REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 18, 2026

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 4:36 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

Mrs. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:36 PM.

The following current sitting Board members of the Board of Education were present in-person: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Mezik, Ms. Richardson and Ms. Tourne.

Dr. Gorman arrived at 5:40 PM.
Mr. Eory and Ms. McGeary were absent.

Also present were Dr. Corbett, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Slamb, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Morgese, Board Attorney, and no members of Press.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
The New Jersey "Open Public Meetings Act" was passed to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed and acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the "Act", the Rockaway Township Board of Education has caused notice of the date, time and place of said meetings to be published in the "The Daily Record," "The Star-Ledger," and to be posted in all schools in the district, in the Municipal Building of the Township and the Township Library. *Does any Board Member wish to object to the conduct of this meeting for the purpose as stated in the public notice?*

PUBLIC NOTICE
All documentation and material considered by the Board of Education as part of this agenda are available for public review and comment. Members of the public are invited to come to the Board of Education building, off Green Pond Road, during the regular business hours of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, if they wish to inspect any of the reference items.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Ms. Tourne to waive the Pledge until open session.

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

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, litigation, acquisition of real property, security, negotiations, receipt of governmental funds), the content of said discussions will be disclosed to the public at such time and extent as is required by law.

Motion made by Ms. Tourne, seconded by Ms. Richardson to go into closed session at 5:20 PM.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Ms. Tourne that the closed session stands adjourned at 7:35 PM.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PREVIEW SPONGEBOB JR. MUSICAL
The preview performance can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-02-18' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-02-18'.

STONY BROOK STUDENT RECOGNITION
The Stony Brook Student Recognition can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-02-18' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-02-18'.

A Recess was called at 7:50 PM.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 8:01 PM.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Motion by Ms. Tourne, seconded by Ms. Richardson to open Public comment.

Show of hands to open Public comment, all present voting yes, motion so carried

The full Public comment and Board commentary can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-02-18' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-02-18'.

Mr. Adams came up and spoke about the Lego event happening on February 19, 2026 that was sold out.

A member of the community came up and spoke about transportation issues in the morning when the kids are showing up late for school. Also, in the afternoon the time can vary up to 30 minutes. The lack of communication is not there.

A member of the community came up and spoke about transportation issues that are going on. Would like to know if when applying what are the incentives the new drivers would get? Are benefits being discussed?

Motion by Ms. Tourne, seconded by Dr. Gorman, to close Public comment.

Show of hands to open Public comment, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

I. COMMUNICATIONS:

An additional communication was added. Susan Fabiano- Notice of accumulated unused sick time for retirement.

Michael McGovern	Retirement
Janelle Lauterbach	Concerns About Bus Route #83C
Alexandria Hatfield	Cleaning

II. APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion by Ms. Tourne, seconded by Ms. Richardson to approve the minutes of January 28, 2026.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Mezik, Ms. Tourne, Ms. Richardson voted yes motion carried.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The full Superintendent Report can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-02-18' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-02-18'.

After meeting with the principals and district administrators, we have determined that Life Touch pictures scheduled for this spring will be cancelled. Parents with any questions or concerns should contact their principal.

I have changed my social media platform from "X" to Instagram. To stay informed about district events, please follow me @rockawaysuper.

Our HIB board training and listening session is scheduled for April 22. Since the HIB policy is nuanced and often complicated, this training will benefit parents and is open to the public.

We will be revising the district Parent Student Handbook. The new version should be available in September 2026.

The most recent SEPAC meeting was held on February 12 and included a presentation on the *Nurtured Heart Approach*. This presentation was funded by NJ4S (NJ Statewide Student Support Services), which provides prevention and early intervention mental health services to students and families. Rockaway families are invited to join the NJ4S Parent Academy sessions, which are offered virtually and free of charge. Please refer to the flyer on our school website under the SEPAC page. The March 12th SEPAC meeting will focus on supporting students with anxiety. It will begin at 6:00 p.m in the Copeland Library. Families can attend virtually or in person. Finally, the annual Community Wellness Fair is on May 7.

Good News from our Schools

In recognition of School Counselors Week, Birchwood students experienced Groundhog Day and celebrated the 100th day of school; some students and staff even transformed into 100-year-old senior citizens for the day, adding even more fun to the celebration. Most importantly,

Birchwood students have demonstrated impressive growth on their mid-year benchmark assessments. Mrs. Rivera, along with the third, fourth, and fifth-grade teachers, is strategically planning test-taking practice and strategies to prepare students for the NJSLA. In addition to academic growth, kindness and school spirit continue at Birchwood!

At DBO, the school community also celebrated the 100th Day of School, marking an important academic milestone, while demonstrating continued academic growth through perseverance and engagement. DBO participated in Random Acts of Kindness week, reinforcing a culture of empathy, respect, and positive actions. Students were also recognized during the monthly assembly, which celebrated their achievements, effort, and positive contributions to the school community. The school celebrated its goal of collecting 650 canned goods with a theme day where teachers dressed like students and students dressed like teachers. Thanks to the partnership and support from the PTA, DBO concluded the Cereal Bowl initiative and held a Sweetheart Dance, which was a time for students and families to come together and celebrate the strong community at DBO.

Dwyer is benefiting from a month of uninterrupted instruction, which allows both teachers and students to engage deeply in teaching and learning. Co-curricular offerings, including clubs and Title I programming, are underway. Through these programs, students are developing skills in letter writing, entrepreneurship, and newsletter creation, while also fostering social skills through collaborative activities and board games. Students find this structured and engaging time with peers meaningful and enjoyable. In addition, third-grade students are actively preparing for their upcoming Living Wax Museum presentations. Enhancing this month of learning and enrichment, the school will welcome a Chinese Dance Organization to celebrate the Year of the Fire Horse, providing students with a rich cultural experience. 101st Day

Learning is continuous at KDM. During district-wide instructional rounds, KDM teachers modeled lessons for district staff. Students participated in The Great Kindness Challenge, and in one week, our students and teachers completed over 430 acts of kindness. Multiplied over the year, KDM proudly participates in more than 22,360 acts of kindness. KDM's faculty officially challenged 5th graders to a friendly and exciting game of basketball. Everyone had a great time rooting for the fifth-grade team along with their biggest fans, parents in the stands. Some parents even joined the action on the court, making it a memorable event for everyone. The PTA sponsored a "Mad Science" assembly with a lively presentation of scientific discoveries. Looking ahead, the KDM Student Council is hosting a Food Drive. Families are invited to donate non-perishable food items until Friday, February 27.

The Great Kindness Challenge was celebrated at Stony Brook from January 26–30. Students received a checklist of kind acts and were encouraged to complete as many as possible, including daily at-home activities designed to extend kindness beyond the classroom. Activities included helping with meals, calling a friend or relative, cleaning their room without being asked, reading to a family member, and creating a drawing or card for someone special. The week served as a meaningful reminder of the positive impact of small, thoughtful actions, and the school remains committed to promoting kindness in all aspects of daily life. Candy Bar Bingo, held on February 6, brought students and families together for an evening of games and community connection. Fourth-grade students participated in the annual Math Super Bowl, demonstrating impressive mastery of their multiplication facts. In recognition of their achievement, the winning homeroom was announced over the loudspeaker. (PIC 1, PIC 2) Thanks to the Student Council, the food drive was another great success with many non-perishable items collected to support individuals and families in need. (PIC 1, PIC 2) Academic after-school clubs scheduled to begin at the end of the month will offer students additional opportunities for enrichment and engagement.
Congratulations to the Copeland Middle School boys and girls basketball teams on outstanding seasons. The boys advanced to the second round of the playoffs, while the girls battled their way to the county championship game and fought hard until the very end. We are proud of the dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship shown by both teams. Looking ahead to spring athletics, baseball and softball tryout packets have been dispersed and are available in the main office. The CMS PTA hosted a fantastic grade 8 ice cream social. The event was a huge hit and offered a fun opportunity for students to relax and connect with friends. Be sure to check out the PTA's new website for information about upcoming events and fundraisers and to learn how you can get involved. Finally, congratulations to our January CMS Builders of the Month! These students are recognized for their citizenship, leadership, and for consistently doing the right thing even when no one is watching. We are proud of the positive example they set for our school community.

Part II: HIB Update

Of the 10 HIBs currently under investigation, one has been substantiated, and 9 are unfounded.

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The full Business Administrator's Report can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-02-18' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-02-18'.

As we continue our budget preparation, I remain concerned about the financial forecast facing school districts across New Jersey. Since September, I have joined many Business Administrators in advocating for systemic change and guidance at the county and state level; unfortunately, those efforts have yet to gain significant ground. While districts are held to a 2% tax levy cap, we are facing double-digit increases in fixed operational costs. For example, our health insurance quote, which was originally estimated at a staggering 20%, was recently adjusted to 30% based on our most recent claims data.
This is a statewide systemic issue, not one unique to Rockaway Township. However, because our district maintains a strong financial position, we are better equipped than many of our peers to weather this storm. Through vigilant, practical decision-making and collaboration with our vendors, we remain prepared to serve our students at the highest level while maintaining fiscal responsibility. We expect this trend to persist for several budget cycles and are planning accordingly.

A primary factor in our budget remains the release of state aid figures. As anticipated, the new governor's budget address has been delayed; while unconfirmed, the address is now expected on March 10, 2026. Because state aid figures are typically released within 48 hours of that address, districts will have an extremely narrow window to adjust budgets based on the new data. While this condensed timeline is a challenge, we are prepared to adapt quickly and will continue to plan accordingly.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The full Committee's Report can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-02-18' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-02-18'.

VII. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

A. Personnel

Motion made by Ms. Tourne, seconded by Ms. Richardson, to approve the following personnel recommendations.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the following personnel resolutions.

A.	Appointment						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Language Arts	Christine D'Antuono	$12,889.00 prorated	CMS	**2/16/26	3/31/26	Stipend - 6th Period Language Arts Coverage
2.	PT Staff Assistant	Renee Daly	$23.40/hr. (Step 4)	SB	2/19/26	6/30/26	Reassignment of hours from 17.5 hours per week to 26 hours per week, 4 days per week
3.	Night Custodian	Lucia Diaz	No change in salary	DBO	**2/3/26	6/30/26	Reassignment from CMS to DBO
4.	After School Activities	Samantha Dowling	$20.00/hr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		As assigned basis per student IEP as Staff Assistant for after school activities
5.	Kindergarten Teacher	Hailey Faschan	$62,630.00 BA (Step 1) prorated	BWD	**2/16/26	6/30/26	
6.	Night Custodian	Luis Garcia	No change in salary	CMS	**2/2/26	6/30/26	Reassignment from BWD to CMS
7.	Kindergarten Teacher	Thalia Johnson	$62,630.00 BA (Step 1) prorated	DBO	**2/17/26	5/1/26	Extended Leave Replacement (Replacing Employee #5827)
8.	Bus Assistant	Randy Kyle	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	TRANS.	2/19/26	6/30/26	As needed Training to be Bus Driver Step frozen for 26-27 school year
9.	Night Custodian	Nora Marmolejo Mazuera	No change in salary	CMS	**2/3/26	6/30/26	Reassignment from DBO to CMS
10.	Language Arts	Kelly McEvoy	$16,396.00 prorated	CMS	**2/16/26	3/31/26	Stipend - 6th Period Language Arts Coverage
11.	Reading Specialist	Lynn Mondello	No change in salary	CMS	3/2/26	6/30/26	Reassignment from DBO to CMS
12.	ESY Program Coordinator	Jessica Mucerino	$3,946.00 per phase	DIST.	2/19/26 7/1/26	6/30/26 8/15/26	Phase I Phase II
13.	Interim Preschool Teacher	Mary Parra	$62,630.00 (BA Step 1) prorated	BWD	3/2/26	6/30/26	Extended - Preschool with Disabilities
14.	Substitute Secretary	Renee-Noele Pisani	$25.00/hr.	CO	2/19/26	6/30/26	As needed
15.	District Translator	Renee-Noele Pisani	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		French/Italian, as assigned
16.	Language Arts	Shannon Podprugin	$12,000.00 prorated	CMS	**2/16/26	3/31/26	Stipend - 6th Period Language Arts Coverage

17.	Teacher Leader	Shannon Podprugin	$3,750.00 prorated	CMS	25-26 SY		Language Arts (Replacing D Brock)
18.	Parent/Student Handbook Coordinator	Brian Rawlins	$500.00 stipend	DIST.	25-26 SY		Stipend
19.	Night Custodian	Joseph Runyans	No change in salary	BWD	**2/2/26	6/30/26	Reassignment from CMS to BWD
20.	PT Staff Assistant	Ellen Sampaio	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	DBO	2/19/26	6/30/26	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending fingerprint approval Step frozen for 26-27 school year
21.	District Translator	Ellen Sampaio	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		Portuguese/Spanish, as assigned
22.	PT Staff Assistant	Marenglena Sllava	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	BWD	***3/2/26	6/30/26	PSD Classroom, 1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Step frozen for 26-27 school year Pending physical/Mantoux, fingerprint approval, and other personnel paperwork
23.	Parent/Student Handbook Coordinator	Gaetano Sollazzo	$500.00 stipend	DIST.	25-26 SY		Stipend
24.	Bus Assistant	Oscar Tamayo Conde	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	TRANS.	***3/2/26	6/30/26	As needed Training to be Bus Driver Step frozen for 26-27 school year Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
25.	Math Teacher	Amanda Tietjen	$64,630.00 BA (Step 3) prorated	CMS	2/19/26	6/30/26	Step frozen for 26-27 school year Pending physical/Mantoux, fingerprint approval, and other personnel paperwork (Replacing M DeLoreto)
26.	Bus Assistant	Juan Vargas	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	TRANS.	***3/2/26	6/30/26	As needed Training to be Bus Driver Step frozen for 26-27 school year Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
27.	Interim PT Music Teacher	Theresa Weniger	$42,567.00 MA+30 (Step 4) prorated	CMS	3/2/26	3/31/26	Extended 0.6 FTE
28.	Reading Specialist	Megan Yarosh	No change in salary	KDM	3/2/26	6/30/26	Reassignment from Kindergarten at BWD to Reading Specialist at KDM

B.	Appointments Per Attached Lists						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	2025-2026 After School Clubs – BWD	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	25-26 SY		Spring Pay-to-Play Club per the attached list
2.	2025-2026 After School Clubs – KDM	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	25-26 SY		Spring Pay-to-Play Clubs per the attached list
3.	2025-2026 After School Program – SB	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	25-26 SY		Per the attached list
4.	2025-2026 District Mentors	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	25-26 SY		Per the attached list
5.	2025-2026 Academy Night Presenters	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	25-26 SY		Per the attached list Held up to 5 times during 25-26 SY

C.	Leave of Absence						
	Position	**Employee Number**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Purchasing Secretary	4542		CMS	**2/2/26	2/6/26	Extended With Pay under FMLA Return: 2/9/26
2.	PT Staff Assistant	6054		TRANS.	3/20/26	6/30/26	With Pay Return: 1st day of 26-27 SY
3.	School Counselor	6371		SB	**2/9/26	2/25/26	With Pay under FMLA Return: 2/26/26
4.	PT Staff Assistant	7164		KDM	**1/21/26 **1/21/26 (.5)	1/21/26 (.5) 2/11/26	With Pay Without Pay Return: 2/12/26
5.	PT Staff Assistant	7192		KDM	3/18/26 4/15/26	4/14/26 6/16/26	With Pay Without Pay Return: 6/17/26
6.	Bus Driver	5380		TRANS.	3/16/26	4/24/26	With Pay Return: 4/27/26
7.	Kindergarten Teacher	5827		DBO	**2/17/26	5/1/26	Extended Without Pay Return: 5/4/26

D.	Resignation/Retirement						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Administrative Assistant	Marcelene Bender		BWD		4/1/26	Retirement
2.	PT Night Custodian	Luis Colon Rodriguez		CMS		2/20/26	Resignation
3.	Speech Therapist	Susan Fabiano		SB		6/30/26	Retirement
4.	Principal	Michael McGovern		CAD		6/30/26	Retirement

E.	Substitute Teachers						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Level**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute Teacher – New Hires	Charmaine Fazio	$175.00 per day	DIST.	25-26 SY	County	

F.	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the revision of the following previously approved motion under Personnel (Motion A-10, 1-28-26 agenda).						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	PT Staff Assistant	Kathleen McCabe	$22.58/hr. (Step 2)	DBO	2/2/26	6/30/26	Reassignment of hours from 17.5 hrs./wk. to 20 hrs./wk.
Personnel Items Key							
**on/before effective date*			***concurrent*		****on/after effective date*		

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all voted yes, motion passed.

HIB Resolution:

Motion made by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Ms. Richardson, to approve the following HIB determination.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has provided the Board of Education with reports regarding HIB Incidents:

300738 confirmed, # 300845 unconfirmed, # 301015 confirmed, # 301019 unconfirmed, # 301258 unconfirmed, # 301259 unconfirmed, # 301524 unconfirmed, # 301525 unconfirmed, # 301526 unconfirmed, # 301704 unconfirmed, # 301812 unconfirmed, # 301885 unconfirmed, # 301886 unconfirmed, # 302045 unconfirmed 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 recommendation on HIB cases: # 300738 confirmed, # 300845 unconfirmed, # 301015 confirmed, # 301019 unconfirmed, # 301258 unconfirmed, # 301259 unconfirmed, # 301524 unconfirmed, # 301525 unconfirmed, # 301526 unconfirmed, # 301704 unconfirmed, # 301812 unconfirmed, # 301885 unconfirmed, # 301886 unconfirmed, # 302045 unconfirmed.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Mezik, Ms. Richardson and Ms. Tourne, all voted yes, motion carried.

HIB Current Investigations

# 302105	# 302656	# 302694	# 302695	# 302696
# 302697	# 302906	# 303103	# 303104	# 303519

HIB Incident Summary

C. Education:

Motion made by Ms. Richardson, seconded by Ms. Tourne to approve the following education recommendations.

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the revised field trip list for the 2025-2026 school year (as per attached).

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the amendments to the previously approved field trips motion (11-12-25, Education C:3) (as per attached).

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following field trips (as per attached).

4. Upon the recommendation of the superintendent of Schools, the Board approves a contract between Arithmetickles, The Math Game Show and the Rockaway Township Board of Education, to provide an evening assembly on March 24, 2026 for an all-inclusive cost of $1590.00 (as per attached).

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves a contract between Cornell Thomas and the Rockaway Township Board of Education, to present two keynote speeches to Copeland Middle School students on March 11, 2026 for an all-inclusive cost of $3000.00 (as per attached).

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board agrees to adopt the following revised Rockaway Township School District Curriculum (as per attached).

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Birchwood School Corrective Action Plan for addressing chronic absenteeism for the 2025-2026 school year (as per attached).

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Copeland Middle School Corrective Action Plan for addressing chronic absenteeism for the 2025-2026 school year (as per attached).

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following student intern(s) to complete their observation hours during the 2025/2026 school year.

Student Teacher	College/University	Cooperating Teacher/School
Kara Pirtle	Grand Canyon University	C. Farrell/A. Quaglio/CAD
Brianna Goldy	Felician College	Krista Schellinck

10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following student(s) to complete their Clinical II requirements during the Spring 2026 Semester.

Student Teacher	College/University	Cooperating Teacher/School
Magda Grzyb	Montclair State University	Donna Zarriello/CMS

11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board agrees to the following unavoidable registration and/or travel costs as presented, which are educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and are related to and within the scope of the employee's current responsibilities and promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district. The reimbursements are in compliance with the State travel reimbursement guidelines as established by the Department of Treasury and Board of Education policy in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A-23B-1.1 et seq.

Employee	Workshop Title	Organization	Workshop Location	Workshop Dates	Registration Fee	Travel/Hotel/ Incidentals Cost	Total Cost

John Rospond	56th Annual NJ Pupil Transportation Conference	School Transportation Supervisors of NJ	Atlantic City, NJ	3/25/26-3/27/26	$500.00	$526.72	$1026.72
Anita West	NJASPA 2026 Spring Conference	NJ Association of School Personnel Administrators	Union, NJ	3-12-26	$100.00	N/A	$100.00

No Public comment.

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

D. Administration:
Motion made by Ms. Richardson, seconded by Ms. Tourne, to approve the following administration recommendations.

1. **Student Safety Data System Report Period 1 – 09/01/2025 – 12/31/2025**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the submission of the Student Safety Data System Report Period 1 – 09/01/2025 – 12/31/2025 to the New Jersey Department of Education – Morris County Office (as per attached).

No public comment

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

E. Finance:
Motion made by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Dr. Gorman to approve the following finance recommendations.

1. **Financials**
   Be It Resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the Report of the Treasurer, for the period ending October 31, 2025, and November 30, 2025.

   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 item accounts are over appropriated nor over expended for the period ending October 31, 2025, or November 30, 2025.

2. 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 December 31, 2025.

   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 item accounts are over appropriated nor over expended for the period ending October 31, 2025.

   Authorize December 2025 account transfers as submitted.

3. **Bills**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. The Board approves an amendment to the previously approved motion (1-28-26, Finance D:2) as approved by the Finance committee:

A.	**December**	**Cafeteria**	**$216,965.39**
B.	**January**	**After Schools Activities**	**$30.00**
C.	**December**	**Student Activities**	**$40.00**
D.	**January**	**Student Activities**	**$10,565.36**
E.	**December**	**Summer Enrichment**	**$600.00**
F.	**November**	**Summer Saving**	**$11,710.29**
G.	**January**	**District Bills**	**$5,362,246.75**

4. **Bills**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. The Board authorizes payment of the following as approved by the Finance committee:

A.	February	Cafeteria	$83,621.92
B.	February	After School Activities	$450.00
C.	January	Student Activities	463.00
D.	February	Student Activities	$4,789.94
E.	January	State Unemployment Bills	64,338.80
G.	February	District Bills	4,846,996.41

5. **Payment Application #003 to Northeastern Interior Services**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes payment application #003 in the amount of $192,888.70 for Window Replacement at Katharine D. Malone Elementary School (as per attached).

No public comment.
Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion carried.

F. Policy:
Motion made by Ms. Tourne, seconded by Ms. Richardson to approve the following policy/regulations recommendations.

1. Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board approves the following policies/regulations for first read *(as per attached)*.

P 0141 BOARD MEMBER NUMBER AND TERM
R 9320 COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

No public comment.

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

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Old Business:
Mrs. Mezik- On February 4th at the MCSBA meeting she wanted to thank Mrs. Jackie Morgese for a wonderful presentation.

New Business:
Mrs. Mezik- Attended SEPAC the next meeting is March 12th. The meeting will be about Student Anxiety. She also wanted to thank the KDM PTA for allowing her to share the Board report.
Dr. Gorman- Attended the Stony Brook PTA they have fundraisers happening now. Dine to Donate at Domenicos February 25th.

The full discussion of old and new business and Board commentary can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-02-18' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-02-18'.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ms. Tourne seconded by Mrs. Mezik, meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan S. Slamb
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