

Rockaway Borough Board of Education

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thomas Jefferson School Cafeteria
95 East Main Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866
Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 7:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mrs. Christa Smith Board President, by reading the following announcement to those present:

"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 place thereof advertised in the Daily Record and The Citizen newspapers, posted our district website, and posted in other public places."

The Pledge of Allegiance was then held . . .

2. Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: All Five (5): Mrs. Sarah Concannon, Mrs. Colleen Grow, Mrs. Linda McGovern, Mr. Jeff Tobias and Mrs. Christa Smith, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None (0)

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Mrs. Phyllis Alpaugh, Superintendent of Schools, & Mr. William Stepka, School Business Administrator/Bd. Secy

OTHERS PRESENT: Approximately 40 members of the public.

3. Board Discussion/Review of Proposed Referendum Projects & Costs

Mr. Mike Klein, B&G Supervisor, presented a short slide show of deteriorating pipes, boilers, toilet facilities, and a host of other issues.

The Board then discussed the merits, priority and estimated costs of school district buildings and renovation projects for inclusion in a possible October 2, 2018 Bond Referendum Question for the public to vote on.

4. Public Input/Comment on Projects

Several residents addressed the Board, their names were:

Mrs. Crouse, Mr. DiRenzo, Mrs. Adamchuk, Mr. Hurley, Mrs. Coulther, Mr. Gebbia, and Mrs. Leslie

Topics of the Questions and discussions revolved around:

Age of boilers in both buildings, security, heating pipe lead quality and age, justification for air conditioning in certain sections of the buildings, cost of air conditioning on an on-going basis, 5 year student demographic projection, concern for new housing developments in town, concrete floor temperature in the cafeteria of Lincoln school, due to a heating pipe leak, addition to Lincoln to replace trailers, new middle school type gym addition for TJ, and finally, school tax increase

5. Next Meetings:

- 1) Monday, March 19th, 2018; Second Public Bond Referendum Update beginning at 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria of Thomas Jefferson Middle School.
- 2) Tuesday, March 27th, 2018; Executive/Closed Session at 7:00 pm with the Public Portion to begin at approximately 7:30 pm, also in TJ Cafeteria.

Motion to direct the Board Secretary to publicly advertise such meetings:

Moved By: Mrs. Concannon Seconded By: Mrs. Grow Voice Vote: All Ayes

6. Motion to Adjourn: 8:50 PM

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Moved By: Mrs. McGovern Seconded By: Mrs. Grow Voice Vote: All Ayes

Respectfully submitted,

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