REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 19, 2023

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

Mrs. Mezik called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

The following members of the Board of Education were present in-person: Mrs. Curelaru, Mr. Forst, Mrs. Lukany, Mrs. Mezik, Mrs. Shields, and Dr. Tomasini.

Mrs. Smith was absent.

Also present were Dr. Corbett, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Higgins, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Slamb, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mr. McKeever, Board Attorney.

Public announcement was read regarding the "Open Public Meeting Act."

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" the Rockaway Township Board of Education will meet in closed session to discuss matters involving personnel, Student and Administrative issues, the content of said discussions will be disclosed to the public at such time and extent as is required by law.

No Board Member objected to the conduct of the meeting as advertised.

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Shields to waive pledge until open session.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Shields, seconded by Mr. Forst to go into closed session at 6:04 PM.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Lukany that the closed session meeting stands adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes, motion carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM.

Mrs. Mezik reopened the regular business meeting of the Board with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STUDENT/SCHOOL RECOGNITION PRESENTATION – CATHERINE A. DWYER

Mrs. Mezik invited Catherine A. Dwyer's Principal, Mr. McGovern to address the Board and the community and announce the recipients of Student of the Month/School Recognition award. The full ceremony can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting - 2023-4-19' or by clicking this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkydBKs-VJM

HIB COMMUNITY PRESENTATION – DENNIS MCKEEVER, ESQ.

Mr. McKeever, Board Attorney from Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne (CMMO) presented the HIB Community Presentation. The full presentation and Board commentary can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting - 2023-4-19' or by clicking this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkydBKs-VJM

Recess at 7:43 PM.

Return from recess at 8:01 PM.

Motion by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Lukany to open the public session of the meeting.

No Public comment.

Motion by Dr. Tomasini seconded by Mrs. Lukany to close the public session of the meeting.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes, motion carried.

I. COMMUNICATIONS

The following correspondence was received for the Board since the last regular meeting:

Sharon Toriello	Thank you – Copeland Middle School Basketball Championship Team Acknowledgement
Susan D'Angelo	Registration for Copeland Middle School
Christopher Marangon	Month of the Military Child Assembly

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Shields, seconded by Mrs. Lukany to approve the minutes of March 15, 2023.

Roll Call Vote on above recommendations, all present remaining voting yes, motion carried.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The first Strategic Planning Session took place April 3, 2023, It was facilitated by Charlene Peterson from New Jersey School Boards Association. Our 53 participants provided valuable feedback regarding the district's strengths and areas for growth. Our next meeting is April 26, 6:00 p.m. at C.M.S.
- To support the strategic planning process, surveys have been made available to parents, staff, the community and our students. These surveys are still open and can be accessed from the district website. I am confident that they will support the strategic planning process by providing the board valuable insight regarding the concerns and hopes of the Rockaway Township community.
- In an effort to understand the challenges faced by our certified staff, between March 20 and April 5, I visited each school to provide our teachers and staff an opportunity to meet with me and discuss relevant educational issues. I had the pleasure of meeting with 114 certified staff and we discussed a broad range of topics including: curriculum, school climate & culture, special education and demographics and the increase in student population.
- Our SEPAC met on March 23, with Melissa Lewis and Gena Hartman who presented on executive functioning and ADHD. Approximately 22 parents attended and the feedback was very positive.
- I had the pleasure of attending the dress rehearsal of Mary Poppins, Jr., presented to the faculty on March 29. It was beyond impressive and I am not surprised that all shows were sold out. The musical was a great success and I congratulate the students and teachers who worked so hard to provide the community with an impressive performance.
- The positons for Middle School Principal and Director of Special Education have been advertised and the first round of interviews have been completed. I am planning to recruit a hiring committee for both positions that is inclusive of stakeholders including three members of the BOE, two principals, two teachers and two parents. I will ask these committees to recommend their top three finalists for my consideration.

----------Good News from our Schools----------

- **Birchwood Elementary** recently hosted several engaging and enjoyable activities for their students during the month of March. These included march-madness math challenges, along with creating March-themed STEM projects. In addition, "Portrait of a Student" was a great success with many parents attending. The school is now

planning to organize another evening, named "Summer Slump," which intends to educate parents about the importance of continuing literacy activities with their children over the summer. This event will focus on teachers partnering with parents to provide resources and activities that will help ensure academic success for their children.

- The Parent-Teacher-Organization (PTO) and Mrs. Dearolf, organized a successful paint night that drew over 90 students, parents, and guardians. During the event, students enjoyed sweet treats and left with an original piece of artwork. Birchwood lunchtime has also become more engaging and enjoyable thanks to the inclusion of games and physical challenges. Dr. Macones created a giant Plinko Board, which students use to win prizes during lunchtime. This board encourages positive lunchroom behavior and gives students a chance to play and win some great cafeteria treats.
- **The DBO community** congratulates student teachers Hailee Werner and Hayley Shea, who have been nominated for the NJ Distinguished Clinical Intern Award. This award recognizes the top interns from each university in NJ. Since fewer than 10% of all interns are nominated, this is a significant honor. Also, as we look forward to sunnier days, we remind everyone that April is a special month at DBO since it is the Month of the Military Child. With its creation in the mid-1980s, the Pentagon and other military support organizations and agencies use the month to recognize military children for their sacrifice and bravery on the home front. While military members serve around the world, we often forget the challenges faced by their children. Military families move on average every two to three years, impacting military children through changing schools and support networks. The Month of the Military Child provides a chance for us to recognize and thank the military children at DBO who represent 15% of our school population.
- On March 24, the school-wide talent show returned to **KDM**. This was made possible by the PTA, the talent shows committee of parent volunteers, the staff, and the custodians for all they have done to make the show a success. There was a wide variety of talents on display which created fun and excitement for the participants and audience. KDM also held the fifth-grade, Student vs. Faculty Basketball Game. Not surprisingly, the students WON! However, it was close and all players should be recognized for their good sportsmanship. On Friday, April 6, KDM hosted its first Career Fair for students. Tables, representing a variety of careers, were staffed by parents. Careers included: engineering, food scientists, chief technology officers, policemen, firemen, and nurses. Our maintenance department and Chartwells also hosted interactive tables which included an engine and food! Since April is autism awareness month, KDM will be having a Walk-a-Thon on Wednesday, April 26th. For Social Emotional Learning (SEL) KDM will focus on peace and how to create an environment that supports and encourages peaceful communication and compromise. Students are working in groups to create artistic ceiling tiles to be displayed around the school. Each tile represents the individual students, highlights friendships and relationships, and delivers messages of love, peace, and compassion.
- With the arrival of spring, Stony Brook's is engaging in the latest 'No Place for Hate' activity which includes listening and discussing the themes in the story Stick and Stone by Beth Ferry. Students drew a representation of how they can support our school culture by eliminating bias and discrimination. Each class voted on their favorite and those drawings were transferred to stone pavers to be displayed at the entrance of our school. This month’s guidance lesson, ‘Identity Iceberg,’ was focused on identity and understanding one another. Stony Brook clubs are in full swing and our teachers are committed to delivering instruction that is both challenging and engaging for all students.
- **Copeland Middle School** congratulates Zachary Helbourg who was honored by Morris County School Boards as Rockaway Township’s "Unsung Hero.” Zachary is an exceptional young man who epitomizes resilience and strength of character. As he enters the building each day he consistently greets Mr. Gonnella with “good morning.” In fact, he is consistent in everything he does. He is the first person to help a classmate, or share a positive comment in class. This level of thoughtfulness has been on display every day at Copeland Middle School for 2.5 years. Zach has faced many obstacles in his life, and he has tackled each of them head on. He has made us all proud and is truly an unsung hero who will continue to make his family proud and serve as role model and leader in all walks of life.
- **The Special Education Department** has been busy planning for our next two SEPAC meetings for the school year. On April 27 at 7 pm in the CMS Library, we will be hosting a presentation from Strength for Change entitled, "Raising your Child's Emotional Strength and Resiliency". This is a presentation about how to teach our children to endure and overcome life's challenges. Also, on May 24 from 6-8 pm, SEPAC is hosting a Resource Fair in the CMS Gym. We

currently have 12 local resources setting up tables in the gym with information about how they can be of assistance to your child and family. We are anticipating adding more resources before the fair begins.

III. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- I am pleased to inform the board that our Preliminary Budget was approved by the county and we will be publishing our advertised budget shortly in anticipation of the Public Hearing scheduled for May 3rd at 7:00 PM. We do have an amended Preliminary Budget motion on the agenda tonight, and that is to correct the amount being deposited into Capital Reserve. The State Budget Software was having some technical issues when we first approved this item and the pre-populated additional surplus number was later reduced. This has no effect on the previously discussed tax levy.
- Over spring break, the maintenance department was hard at work. They did some repairs and painting in several DBO classrooms, completed a small paving project at Dwyer in the picnic area, and managed an update to KDM and Dwyer's fire suppression systems.
- The district released an RFP for a Food Service Management Company for the 23-24 School Year. We already have interest from multiple companies and I will be hosting a district walk-through on April 24th to assist in the submission of proposals. All proposals are due to the Business Office by May 9th. Once the proposals are received, the Operations Committee will have the opportunity to review those proposals and have the option to conduct interviews.

IV. CURRICULUM REPORT

Good evening members of the Board, and hello Rockaway Township.

Academics:

Upcoming Events:

- At our next board meeting on May 17th, we will discuss the Annual School Performance Report which was recently published by the State of New Jersey. These reports are released annually and report on Academic Achievement and Growth, College and Career Readiness, School Climate, Student and Staff Demographics, Federal Accountability, and Per-Pupil Expenditures
- Important Upcoming dates:
  - 5th Grade Math Placement Test: Week of May 1-5
  - NJSLA Testing:
    - Paper-based Testing: May 1-5
    - ELATesting:May9-10
    - MathTesting:May16-18
    - Science Testing (Grades 5 and 8): May 23-24

Community:

Upcoming Events:

- Portrait of a Successful Student:
  - Please stay tuned for some updates regarding our Portrait of a Student Presentations. All of our elementary presentations were well-received, and the feedback from each school indicated a desire to continue these presentations going forward.

Professional Development

In the area of professional development, we continue to work in the following areas:

- Conquer Mathematics: Teachers from the Middle School, and grades 2, 3, and 5 all attended Conquer Math Training.
- Ready Mathematics: We continue to work with Ready Mathematics to maximize our impact using their materials. We continue to schedule building walkthroughs and feedback sessions with their consultants and our Math Specialist.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Shields – The **Negotiations Committee** and the Rockaway Township Administrators Association met for the first time on March 21, 2023. Next scheduled meeting is set for March 27, 2023. The Board looks forward to collaborate with Rockaway Township Administrators Association reaching an equitable resolution.

Mrs. Shields – The **Operations Committee** next scheduled meeting is set for May 11, 2023 at 4:30 PM.

Mrs. Curelaru – The **Policy Committee** meeting dates will be determined at a later date.

VI. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Personnel

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Shields to approve the following personnel recommendations.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends actions on the following personnel:

A.	Appointment						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/About Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.	PT Staff Asst.	Sandra Ballesteros	$19.96 p/hr. (Step 1)	CAD	*5/1/23	6/30/23	26 hrs. p/wk. 1:1 per the student IEP Pending: Physical/Mantoux and Fingerprint Approval
2.	PT Staff Asst.	Sharon DellaVolpe	$19.96 p/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	*5/1/23	6/30/23	17.5 hrs. p/wk. Pending: Physical/Mantoux and Fingerprint Approval
3.	Resource Room Teacher	Victoria Flynn	**(Prorated)** $59,855.00 BA (Step 1)	BW	4/3/23	6/30/23	Extended Leave Replacement (Replacing: S. Banta)
4.	Copeland School Play	Joyce Harquail	$180.00 per the contractual rate	CMS	3/16/23		Stipend Costumer's Assistant (Replacing: K. Barrows)
5.	Home Instructor	Marybeth Hartnett	$46.00 p/hr.	DIST.	22-23 SY		
6.	Floater Substitute	Arlene Laboy	$185.00 p/day	CAD	4/20/23	6/30/23	
7.	After School Programs	Dawn Nilsen	$21.18 p/hr	CMS	22-23 SY		Teacher as Staff Asst.
8.	Language Arts Teacher	Emily Redmond	$200.00 p/day	CMS	5/8/23	6/30/23	Long Term Substitute Pending: Physical/Mantoux and Fingerprint Approval (Replacing: J. Moffitt)
9.	Network Technician (Level I)	Steven Rome	**(Prorated)** $40,000.00	CO	4/20/23	6/30/23	Pending: Physical/Mantoux (Replacing: S. Branch)
10.	Home Instructor	Jennifer Ruchalski	$46.00 p/hr.	DIST.	22-23 SY		
11.	After School Programs	Shannon Scherr	$21.18 p/hr	CMS	22-23 SY		Teacher as Staff Asst.
12.	Grade 2 Teacher	Hailee Werner	$200.00 p/day	DBO	4/20/23	6/22/23	Revised Start Date Leave Replacement (Replacing: K. White)
13.	After School Programs	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	CMS	22-23 SY		Pay to Play

14.	CST Staff	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	DIST.	7/5/23	8/31/23	• Related Services to attend IEP meetings as needed
15.	ESY Staff Assistant	Per the attached list	$21.82 p/hr.	SB	7/5/23	8/2/23	• Not to exceed 75 hrs.
16.	ESY Teachers	Per the attached list	$46.00 p/hr.	SB	7/5/23	8/2/23	• Not to exceed 75 hrs.
17.	Summer Enrichment	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate	DIST.			• Per the attached list

B.	Leave of Absence						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/About Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.		Employee 5330			3/27/23	5/26/23	**Extended** Without Pay Return: 5/30/23
2.	Art Teacher	Heather Allen		CMS	4/17/23	6/30/23	Without Pay under NJFMLA 12 weeks Intermittent 2-3 days p/wk. Return: 8/30/23
3.	Resource Room Teacher	Shauna Banta		BW	4/7/23	6/30/23	**Extended** Without pay under NJFMLA 12 weeks Return: 8/30/23
4.	PT Staff Asst.	Jane Bedell		SB	3/14/23	3/27/23	**Extended** Without Pay Return: 3/28/23
5.	Grade 4 Teacher	Steven Conlon		DBO	5/15/23	6/2/23	Without pay under NJFLA 12 weeks Return: 6/5/23
6.	FT Staff Asst.	Christina Gonzalez-Antignani		CMS	5/30/23 6/19/23	6/16/23 11/17/23	With Pay Without pay under NJFLA 12 weeks Return: 11/20/23
7.	Grade 5 Resource Teacher	Alyssa Howarth		KDM	8/31/23 10/2/23	9/29/23 12/22/23	With Pay Without pay under NJFLA 12 weeks Return: 1/2/24
8.	Custodian	Carlos Hoyos		MAINT./CMS	3/13/23	4/7/23	With Pay Return: 4/10/23
9.	Science Teacher	Stephanie O'Brien		CMS	8/30/23 10/2/23	9/29/23 12/22/23	With Pay Without Pay under the NJFLA 12 weeks Return: 1/2/24
10.	FT Staff Assistant	Patricia Ruble		KDM	3/13/23	3/28/23	With Pay Return: 3/29/23
11.	Maintenance Clerk	Jeanne Stites		MAINT.	3/16/23	3/31/23	**Extended** With Pay Return: 4/3/23
12.	Bus Driver	Daniel Tidridge		TRANS.	3/17/23	4/6/23	With Pay Return: 4/17/23

C.	Resign/Retire						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	ESY Staff Asst.	Safiya Abdulrehman			3/24/23		Rescinded - reassigned to a different program
2.	Bus Driver	Douglas Baker		TRANS.	3/3/23		Resign
3.	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Professional Development	Patrick Higgins		CO	7/1/23		Resign
4.	Bus Driver	Elise Kelly		TRANS.	3/27/23		Resign
5.	Substitute	Elise Kelly		DIST.	3/27/23		Resign
6.	Director of Special Education	Melissa Lewis		CO	7/1/23		Resign
7.	ESY Staff Asst.	Stephanie Muller			3/24/23		Rescinded – reassigned to a different program
8.	PT Special Education Resource Teacher	Lauren Noll		CAD	6/5/23		Resign
9.	ESY Staff Asst.	Jeanette Schneider			4/3/23		Rescinded acceptance
10.	PT Staff Asst.	Jeanette Schneider		BW	4/21/23		Resign

D.	Substitute Teacher					
	Position	**Name**	**Level**	**Date Effective**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute	Rupal Chaudhary	County	4/20/23		University of Bombay India (BA)
2.	Substitute	Danielle Fulco	Nurse	4/20/23		University of Miami, FL (BA)
3.	Substitute	Tierney Hartnett	County	4/20/23		Saint Peter's University, NJ (BA)
4.	Substitute	James Joy	County	4/20/23		Montclair University, NJ (Assoc.) Pending: Physical/Mantoux
5.	Substitute	Nicole Kahwaty	County	4/20/23		William Paterson University, NJ (BA) Pending: Physical/Mantoux and Fingerprint Approval
6.	Substitute	Arlene Laboy	County	4/20/23		William Paterson University, NJ (BA) Pending: Physical/Mantoux and Fingerprint Approval
7.	Substitute	Emily Redmond	County	4/20/23		Montclair University, NJ (Assoc.) Pending: Physical/Mantoux and Fingerprint Approval
8.	Substitute	Lexi Robinson	County	4/20/23		Moravian University, PA (BA) Pending: Physical
9.	Substitute	Hayley Shea	County	4/20/23		Montclair University, NJ (Assoc.) Pending: Physical/Mantoux

E.	Administrative Leave					
	Name	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/About Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.	Employee 6818			3/16/23	6/30/23	Administrative Leave w/ pay

F.	Termination					
	Name	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/About Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.	Employee 6565			3/17/23		Termination

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion carried.

B. HIB Determination

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Shields to approve the following HIB Determination, excluding #9641 unconfirmed.

HIB Resolution

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of schools has provided the Board of Education with reports regarding HIB incidents: #9541 unconfirmed, #9607 unconfirmed, #9642 confirmed, #9644 confirmed, and #9662 unconfirmed and the investigations which were conducted following these complaints; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education was advised of any consequences and /or remedial measures related to these matters as well as the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the results of these investigations; and

THEREFORE, BE IT Resolved that the Board of Education votes to affirm the Superintendent's recommendations on HIB cases:

#9541 unconfirmed, #9607 unconfirmed, #9642 confirmed, #9644 confirmed,
and #9662 unconfirmed

Motion made by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Shields to vote HIB Case #9641 unconfirmed separately.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present remaining voting yes, motion carried with the exception of HIB Case #9641 unconfirmed.

Motion made by Mrs. Shields, seconded by Mrs. Lukany to vote on HIB Case #9641 unconfirmed.

HIB Resolution

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of schools has provided the Board of Education with reports regarding HIB incident: #9641 unconfirmed, and the investigations which were conducted following these complaints; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education was advised of any consequences and /or remedial measures related to these matters as well as the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the results of these investigations; and

THEREFORE, BE IT Resolved that the Board of Education votes to affirm the Superintendent's recommendations on HIB cases:

#9641 unconfirmed

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting no, motion not carried.

1. HIB current investigations: #9700, #9707, #9712, #9760, #9766, #9826, #9828, and #9878

C. Education
Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Lukany to approve the following education recommendations.

Field Trips for Approval

1. Motion to approve the 04-19-2023 list of field trips *(as per attached).*

Clubs

2. Motion to approve an amendment to the previously approved motion (Motion #13, 12/14/22) Salary and stipends funded with Federal Grants as follows:

Teacher	Grade/Position	Location	Stipend /Salary	% Funded
Rosemary Heath	After School Structured Literacy Program (Reading) (3 days per week)	CMS	$46.00/Hr	100% Title I

Clubs

3. Motion to approve the salary and stipends funded with Federal Grants as follows:

Teacher	Grade/Position	Location	Stipend /Salary	% Funded
Victoria Flynn	Birchwood Blazers	BW	$46.00/Hr (twice per week for 10 weeks)	100% ARP ESSER
Description Birchwood Blazers is an afterschool girl, non-competitive, running club that promotes empowerment and health; inspiring girls to build confidence, kindness and making smart choices. This club will meet 2 days after school a week, for 10 weeks. Girls will celebrate goals by running together in an optional public 5K.				

Clubs

4. The Board concurs with the approval of the following after school club salaries for the following clubs with a start date of March 15, 2023:

Teacher	Grade/Position	Location	Stipend /Salary	% Funded
Colleen Bachman	Birchwood Blazers	BW	$46.00/Hr	100% ARP ESSER

5. Motion to approve MedicZero, Inc. a 1- day after school workshop, presented to G.A.T.E. students at Copeland Middle School on April 28, 2023. Staff member to be compensated at the contractual rate not to exceed two (2) hours.

6. Motion to approve The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. after school workshop presented to G.A.T.E. students at Copeland Middle School during the 2022-2023 school year starting on or about April 21, 2023. Staff member to be compensated at the contractual rate not to exceed two (2) hours.

New Jersey Teacher to Teacher Presentation - New Jersey Student Learning Assessment

7. Motion to approve New Jersey Teacher to Teacher to present a workshop on May 2, 2023 to the parents of Katharine D. Malone E.S. students on the topic of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment at a total cost to the district of $775.00 using ESEA Title I SIA Funding *(as per attached).*

8. Motion to approve salary and stipends funded with ESEA FY2022-2023 Grant as follows:

Teacher	Title/Position	Location	Stipend /Salary	% Funded	Description
Mario Benitez	Title III ESL Summer	CMS	$46.00/hr	100% Title III	ESL Summer Enrichment
Hanan Ebrahim	Title III ESL Summer	CMS	$46.00/hr	100% Title III	ESL Summer Enrichment

No Public comment.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion carried.

D. Special Education

Motion made by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Shields, to approve the following special education recommendations.

Out of District Placements – SY 2022-2023 – Revised Tuition Contract

1. Motion to authorize the revised tuition contract for the following in-district placement student for the 2022-2023 School Year:

Student#	School	Location	Tuition Rate
#12	Mountain Lakes Board of Education	Mountain Lakes	Itinerant Service $2,244.00 includes 1 (one) – 60 min. sessions per week

In-Patient Tutorial Services Agreement

2. Motion to authorize the In-Patient Tutorial Services Agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Four Winds Hospitals for Student #317 for a duration of 1-3 weeks at a rate $64.00 per hour for 10 hours of instruction per week. Total cost to the district is $1,920.00 *(as per attached).*

Consent for Evaluation and Treatment Agreement

3. Motion to authorize the Consent for Evaluation and Treatment Agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Resilience Psychiatry and Psychotherapy (Dr. Gomez Aracena), for bilingual psychiatric and psychotherapy evaluations, on a need basis. Total cost to the district is $1,500.00 per evaluation *(as per attached).*

SEPAC - Strength for Change Workshop

4. Motion to authorize the Service Proposal Agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Strength for Change to conduct "Raising your Child's Emotional Strength and Resiliency' workshop during the SEPAC meeting on April 27, 2023 at Copeland Middle School Library. Total cost to the district is $750.00 *(as per attached).*

No Public comment.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion carried.

E. Administration

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mr. Forst to approve the following administration recommendations.

Service/Entertainment Contract – Bus Service for Festival Days

1. Motion to approve the Service/Entertainment Contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and White Meadow Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. for the hire of two buses on July 16, 2023 at a rate of $76.00 per hour, per bus for the White Meadow Lake Festival Days *(as per attached).*

Corrective Action Plan - Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI)

2. Motion to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) for the district's 2022-2023 program performance *(as per attached).*

Façade Repairs- Catherine A. Dwyer Elementary School

3. Motion to approve the submission of the Façade Repairs, Cleaning, & Painting at Catherine A. Dwyer Elementary School by LAN Associates to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education. The Board will not be seeking a SDA Grant for this project as part of the submission. This project was not included in the School District's Long Range Facilities Plan list of projects to be completed, and therefore, the Long Range Facilities Plan needs to be revised. The Rockaway Township Board of Education authorizes LAN Associates to amend the Long Range Facilities Plan to include this project *(as per attached).*

Equipment Disposal

4. **WHEREAS** the following property is not needed for school purposes; there exists a need for all available space at the various schools; and the NJ Public School Contracts Law, 18A: -45, requires a resolution authorizing the disposal/sale of surplus property. Motion to authorize disposal of obsolete IT equipment *(as per attached).*

Joint Transportation Agreements

5. Motion to authorize joint transportation agreements with the following entities to provide transportation for students to athletic events and trips for the 2023-2024 school year:

   Boonton School District
   Morris County Vocational School District
   Morris Hills Regional School District
   Parsippany-Troy Hills School District
   Rockaway Borough School District
   Wharton School District

Fleet Maintenance Agreements

6. Motion to authorize fleet maintenance agreements with the following entities for the 2023-2024 school year:

   Boonton School District
   Parsippany-Troy Hills School District
   Rockaway Borough School District

No Public comment.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion carried.

F. Finance

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Lukany to approve the following finance recommendations.

Mrs. Shields noted that she signed the district bills and recommends approval.

Financials

1. **Be It Resolved** that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the Report of the Secretary and Report of Appropriations, and Report of the Treasurer, for the period ending in March 31, 2023.

   Be It Further Resolved that this Budget does not include any unapproved appropriations or monies.

   Be It Resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education acknowledges that Megan Slamb, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certifies the following statement:

   Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)(3) and (4), I, Megan Slamb, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certify that no budgetary line items accounts are over appropriated nor over expended for the period ending March 31, 2023.

   Authorize March 2023 account transfers as submitted *(as per attached).*

Bills

2. Motion to authorize payment of the following as approved by the Finance Committee:

A.	March	Student Activities	$4,991.50
	April	Student Activities	$1,900.62
B.	April	Cafeteria	$90,945.44
C.	March	After-School Programs	$3,845.15
D.	April	Family Outreach	$77.71
E.	April	State Unemployment	$32,321.44
F.	April	District Bills	$5,239,885.98

Travel

3. Motion to approve the following participants to attend the 2023 Annual Morris County Superintendents Middle School Leadership Award Program held at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany, New Jersey on May 10, 2023 at 6:00PM. Total associated costs are as follows *(as per attached):*

Attendees	Fee
Dr. Richard R. Corbett (Superintendent)	$50.00
Alfonso Gonnella (Copeland M.S. Principal)	$50.00

Paul Liuzza	$50.00
Alysia Liuzza	$50.00
Paul Liuzza Jr.	$50.00
Total	**$250.00**

Façade Repairs- Catherine A. Dwyer Elementary School

4. Motion to approve the following fee schedule for façade repairs at Catherine A. Dwyer Elementary School by LAN Associates *(as per attached)*:

Item #	Description	Fee
1	Prepare NJDOE Application	$2,000.00
2	Preparation of Construction Documents	$12,125.00
3	Bidding and Contract Award	$1,500.00
4	Construction Observation Services	$6,500.00
	Total	**$22,125.00**

Adopt The Tentative Budget (Amendment)

5. Motion to adopt the amended tentative budget for School Year 2023-2024.

Rockaway Township Public Schools
Adoption of the Tentative Budget for School Year 2023-2024

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2023-2024 school year using the 2023-2024 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit to the Executive County Superintendent for approval in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:7F-5 and 18A:7F-6:

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Debt Service	Total
Total Expenditures	**$59,954,356**	$680,230	$594,400	**$61,228,986**
Less Anticipated Revenues	**$9,874,024**	$680,230	$145,789	**$10,700,043**
Local Tax Levy to be Raised	$50,080,332	$0	$448,611	$50,528,943

AND, to advertise said tentative budget in the Star Ledger and Daily Record in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to the law

ADJUSTMENT FOR ENROLLMENT

Adjustment for Enrollment: $ 296,840

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of $296,840. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

MAXIMUM TRAVEL

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of **$93,600** for the 2023-2024 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2022-2023 school year is $93,600, of which, $31,827 has been spent and an additional $12,306 is encumbered to date.

TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

The Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district;

AND, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board;

AND, a board of education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of $150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30);

AND, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 but deemed by the board of education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of $93,600 for all staff and board members for the 2023-2024 school year.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

CAPITAL RESERVE

Capital Reserve Account Deposit: $18,281

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the general fund appropriations $18,281 for deposit into the Board of Education's approved Capital Reserve Account for future funding.

MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Maintenance Reserve Account Withdrawal: $50,000

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the budget a maintenance reserve withdrawal in the amount of $50,000 for the purpose of district-wide repairs and improvements for both aesthetic and functional needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the public hearing be held in the Copeland Middle School

No Public comment.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion carried.

G. Policy

Motion made by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Dr. Tomasini to abolish the following policies for first read:

P 0152	Board Officers
P 0161	Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation
P 0162	Notice of Board Meetings
P 1140	Affirmative Action Program
P 1530	Equal Employment Opportunity Complaint Procedure
P 2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program
P 5200	Attendance
P 8140	Student Enrollments

No Public comment.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Lukany to open the public session of the meeting.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes, motion carried.

- Member of the community #1, member of the RTEA, shared two upcoming events; Library Spring Fest, April 23, 2023 and Family Canvas Night scheduled for May 4, 2023.
- Member of the community #2, thanked the Board for the HIB presentation and is looking forward to more HIB –related sessions. Inquired about how to get involved in the voluntary work to support the district school system.

Motion by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Shields to close the public session of the meeting.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes, motion carried.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

New Business

Mrs. Lukany – Shared experience of attending the SEPAC meeting held on March 23, 2023 on Executive Functioning and ADHD. Thanked the Special Education Department for holding these meetings and encouraged the Public to attend.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Lukany to go into closed session at 9:22 PM to discuss legal and personnel matters for approximately one (1) hour. Action may be taken.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Lukany to adjourn closed session at 10:32 PM.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Lukany That the meeting stand adjourned at 10:34 PM.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan S. Slamb

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