ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 16, 2024 – REGULAR MEETING

6:00 pm – Public Session — **Copeland Middle School – Cafeteria**
Immediately into Closed Session — **Copeland Middle School – Faculty Room**
7:30 pm – Public Session — **Copeland Middle School – Cafeteria**

Details for how to access the Public Meeting through remote means will be posted on the district website at www.rocktwp.net. The Public is strongly encouraged to participate. Community members can watch the meeting live online. Members of the public are encouraged to attend in person to provide public comment.

VISION
Rockaway Township Schools…Opening minds, openings worlds, so every child's potential becomes a reality and challenges become opportunities for personal success!

MISSION
To nurture a supportive culture embracing individual diversity that will ensure academic, social and emotional success for all.

2024-2025 BOARD GOALS			
GOAL I	GOAL II	GOAL III	GOAL IV
Ensure continued academic excellence by: a. Supporting and publicizing the newly-implemented and revised curriculum documents and academic programming for all learners. b. Appraising the effectiveness of ELA and Math programming in which achievement is measured through triannual reports that are shared publicly.	Maintain a safe and supportive school district culture by: a. Fostering inclusivity, equity, and a culture of mutual respect for all students and staff. b. Providing the resources to support a school environment conducive to social and emotional health and increased, cohesive service-learning initiatives.	Support operational excellence that is sensitive to the ever-growing needs of an expanding school community by: a. Utilizing community discussion data to communicate and promote the benefits of the Referendum to invest in our learners and enhance functional space. b. Ensuring a consistent approach to the implementation of security across the district. c. Determining and executing next steps for analyzing, designing, and investing in facilities to maximize and enhance functional space.	Promote community outreach and enhanced communications by: a. Building new partnerships and growing existing relationships in order to effectively reach all stakeholders. b. Clearly and effectively communicating the roles and responsibilities of the Board.

2024-2025 DISTRICT GOALS				
GOAL I	GOAL II	GOAL III	GOAL IV	GOAL V
By June 2025, the district will increase the percentages of students meeting or exceeding expectations on the NJSLA in ELA and Mathematics by at least 5% across all grade levels (4-8; grade 3 is baseline) compared to the 2023-2024 school year baseline, through data-based articulation, targeted interventions, and both internal and external professional development.	Provide additional common, and consistent learning experiences in mathematics, literacy, and science to foster increased engagement.	Improve the climate and culture in each school and reduce chronic absenteeism through the implementation of: a. Character Strong SEL Program b. Improved HIB Processes c. We Dine Together at CMS d. PAAWS at CMS e. Unified Sports at CMS f. Climate and Culture Surveys	Reinforce a positive and effective practice of community outreach that is transparent, trusting, and collaborative. (Academy Nights)	Plan and implement a Referendum that will address both capacity and educational needs well into the future of the Rockaway Township School District.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
CLOSED SESSION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
PTA RECOGNITION
PUBLIC DISCUSSION

I. **COMMUNICATIONS**
II. **APPROVE MINUTES**
III. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
IV. **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
V. **EDUCATION REPORT-NJSLA PRESENTATION**
VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
VII. **RECOMMENDED ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**
   A. **Personnel**
   B. **HIB**
   C. **Education**
   D. **Special Education**
   E. **Administration**
   F. **Finance**
VIII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
   A. **Old Business**
   B. **New Business**
IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Call to Order
_____ called the meeting to order at _____pm.

Attendance Roll Call						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Dr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Shields**

Others in Attendance				
Dr. Corbett	Mrs. Slamb	Board Attorney	Visitors	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 provision 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 Daily Record," "The Star Ledger," and 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 materials 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 referenced items.

Pledge of Allegiance			
Motion to waive Pledge until Open session by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to waive Pledge			

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.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into closed session by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to enter closed session			
Closed Session starts at _____ pm.			

Motion to come out of closed session by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to end closed session			
Closed Session ends at _____ pm.			

Reconvene at _____ pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PTA RECOGNITION

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

During the course of the board meeting, the Rockaway Township Board of Education offers members of the public an opportunity to address issues regarding the operations of the Rockaway Township Public Schools. The Board reminds those individuals who take this opportunity to identify themselves by name and address and to limit their comments to items listed on the agenda and/or items directly related to the operations of the School District. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking, Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by the members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in the comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

In accordance with Board Policy 0167, public discussion is limited to fifteen (15) minutes with a three (3) minute limit per member of the public. The Board President shall have the right to modify the length of public discussion, as he/she deems appropriate.

Open First Public Comment			
Motion to open public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to open public comment			

Close First Public Comment			
Motion to close public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to close public comment			

I. COMMUNICATIONS

Jacki Richardson	Safety and Security and the Referendum
Gail Serdiuk	Website to learn about candidates for the school board does not work

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Approve Minutes			
Motion to approve the minutes by:		**Seconded by:**	

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the minutes of September 18, 2024.

Approve Minutes Roll Call						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Dr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Shields**

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/HIB UPDATE

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

V. EDUCATION REPORT – NJSLA PRESENTATION

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VII. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Personnel			
Motion to approve Personnel Items by:		**Seconded by:**	

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 Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Academic Intervention Teacher	Lauren Anderson	$62,295.00 BA+15 (Step 1) (prorated)	CAD	**10/2/24	2/25/25	Leave Replacement (Replacing: Employee 6929) Pending physical/Mantoux
2.	Grade 2 Teacher	Lauren Anderson	$62,295.00 BA+15 (Step 1) (prorated)	CAD	2/26/25	6/30/25	Leave Replacement (Replacing: Employee 6833) Pending physical/Mantoux
3.	Head Boys Basketball Coach	Michael Bernstein	$4,100.00	CMS	24-25 SY		Stipend
4.	District Translator	Demet Bilter	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	24-25 SY		Turkish
5.	Basketball Site Manager	Scott Credidio	$1,500.00	CMS	24-25 SY		Stipend
6.	Student Council Advisor	Polymnia Crysler	$650.00 Stipend	DBO	24-25 SY		Stipend
7.	Grade 3 Inclusion Teacher	Susan Culleny-Peer	$200.00/day	BWD	**10/7/24	11/18/24	Extended Long Term Substitute (Replacing: Employee 4254)
8.	School Psychologist	Mikela Janal	$66,985.00 MA+30 (Step 1) (prorated)	CMS	10/21/24	6/30/25	Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval. (Replacing M McMahon)
9.	CPR Instructor	Paula Kelly	$150.00	DIST.	24-25 SY		¼ of $600.00 stipend for 24-25 SY
10.	District Translator	Roberto Martinez	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	24-25 SY		Spanish Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval.
11.	Supervisor of Facilities and Safety Mgmt.	Michael Martino	$125,000.00 (prorated)	MAINT.	1/1/25	6/30/25	Pending physical/Mantoux and required personnel paperwork. (Replacing F Cuevas)
12.	District Translator	Jennifer Marty	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	24-25 SY		Spanish
13.	10-month Clerk Typist	Susan McOmish	$21,778.00 (Step 1) (prorated)	CAD	*10/17/24	6/30/25	Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval. (Replacing C Carpentiere)
14.	PT Staff Assistant	Dawn Montesano	$21.75/hr. (Step 2)	BWD	**10/1/24	6/30/25	Reassignment from 26 hrs./wk. in Preschool Class to 26 hrs./wk. Floater
15.	PT Staff Assistant	Reid Murphy	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	10/17/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk.
16.	CPR Instructor	Daria Napolitano	$600.00/yr.	DIST.	24-25 SY		Stipend
17.	District Translator	Lidia Nikolova	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	24-25 SY		Russian/Bulgarian
18.	PT Staff Assistant	Mary Parra	$22.57/hr. (Step 4)	BWD	10/21/24	6/30/25	Rehire
19.	Student Council Advisor	Cherylyn Paredes	$650.00/yr.	SB	24-25 SY		Stipend

20.	Mechanics Assistant/Bus Driver	Katherine Pepin	$50,000.00 (prorated)	TRANS.	10/22/24	6/30/25	(Replacing V Ferraiuolo)
21.	PT Staff Assistant	Eileen Ryan	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	CAD	10/17/24	6/30/25	Office, 17.5 hrs./wk.
22.	Head Girls Basketball Coach	William Swenty	$4,100.00	CMS	24-25 SY		Stipend
23.	After School Club Substitute	Loriana Takacs	$48.00/hr.	DBO	**10/10/24	12/5/24	As needed
24.	PT Speech Therapist	Renee Travisano	$46,572.00 MA (Step 12) (prorated)	CAD	11/18/24	6/30/25	0.6 FTE Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval. (Replacing M Stone)
25.	PT Staff Assistant	Enrique Vinas	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	*10/17/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending fingerprint approval.

B.	Before/After School Activities, Programs, and Clubs						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Before/After School Clubs - CAD	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	CAD	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
2.	After School Programs - CMS	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	CMS	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
3.	After School Clubs - SB	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	SB	24-25 SY		Per the attached list

C.	Leave of Absence						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Supervisor of Facilities and Safety Mgmt.	4304		MAINT.	**9/16/24	11/8/24	With Pay under FMLA Return: 11/11/24
2.	Grade 2 Teacher	6833		CAD	3/3/25 4/7/25	4/4/25 6/30/25	With Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA Return: 25-26 SY
3.	Grade 2 Teacher	5638		DBO	12/20/24 1/27/25	1/24/25 4/25/25	With Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA Return: 4/28/25
4.	Special Education Teacher	6376		SB	1/2/25 2/24/25	2/21/25 5/23/25	With Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA Return: 5/27/25
5.	PT Staff Assistant	6973		KDM	**10/14/24	11/1/24	With Pay Return: 11/4/24
6.	Special Education Teacher	4254		BWD	**10/7/24	11/15/24	Extended With Pay under FMLA Return: 11/18/24
7.	Science Teacher	6366		CMS	11/19/24 1/8/25	1/7/25 6/30/25	With Pay Without Pay Return: 25-26 SY
8.	FT Night Custodian	6758		MAINT.	10/7/24	12/6/24	Extended Without Pay Return: 12/9/24
9.	Special Education Teacher	6789		KDM	2/10/25 3/17/25	3/14/25 6/13/25	With Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA Return: 6/16/25

D.	Resign/Retire						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	FT Staff Assistant	Tina Desa Stalter		KDM		10/31/24	Deferred Retirement
2.	12-month School Secretary	Christine Elston		CMS		12/2/24	Resign
3.	PT Staff Assistant	Darren Franz		SB		10/21/24	Resign
4.	Math Teacher	Nataly Granaturova		CMS		11/15/24	Resign
5.	School Nurse	Paula Kelly		KDM		1/1/25	Resign
6.	School Psychologist	Michelle McMahon		CMS		11/27/24	Resign
7.	PT Staff Assistant	Amy Olsen		SB		12/5/24	Deferred Retirement
8.	PT Spanish Teacher	Lynda Oricchio		CMS		11/6/24	Resign
9.	Special Education Teacher	Adele Wadleigh		CMS		11/23/24	Resign
10.	PT Staff Assistant	Lisa Wright		CAD		**8/30/24	Resign

E.	Substitutes – New Hires						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Level**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute	Robert Meriwether	$175.00 per day	DIST.	24-25 SY	County	NY-School of Visual Arts, NY (BA) Pending physical/Mantoux
2.	Substitute	Harvey Bass	$175.00 per day	DIST.	24-25 SY	County	Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ (BA)
3.	Substitute	Rebecca Sanderson	$175.00 per day	DIST.	24-25 SY	County	Sussex County Community College (AS)

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

Roll Call Vote on Personnel Items						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Dr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Shields**

B. HIB			
No Action Items			

HIB Current Investigations: #268455, #268637 (Long Version)
#268455, #268637 (Short Version)

HIB Incident Summary (as per attached)

C. Education			
Motion to approve Education recommendations by:		**Seconded by:**	

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 Hotel/Incidentals Cost	Total Estimated Cost
Patricia Benavides	Order & Law: New Assessments for Legally Defensible IEPs	East Windsor, NJ	October 24-25, 2024	No Cost	N/A	$0.00
Ruthann Champagne	Section 504: Special Ed Litigation	Monroe Township, NJ	October 30, 2024	$150.00	N/A	$150.00
Gena Hartman	ODD, ASD ADHD & Mood Disorders	Virtual	December 3, 2024	$249.99	N/A	$249.99
Michael McGovern	Blue Ribbon Award Ceremony	Washington, DC	November 7-8, 2024	No Cost	$834.05	$834.05
Erin Meineke	Toe Walking: In-Depth Clinical Applications Using Etiological Approach	Virtual	November 4, 2024	$229.00	N/A	$229.00
Jennifer Meyers	Blue Ribbon Award Ceremony	Washington, DC	November 7-8, 2024	No Cost	$834.05	$834.05

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following Student Teacher(s) to complete their fieldwork during the 2024-2025 school year, commencing on or about September 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.

Student Teacher	College University	Cooperating Teacher/School
Isabel Mondano	FDU	Debra Cirillo/SB

*Pending satisfactory completion of District requirements

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board agrees to authorize a contract for the 2024/2025 school year between kiina dordoni, owner of Lift As We Climb Consulting, LLC. and Emily Strang-Campbell, Literacy Consultant, LLC and the Rockaway Township Board of Education, to provide six (6) full day workshops, (1) full day Observation/Planning Day and (1) Flex Day for Lead Teachers for the purpose of developing multilingual strategies for Multi-Language Learners, at a cost of $2,103.00/day/consultant or $16,824.00 each (as per attached).

4. 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).

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

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the salary and stipends funded with Federal Grants as follows:

Teacher	Grade/Position	Location	Stipend/Salary	% Funded
Jennifer Cassidy	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	KDM	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Meghan Cerna	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	KDM	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Lauren Crispino	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	KDM	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Jessica Imhof	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	KDM	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Kelly Stites	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	KDM	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Maria Borisuk	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CAD	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Kristen Hemmer	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CAD	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Susan Ranft	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CAD	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Tara Van Orden	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CAD	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Erika Donker	Title I After School/Secretary (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CAD	$22.57/hr	100% Title I
Susan Callahan	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Jodi Complitano	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Christine D'Antuono	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Raffaella DeMartinis	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Kenneth Fuchs	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Odemaris Guzman-Herskovitz	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Leah Horky	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Rachel Isler	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Jessica Mucerino	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Shannon Podprugin	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Caryl Sambrato	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Karen Benzkofer	Title I Before School Secretary (up to 10 hours)	BW	$22.57/hr	100% Title I
Eugene Budd	Title I Before School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	BW	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Alexandria Conforth	Title I Before School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	BW	$48.00/hr	100% Title I

Victoria Flynn	Title I Before School Sub Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	BW	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Amy Hoffnagle	Title I Before School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	BW	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Jacqueline Messina	Title I Before School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	BW	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Katherine Rasmussen	Title I Before School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	BW	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Brianna Thomas	Title I Before School Sub Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	BW	$48.00/hr	100% Title I

Board Discussion

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Open Public Comment on Education items only *(Ask if Necessary)*			
Motion to open public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to open public comment			

Close Public Comment			
Motion to close public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to close public comment			

Roll Call Vote on Education items						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Dr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Shields**

D. Special Education			
Motion to approve Special Education recommendations by:		**Seconded by:**	

1. **Rescind Out of District Placement Tuition – for SY 2024-2025**

   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board rescinds the tuition contract for the following out of district placement students for the 2024-2025 school year (08-14-24, C:1).

Student #	School	Location	Tuition Rate
00602	Mount Carmel Guild Academy	West Orange	Tuition Cost $55,800.00 or $310.00 per diem +Cost of aide $44,280.00 or $246.00 per diem

2. **KDDS Too, Inc. t/a North Jersey Outreach Contract – SY 2024-2025**

   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and KDDS Too, Inc., t/a North Jersey Outreach for Therapeutic and Training Services to provide ABA Therapy and related services for student #00602 for the 2024-2025 school year (as per attached).

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Open Public Comment on Special Education items only *(Ask if Necessary)*			
Motion to open public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to open public comment			

Close Public Comment			
Motion to close public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to close public comment			

Roll Call Vote on Special Education items						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Dr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Shields**

E. Administration			
Motion to approve Administration recommendations by:		**Seconded by:**	

1. **Joint Transportation Agreements**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the Joint Transportation Agreements between Rockaway Township Board of Education and the Educational Services Commission of Morris County, Morris County Vocational School District, and Sussex County Co Op for the following to provide transportation for students to athletic events, routes, and trips for the 2024-2025 school year:

   Educational Services Commission of Morris County
   Morris County Vocational School District
   Sussex County Co Op

2. **Joint Transportation Rates and Routes**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the Joint Transportation Agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the renewal of the following rates and routes for the 2024-2025 school year (as per attached):

   Rockaway Township Routes 4-43/4p-43p Yearly Rate $105,174.00
   Rockaway Township Routes 5-61/5p-61-50p Yearly Rate $105,190.00
   Rockaway Township Routes 13-23/13p-63p Yearly Rats $103,749.00

3. **Joint Transportation Rates and Routes**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the Joint Transportation Agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and the Sussex County Cooperative for the renewal of the following rates and routes for the 2024-2025 school year (as per attached):

   Rockaway Township Routes 1-20/1-20P Daily Rate $500.00
   Rockaway Township Routes 3-63/3-23P Daily Rate $500.00
   Rockaway Township Routes 12-40-56/12-40-56P Daily Rate $500.00
   Rockaway Township Routes 45-53/45-53P Daily Rate $500.00

4. **In-District Transportation – SY 2024-2025**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the In-District transportation provided by the Educational Services Commission of Morris County attending RT schools for the following students.

#00411	attending CMS placed on shared route with older sibling
#00391	attending BWD placed on shared route with older sibling
#00501	attending BWD placed on shared route with older sibling
#00561	attending KDM placed on existing route from Picatinny

5. **Subscription Busing**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the subscription busing for student N.P. for the 2024-2025 school year. AM and PM Transport fee is $1165.00.

6. **Subscription Busing**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the subscription busing for student A.A. for the 2024-2025 school year. One way PM Transport fee is $582.50.

7. **Equipment Disposal**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board authorizes the disposal and/or surplus property/obsolete equipment from the IT Department (as per attached).

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Open Public Comment on Administration Items only *(Ask if Necessary)*			
Motion to open public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to open public comment			

Close Public Comment			
Motion to close public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to close public comment			

Roll Call Vote on Administration items						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Dr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Shields**

F. Finance			
Motion to approve Finance recommendations by:		**Seconded by:**	

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 September 30, 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 September 30, 2024.

   Authorize September 2024 account transfers as submitted.

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

A.	September	Student Activities	$1,373.00
	October	Student Activities	$2,148.60
B.	September	After School Activities	$457.64
	October	After School Activities	$486.53
C.	September	Cafeteria	$2,830.46
	October	Cafeteria	$70.55
D.	October	State Unemployment	$6,699.88
E.	October	District Bills	$5,007,444.46

3. **Payment Application to TNT Construction Group, LLC**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes payment application #3 in the amount of $174,737.92 for the partial Roof Replacement at Birchwood Elementary, Copeland Middle School, and Katherine D. Malone Elementary School (as per attached).

4. **Payment Application to TNT Construction Group, LLC**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes payment application #4 in the amount of $135,690.80 for the partial Roof Replacement at Birchwood Elementary, Copeland Middle School, and Katherine D. Malone Elementary School (as per attached).

5. **LRFP Update – USA Architects**
   Be it Resolved that the Board of Education accepts the updated Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) as prepared by USA Architects and presented to the NJDOE.

6. **Contract for Challenge Course Inspection - 2024**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the contract for the 2024 Challenge Course Inspection Project Adventure, INC. and Rockaway Township Board of Education for the course inspection. The total cost to the district is $ 2,015.00 (as per attached).

7. **Safety Credit**
   Motion to approve the acceptance of a $5,500 credit for SAIF Safety Incentive Program award (as per attached).

Board Discussion

In accordance with Board Policy 0167, public discussion is limited to fifteen (15) minutes with a three (3) minute limit per member of the public. The Board President shall have the right to modify the length of public discussion, as he/she deems appropriate.

Open Public Comment on Financial items only *(Ask if Necessary)*			
Motion to open public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to open public comment			

Close Public Comment			
Motion to close public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to close public comment			

Roll Call Vote on Finance items						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Dr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Shields**

Open Second Public Comment			
Motion to open public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to open public comment			

Close Second Public Comment			
Motion to close public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to close public comment			

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Old Business

B. New Business

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Return to Executive Session *(if needed)*

For the discussion of _____ for approximately _____ minutes.

Motion to go into closed session by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to enter closed session.			
Closed session starts at _____ pm.			

Motion to adjourn closed session by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to end closed session.			
Closed sessions ends at _____ pm.			

Meeting Adjournment			
Motion to adjourn meeting by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to adjourn meeting.			

Meeting adjournment at _____ pm.