EXECUTIVE SESSION
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Mrs. Anderson was absent.

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

The following items were discussed in closed session:

- Agenda - Questions /Changes
- Personnel
- President's Update
- Legal Update
    - USA Architect
- K.G. - $29.00 + (25.00) L.W.D. Complaint
- F.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan S. Slamb, MBA, SFO, OPA
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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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 Ms. McGeary to waive the Pledge until open session.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Dr. Tomasini to go into closed session at 6:02 PM.

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

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Ms. McGeary that the closed session stands adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:30 PM.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION
Motion by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Mrs. Smith to open Public comment.

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

A member of the community came up and spoke regarding the Referendum and undocumented students.

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 – 2024-09-18' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-09-18'

Motion by Mrs.Curelaru, seconded by Dr. Tomasini, to close Public comment.

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

I. COMMUNICATIONS

Janelle Lauterbach	KDM PTA Exec Board & Meeting Dates 2024-2025
Donna Suszynski	I put this board on notice at the last BOE meeting on 7-17-24 regarding this Title IX injunction. Why is it being ignored?

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru to approve the minutes of August 14, 2024.

Roll Call Vote to approve the minutes of September 18, 2024, Ms. McGeary, Mrs. Mezik, Mrs. Smith, Dr. Tomasini, and Mrs. Shields voted yes, Mrs. Curelaru abstained, motion carried.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Slamb and I are working with Nancy Beiermeister to evaluate the location of bus stops around the district. Safety is our priority. To provide for safe boarding and disembarking, effective Monday, September 22, the stop at Coventry Road and Green Pond Road (for the CMS late bus, and routes 8, 21, & 41) will be relocated to Parkview at Coventry.

The Department of Student Services continues to offer SEPAC meetings throughout the school year. Prior to these meetings, Dr. Mollinedo and Mrs. Pietrowski will meet with the SEPAC committee. The open meeting will follow. DBO has started its third-year inclusion project, which continues at Birchwood Elementary School. The district continues to receive support from the NJ Inclusive Coalition which provides access to trainings that reinforce inclusive practices.

I commend the administration and police who responded to the school threat that occurred yesterday at C.M.S. As I stated, everyone did an outstanding job before, after, and during the event. Mr. Bayer met with the staff yesterday afternoon to discuss and debrief. Dr. Mollinedo, school counselors, and the CST met with students this morning to assist any students experiencing trauma.

Good News From our Schools

The school year at Birchwood is off to a fantastic start, with several new after-school club proposals for this school year. Students will be able to participate in various clubs offered throughout the fall, winter, and spring. These include Running Club, Drama Club, Science Club, LEGO Club, and Yoga. The school is thrilled to expand its extracurricular offerings and provide new opportunities for students to explore their interests. In addition, benchmark assessments have been administered to establish baseline data for each student. Staff members are looking forward to using this information to meet the individual needs of all students and ensure a successful school year. Lastly, Title I before-school programs will commence in October. Additional information will be provided as the start date approaches.

DBO continues to have a fantastic start to the school year. Students have been taking advantage of brand-new picnic tables outside in the courtyard. A rotation schedule ensures students have the opportunity to eat lunch outside. DBO will be running 11 different after-school clubs this fall, they will start on 9/26, and students are excited to participate. Diagnostic benchmark assessments are being administered so that data can be used to inform instruction. The DBO therapy dog visited the school which was a surprise for all of the students.

Dwyer is in full swing with diagnostic testing underway. Students are working hard and thrilled to be back in school. Dwyer is excited to welcome new members to our school community. This is especially true of our Multilingual Learner (MLL) population as it continues to grow with twenty-five new students joining our school this year. Looking ahead, we are gearing up for a fun and engaging evening on September 27th for the *Welcome Back Picnic*. This will be a wonderful opportunity for new parents to connect and mingle with established families while learning more about our school and community. Lastly, a friendly reminder that our *Back to School Night* is September 19th. We look forward to a great turnout.

In the first two weeks of school, KDM teachers have already received enthusiastic feedback from parents and families indicating that their children are enjoying coming to school. Students completed the math portion of the iReady Diagnostic Assessment. This week, they will take the language arts section. Upon completion, teachers will review the student data points to determine tiered intervention and support measures. Identified students will have options for tiered support throughout the school day and through Title I After School programs scheduled to start next month. KDM is proud to expand its offerings of after-school clubs to provide more enriching, extra-curricular experiences. We also introduced our new Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum through *Character Strong.* KDM appreciated the board's supportive presence at the first PTA meeting which recognized some major capital improvements, including the opening of our water fountains, a new fence around the ballfield, and a roof in the process of being repaired. KDM is

excited about the many activities the PTA has planned this month, including Candy Bar Bingo, opening the school store, and our highly anticipated Walk-a-Thon FUNdraiser!

Thank you to everyone who attended Stony Brook's Back to School Night! We sincerely appreciate your time and support as we kick off another great school year together. With the year fully underway, classroom teachers and our intervention team have begun administering benchmark assessments for all students in grades K-5. The data generated through these assessments will help inform our instruction moving forward. Character education remains at the forefront of our efforts through initiatives such as
PBSIS and *No Place for Hate*. The Stony Brook Family Picnic scheduled for Friday, September 20th will be enjoyable for all.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and guardians attending the Copeland Middle School Back to School Night. The 2024-2025 school year is officially up and running and the students have settled into their routines. For the first time in school history, CMS students participated in outdoor recess. Recess occurs during PAAWS time, and students can choose to participate in a variety of different activities. Most importantly, recess provides our students a well-needed break from the traditional school day and an opportunity to get fresh air and exert some energy before returning to the classroom for their afternoon classes. Cross Country season is underway and our student-athletes will have their first home meet on Friday, September 27th. After-school club/activity registration will be available on the CMS website beginning September 20th. We are all looking forward to a great school year!

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The KDM Roof project is still running ahead of schedule. The contractor has moved to a night and weekend schedule to alleviate any daytime disruptions for staff and students. Our Architects will be conducting a site visit sometime next week, however, observations from 9/10 and 9/16 were very positive. There are three material deliveries expected in the coming week which should push us toward the finish line.

We continue our efforts to coordinate with the town on the Dwyer electric sign. At this time our attorneys, in coordination with our district architects, have submitted all necessary paperwork. We are waiting to hear back from the town on our request for a courtesy review by the town planning board. Once we receive further guidance we will determine whether further action on the part of the district will be needed.

On tonight's agenda under administration you will see a motion for an NJDOE Project Submission
This item speaks to the upcoming district referendum and allows for my office and our architects to begin the necessary submissions in order to move ahead with the referendum process. This is not a finalized plan, but rather a notification and initial perspective on our plan, which gives the DOE an opportunity for evaluation. All potential referendums require approval by the DOE.

Also on tonight's agenda under finance we have the approval of our most recent bills list

To highlight the expenditures on tonight's bills list which make up the total amounts reflected:

1. Approximately $139,199 is attributed to various utilities
2. Approximately $284,823 is attributed to tuition
3. Approximately $790,967 is attributed to previously approved construction and architectural fees
4. Approximately $155,155 is attributed to transportation contracts, mechanical repairs, and department supplies
5. Payroll for 8/15 and 8/30 totaled to $744,755
6. The remaining costs are attributed to a range of smaller categories to include aide in lieu, supplies, maintenance, food service, staff pd and travel, etc. as well as a significant portion being attributed to supplies for the start of the school year.

V. EDUCATION REPORT

The full Education Report can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-9-18' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-9-18'.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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VII. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. **Personnel**

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

A.	Appointment						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	***Start Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	PT Staff Assistant	Amanda Baliga	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	DBO	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
2.	PT Staff Assistant	Lisa Bonora	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
3.	Student Council Advisor	Lauren Crispino	$650.00 Stipend	KDM	24-25 SY		Stipend
4.	PT Staff Assistant	Michele Cristiano	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
5.	PT Staff Assistant	Keisha Griffith	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
6.	PT Staff Assistant	Jill Jones	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
7.	PT Staff Assistant	Maria Leach	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
8.	District Translator	Maria Leach	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	24-25 SY		Spanish
9.	After School Detention Monitor	Deborah Linnell	Per contracted rate or pay	CMS	24-25 SY		
10.	PT Staff Assistant	Kathleen McCabe	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	DBO	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 17.5 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
11.	PT Staff Assistant	Jennifer McCormick	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
12.	PT Staff Assistant	Marla McGrath	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
13.	PT Staff Assistant	Dawn Montesano	$21.75/hr. (Step 2)	BWD	10/1/24	6/30/25	Reinstated 26 hrs./wk. in Preschool Class
14.	PT Staff Assistant	Tiffany Rivera	$22.15/hr. (Step 3)	BWD	9/19/24	6/30/25	Reassignment from 17.5 hrs./wk. to 26 hrs./wk.

15.	Special Education Teacher	Jennifer Thompson	$65,735.00 MA (Step 1) (Prorated)	CMS	10/1/24	2/18/25	Leave Replacement Replacing: Employee 4214
16.	Grade 8 Math Teacher	Penny Zitomer	$80,765.00 MA+45 (Step 14)	CMS	**8/28/24	6/30/25	Horizontal Movement Increased Credits Salary adjustment per CBA
17.	Home Instructors	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	DIST.	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
18.	Test Coordinators	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	DIST.	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
19.	After School Clubs-BWD	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	BWD	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
20.	After School Clubs-CMS	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	CMS	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
21.	After School Clubs-DBO	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	DBO	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
22.	After School Clubs-KDM	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	KDM	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
23.	After School Clubs-Nurses	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
24.	After School Activities -Staff Assistants	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	24-25 SY		As needed

B. Leave of Absence

	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	ESL Teacher	5932		CAD	11/25/24 2/3/25 5/5/25	1/31/25 5/2/25 6/30/25	With Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA Without Pay Return: 25-26 SY
2.	PT Night Custodian	6712		MAINT.	 7/12/24 8/19/24	 8/16/24 8/23/24	Revised/Returned early With Pay under FMLA Without Pay under FMLA Return: 8/26/24

C. Resign/Retire

	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Clerk Typist	Celina Carpentiere		CAD		10/11/24	Resign
2.	Bus Driver/ Mech. Helper	Vincent Ferraiuolo		TRANS.		9/5/24	Resign

3.	PT Staff Assistant	Lucila Love		BWD		9/12/24	Resign

D. Substitute – Approve the following staff as State Certified Substitute and Floater Substitute for the 2024-2025 school year.

	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Level**	**Discussion**
1.	Floater Substitute	Taylor Jones	$185.00/day	SB	*9/19/24	6/30/25	
2.	Substitute	Mary Narcise	$175.00/day	DIST.	24-25 SY		Reemployment

E. Substitutes – New Hires

	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Level**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute	Kristin Lewis	$175.00/day	DIST.	24-25 SY	State	Kean University, NJ (BA)
2.	Substitute	Daniel Pojedinec	$175.00/day	DIST.	24-25 SY	State	Centenary University, NJ (MA)
3.	Substitute	Phillip Savarin	$175.00/day	DIST.	24-25 SY	County	Rutgers University, NJ (BA)

Personnel Items Key	
**on/before effective date*	***concurrent*

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

B. Education

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the following education recommendations.

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves 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	Workshop Location	Workshop Date(s)	Registration Fee	Travel Cost	Total Estimated Cost
Deborah Cicchino	NJSMA Elementary Music Division Annual Fall Workshop	Mt. Lakes, NJ	October 14, 2024	$68.00	N/A	$60.00
Samantha Fiederer	NJIDA Fall Conference 2024	Virtual	October 19, 2024	$190.00	N/A	$190.00
Christine Hackney	NJIDA Fall Conference 2024	Virtual	October 19, 2024	$190.00	N/A	$190.00
Alyssa Howarth	NJIDA Fall Conference 2024	Virtual	October 19, 2024	$190.00	N/A	$190.00

Natalia Hubisz	NJSCA Conference	Edison, NJ	October 11, 2024	Member will pay	N/A	$0.00
Jennifer Macones	NJSBA Workshop 2024	Atlantic City, NJ	October 22-23, 2024	$550.00 + $200.00 Lodging	$240.00	$990.00
Kaitlin Miller	NJIDA Fall Conference 2024	Virtual	October 19, 2024	$190.00	N/A	$190.00
Dr. Alain Mollinedo	Section 504: Special Ed Litigation	Monroe Township, NJ	October 30, 2024	$150.00	N/A	$150.00
Lynn Mondello	NJIDA Fall Conference 2024	Somerset, NJ	October 18-19, 2024	$325.00	N/A	$325.00
Glennis Patterson	NJSMA Elementary Music Division Annual Fall Workshop	Mt. Lakes, NJ	October 14, 2024	$68.00	N/A	$60.00
Alexis Simpson	Project Adventure	Beverly, MA	October 7-10, 2024	$685.00+ $648.00 Lodging + Meals/Incidentals $64.00/day	$125.96	$1618.96
Elyse Webster	NJIDA Fall Conference 2024	Virtual	October 19, 2024	$190.00	N/A	$190.00
Mary Weilbaecher	NJIDA Fall Conference 2024	Somerset, NJ	October 18, 2024	$225.00	$24.00	$249.00

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following Student Teacher(s) to complete their practicum fieldwork during the 2024-2025 school year, commencing on or about September 19, 2024-June 30, 2025.

Student Teacher	College University	Cooperating Teacher/School
Riley Krzastek	Montclair State University	Gena Hartman/CAD/KDM
Kara Pirtle*	Grand Canyon University	Sandra Bornemann/Kim Rettino

*Pending satisfactory completion of District requirements

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Sarah Rosenberg, a student in the Gifted and Talented program at Morris Knolls High School, to complete her teaching internship with Amy Gallagher at Dennis B. O'Brien School, approximately every other day/90 minutes/day, during the 2024-2025 school year.

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Marissa Perez, a student in the Elementary Education program at Caldwell University, to complete her 6-hour fieldwork experience with Jill Connors at Dennis B. O'Brien School.

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board agrees to rescind Madelyn D'Agostino's request to observe Ivan Kaltman during the 2024-2025 school year (8-14-24, B:3).

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board agrees to rescind Nicole Park's request for a student placement with Samantha Viscuso during the 2024-2025 school year. (9-4-24, B:2)

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Kelly McEvoy to provide presentations for GATE Parent Night events during the 2024-2025 School year, at the contractual rate of $100.00 per event for evening presentations, inclusive of planning and not to exceed 10 events during the 2024-2025 school year. The presentation dates are as follows:

September 30, 2024	December 2, 2024	March 10, 2025	June 11, 2025
October7,2024	January 13, 2025	April 7, 2025	
November 11, 2024	February 10, 2025	May 12, 2025	

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the revised list of Field Trip locations for the 2024-2025 School Year (as per attached).

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the 09-18-2024 list of field trips (as per attached).

10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Chronic Absenteeism Action Plan for Birchwood School, Katharine D. Malone School, and Stony Brook School for the 2024-2025 school year (as per attached).

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

VII. Special Education

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Ms. McGeary to approve the following education recommendations.

1. Signed Settled Agreement

Motion to approve the signed settlement agreement reference #2025-37893 (as per attached).

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

VIII. Administration

Motion made by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the following administration recommendations.

1. Travel

Motion to approve Dr. Richard R. Corbett to attend the 2024 New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) Annual Conference held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Total associated costs are as follows: (as per attached)

Cost Breakdown	Amount
Event Registration	$550.00
Accommodation Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel	October 21, 2024 – October 23, 2024 $262.00
Meals and Incidentals	At the daily rate per GSA Guidelines
Total	**$812.00**

2. Travel

Motion to approve Dr. Alain Mollinedo to attend the 2024 New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) Annual Conference held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Total associated costs are as follows: (as per attached)

Cost Breakdown	Amount
Event Registration	$550.00
Accommodation Harrah's Resort	October 22, 2024 – October 24, 2024 $232.00
Meals and Incidentals	At the daily rate per GSA Guidelines
Total	**$782.00**

3. Travel

Motion to approve Ms. Lisa Mezik to attend the 2024 New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) Annual Conference held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Total associated costs are as follows: (as per attached)

Cost Breakdown	Amount

Event Registration	**$550.00**
Accommodation Tropicana Casino and Resort	**October 21, 2024 – October 24, 2024** **$360.00**
Meals and Incidentals	**At the daily rate per GSA Guidelines**
Total	**$910.00**

4.Travel

Motion to approve Dr. Aaron Tomasini to attend the 2024 New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) Annual Conference held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Total associated costs are as follows: (as per attached)

Cost Breakdown	**Amount**
Event Registration	**$550.00**
Accommodation Tropicana Casino and Resorts	**October 21, 2024 – October 24, 2024** **$360.00**
Meals and Incidentals	**At the daily rate per GSA Guidelines**
Total	**$910.00**

5.Subscription Busing

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the subscription busing for student I.N. for the 2024-2025 school year attending KDM. One way AM Transport fee is $582.50.

6.NJ DOE Project Submission

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL PLANS, SCHEMATIC PLANS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS, ANY REQUIRED AMENDMENT TO THE LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN (LRFP) AND OTHER RELATED ACTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING ACT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY (the "Board") as follows:

1. The Board President, the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Project Architect, Bond Counsel and other appropriate representatives of the Board (the "Board Representatives") are hereby authorized to submit the educational specifications and plans and the schematic plans for school facilities projects consisting of building expansion, building renovations, building capital improvements, selectively, at all District Schools; Copeland Middle School, Birchwood Elementary School, Catherine A. Dwyer Elementary School, Katherine D. Malone Elementary School, Dennis B. O'Brien Elementary School and Stony Brook Elementary School, including any and all related site work, furnishings, and related work as necessary (the "Projects"), hereby approved in forms prepared by USA Architects (the "Project Architect"), together with such other information as may be required, to the State Department of Education for approval and to make application to the Commissioner of Education for approval of the educational specifications and plans, the schematic plans and the Projects and, if necessary, any required major amendment to the Long-Range Facilities Plan, in accordance with the requirements of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-1 et seq. (P.L. 2000, Ch. 72, effective July 18, 2000, as amended and supplemented) (the "Act") and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2.1(f), 6A:26-2.3, 6A:26-3.1 and 6A:26-3.2. The Board will request debt service aid for eligible project costs.

2. The Board Representatives are hereby further authorized and directed to submit the schematic plans and any other required information to the Planning Board and, if necessary, to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and to any other appropriate agency for review and comment.

3. The Project Architect is hereby authorized and delegated the responsibility to prepare the plans and specifications for the Projects in consultation with and under the supervision of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, who is hereby delegated the responsibility to work with the Project Architect for this purpose on behalf of the Board, and such authorizations and delegations are hereby reconfirmed and ratified, all in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-16.

4. The reference to officers of this school district herein includes the vice president in the absence or unavailability of the president and any assistant, deputy, interim, acting or successor officer authorized to act in the capacity or holding the position of such officer.

5. The Board Representatives are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this resolution and to provide any required notice in a timely manner to prepare for a special school district election.

6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

No public comment.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, Ms. McGeary, Mrs. Mezik, Mrs. Smith, Dr. Tomasini, and Mrs. Shields voted yes, Mrs. Curelaru voted no, motion carried.

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

1.Financials
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 July 31, 2024.

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 July 31, 2024.

Authorize July 2024 account transfers as submitted.

2.Financials
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Authorize August 2024 account transfers as submitted.

3.Bills
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes payment of the following as approved by the Finance Committee:

A.	August	Student Activities	$2,028.67
B.	August	Summer Enrichment	$20,337.03
C.	August	Cafeteria	$1,070.93
	September	Cafeteria	$30,667.05
D.	August	Summer Saving	$17,462.29
E.	September	District Bills	$3,326,948.69

4.Grant Acceptance
Home Depot
Be it resolved that the Rockaway Township

Board of Education accepts the Home Depot Foundation grant in the amount of $7,874.00 for the purpose of security supplies for the district.

No public comment.

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

Motion by Mrs.Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Smith to open the second public session of the meeting.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes.

- A member of the community came up and spoke about the Outreach Committee and that not everyone in the community received the postcards and had the chance to do them. Are we being reimbursed to the postage from the cards that never were delivered? What is the data? How effective is this? Can website be updated about the Referendum and the data used?
- A member of the community came up and wanted to know about the Focus Groups and that she does not have a child in district but wants to be heard.
- A member of the community came up and spoke about the incident at Copeland Middle School, thanking them but once teachers knew it wasn't a drill what was put into place? Was there a backup plan in place?

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

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

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Dr. Corbett shared an email from a parent about the incident that happened at Copeland.

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 – 2024-09-18' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-09-18'.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Smith, meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan S. Slamb, MBA, SFO, QPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary