placement for 2010 – 2011 school year as per IEP. Student #07 will be attending The Montgomery Academy beginning, December 13, 2010 and ending on or about June 24, 2011. The cost is \$48,254.40, prorated.
12. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve student #17 to attend Morris County ESC, Park Lakes, in Rockaway NJ effective 11/17/2010 through on or about June 30, 2011. Annual tuition is \$56,200 and will be pro-rated. Transportation to be provided by Rockaway Borough School district with bus aide.

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

B. Policy

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

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

Policy #	Title
0146	Board Member Authority
0171	Duties of Board President and Vice President
0173	Duties of Public School Accountant
2431.4	Concussion Testing and Return-to-Play
3144	Certification of Tenure Charges
R3144	Certification of Tenure Charges
4159	Support Staff/School District Reporting Responsibilities
5516	Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices (ECRD)
6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures
R6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures
6830	Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

C. Personnel

Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Personnel Items # 1 - 3

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

- 1, Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve, with regret, the resignation of Mr. David Pickett, part-time custodian, for the purpose of assuming a full-time position, effective December 23, 2010.
2. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Julie McBride as a playground/lunchroom aide for the 2010-2011 school year at an hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour 1.5 hours per day.
3. Be it resolved by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education to approve Tanya Fleming as a personal aide for the remainder of 2010-2011 school year at an hourly rate of \$14.00 per hour 6 hours per day, beginning January 3, 2011.

Ms. McNally asked if Ms. Fleming was previously approved. Dr. Tierney said yes, but her hours are increasing as a personal aide.

D. Curriculum

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

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

XI. Old Business

None.

XII. New Business

Mr. Hurley informed the Board that the TPAF Wage Freeze Grant is now available and that he will be starting on the application as soon as possible.

XIII. Comments from the Public

Jeri Hurley asked if Dave Pickett's job will be posted. Dr. Tierney said it will be if the costs of sending a special education student out of district is not too high.

Carol Coulther asked if a child study team evaluation can be done before the Board approves it. Dr. Tierney said no.

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was approved at 8:27 p.m. to adjourn for the evening. (Haynes/Smith)

Respectfully submitted,

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