

Rockaway Borough Board of Education

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 12, 2021: 7:00 PM

Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria, 95 East Main Street, Rockaway

Via Zoom *Only* due to the ongoing declared public health emergency

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ROCKAWAY BOROUGH SCHOOLS' MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Rockaway Borough School District, a caring and diverse community, is to propel the success of each student by creating an environment that fosters self-confidence and encourages creativity through quality instruction and educational opportunities aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

1. Call to Order: 7:01 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m., by Mrs. Christa Smith, Board President, by reading the following announcement:

"In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, The Rockaway Borough Board of Education has provided adequate notice of this meeting to the public by having the time, date and location posted on our website and at Town Hall on Friday, April 6, 2021 at approximately 11:00 am. Official action will be taken at this meeting."

2. Board Member Roll Call:

Mrs. Linda McGovern - Present

Elected 2020 to 2nd consecutive term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2023)

Mrs. Alexis Piombino - Present

Elected 2018 to 1st term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2021)

Mrs. Christa Smith, President - Present

Elected 2019 to 7th consecutive term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2022)

Mr. Jeffrey Tobias – Arrived 7:06 PM

Elected 2020 to 2nd consecutive term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2023)

Mrs. Karen Walter, Vice President – Present

Elected 2018 to 1st term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2021)

Mrs. Phyllis Alpaugh, Superintendent – Present

Appointed 2017 Chief School Administrator & Non-Voting Board Member (CSA/Supt)

Mr. William Stepka, SBA/Board Secretary - Present

Appointed 2017 District Business Administrator (BA) & Secretary of the Board

Mr. Stepka Declared a Board Quorum was Present.

There was a total of 17 people participating via zoom
(including the Board & Administration.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was then held.

3. Personnel

- A. Be it resolved, to offer, approve and accept a five (5) year employment contract for, and the appointment of, Mr. Anthony Grieco, of Midland Park, NJ, as the Chief School Administrator/Superintendent of Schools of the Rockaway Borough Public School District, effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026 in accordance with applicable state laws, state board of education administrative codes, regulations and employment terms and conditions contained therein.

(As required by state law/code, the Morris County Executive Interim Superintendent has reviewed and approved the employment contract on Thursday, April 8, 2021.)

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Moved & Seconded By:</u>	<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mrs. McGovern:	Seconded	Yea	-	-	-
Mrs. Piombino:	-	Yea	-	-	-
Mr. Tobias:	-	-	-	-	X
Mrs. Walter:	Moved	Yea	-	-	-
Mrs. Smith:	-	Yea	-	-	-

Roll Call Result: 4 - 0 - 0 - 1

Mr. Stepka declared the resolution was approved.

Mr. Grieco thanked the Board and stated he looked forward to working in the district.

4. Any Other Business Before the Board:

- A. There was none at this time.

(It was at this time, 7:06 pm, that Mr. Tobias arrived at the meeting.)

5. Public Comment (Agenda & Non-Agenda Items can be heard)

- A. District Teacher Michael Onischuk offered congratulations to Mr. Grieco.
B. TJ Principal Mr. Waxman stated that the return of students to the school went very well.

6. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:

- A. Tuesday, April 20, 2021: Executive Session (closed to the Public) will begin at 6:30pm. The Workshop (in Public) will begin at approximately 7:30pm and will be immediately followed by the Regular Meeting. The meeting could be held in Thomas Jefferson School and/or via ZOOM, due to the Governor's continuing COVID-19 health emergency declaration, if still in effect.

7. Executive Session: 7:12 pm

Be it Resolved, that the Board enter into Executive Session (Private) for the purpose of discussing a legal matter pertaining to the terms & conditions of a construction contract now in effect; the nature of which will be made public only when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

**THE BOARD ANTICIPATES TO BE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES.
BOARD ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN AFTER THIS SESSION CONCLUDES.**

Motion to Enter Exec Session: 7:12 pm

Moved by: Mrs. Piombino Seconded by: Mrs. Walter Voice Vote: All Ayes

Motion to Adjourn Exec Session: 8:04 pm

Moved by: Mr. Tobias

Seconded by: Mrs. Walter

Voice Vote: All Ayes

8. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Moved by: Mr. Tobias

Seconded by: Mrs. Walter

Voice Vote: All Ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. William Stepka, RSBA
Secretary of the Board of Education/
School District Business Administrator