REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMEBR 17, 2025

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 6:01 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

Dr. Tomasini called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

The following members of the Board of Education were present in-person: Mrs. Curelaru, Ms. McGeary, Mrs. Mezik, Ms. Richardson, and Dr. Tomasini.

Mrs. Anderson and Ms. Tourne 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. McGeary, 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, 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.

Motion made by Ms. McGeary, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru to go into closed session at 6:02 PM.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru 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.

Dr. Tomasini 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. Curelaru to open Public comment.

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

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A member of the public commented regarding concerns related to a KDM staff member and statements made on social media. They advised that other employers had let staff members go for similar actions.

A member of the public commented regarding concerns related to district transparency and holding staff members accountable for their actions.

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A member of the community inquired about the bylaws and policies related to social media activities perpetrated by staff. They also inquired about how a lawsuit by a staff member would be handled.

A member of the community spoke about the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights. They expressed concerns related to district HIB data and inquired about the differences in that data from school to school.

Motion by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Mezik, to close Public comment.

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

I. COMMUNICATIONS – The Board has not received any new correspondences since the last regular meeting.

Lisa Greene	Immediate Attn
Jonathan Cohen	Elizabeth McFarland Clark
Lisa Kindzierski	Attn: RT Education
Jin Park	Investigation needed into teacher
April Matera	Social media comment
Shelby Sobocinski	Elizabeth Clark, KDM Actions
Veronica Varveri	Elizabeth McFarland Clark
Jim Casemier	Is this acceptable behavior???
Theresa Howell	Vile and disgusting
Mikethecoasterguy	Elizabeth clark!
Agnes Maye	Disparaging Charlie Kirk
Nelson Nappi	Elizabeth McFarland Clark
Alex Kennedy	Elizabeth Clark
Joe Depp	Concerns regarding teacher
Scott Costine	Termination of Elizabeth McFarland Clark
Citizen4096	Immediate Required for Educator's Advocacy of Political Violence
Karen Ziomek	Elizabeth McFarland Clark 5th grade math teacher from KDM, your post went viral

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Mezik to approve the minutes of September 3, 2025.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations.
Mrs. Curelaru, Mrs. Mezik, Ms. Richardson and Dr. Tomasini voted yes.
Ms. McGeary abstained.
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 – 2025-09-17' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2025-09-17.'

Back-to-School Nights held at Copeland, Stony Brook, and DBO were all very well attended, and parents seem excited to start the new school year.
This evening, the Board will approve Ms. Margaret Price as the new Assistant to the Business Administrator. Welcome Maggie. We are happy to have you as the newest member of our team.

The Student Services department is excited for the 2025-2026 school year ahead. Due to the success of the New Jersey Inclusion Project at DBO last year, we have been invited to continue working with them for another year. As a district, we remain committed to inclusive education and have increased inclusion opportunities throughout the district by adding classes in various schools. SEPAC is off to a great start with information tables at each Back-to-School Night. SEPAC will be offering three parent support meetings for the first time this year and will participate in the Morris County Parent Training Series. You can visit the district website for updated flyers and links to the events.

As of today, at 3 pm, the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) scores are available to parents in grades 4-8 on the Genesis Parent Portal. Student preliminary data is already uploaded to the *LinkIt* parent portal. The ISR (Individual Score Report) in Genesis will provide parents with a comprehensive look at their child's performance. We understand that receiving test scores can be an anxious moment for both students and parents. Please remember that these scores are just one part of your child's academic journey, and they do not define your child's worth or potential. We are here to support and guide your child every step of the way.

Good News from our Schools

At **DBO**, students have had a great start to the school year. The *Caught Being Good* initiative is in full swing. It is exciting to see students earn coins for making positive choices and contributing to the community. These small moments of recognition add up to a big impact in building a positive school culture.

Each month, DBO will be hosting school-wide assemblies to celebrate and reward students for demonstrating inclusivity, responsibility, respect, and kindness. These gatherings will not only recognize students' efforts but also continue to build pride and a positive community across all grade levels.

In addition, *Prevention is Key* is working with 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade students, providing valuable lessons on decision-making, peer relationships, and healthy choices. These are important skills that will benefit students both in and out of the classroom.

Character Strong lessons have begun, with at least three lessons planned per class per month. These lessons will help students with their social-emotional needs and tools.

Finally, the i-Ready fall diagnostic assessments are nearly complete. These assessments help teachers understand each child's strengths and areas for growth, allowing instruction to be tailored to meet the needs of every learner.

Dwyer has started the year with excitement as our community welcomes new staff and students. Back-to-School Night was a wonderful success, beginning with a parent *Meet & Greet* hosted by the PTA. The coffee and cookies were the perfect kickoff before parents headed off to visit classrooms and meet teachers. The staff worked hard to beautify the building, creating a space that is both warm and welcoming for families, while remaining a daily source of pride and joy for students. The fun has already begun with the *Crazy Hair*! Spirit Day. Mr. McGovern even surprised the students with an impromptu sing-along. Of course, it's not just fun and games, since students are now buckling down for their beginning-of-year assessments. At Dwyer, there truly are no walls and no limits to what we can accomplish and do for our students!

Stony Brook is off to an exceptional start for the school year, with students and staff arriving on the first day energized and ready to go. Classroom teachers and the intervention team have already begun administering benchmark assessments for all students in grades K–5, with the data helping to guide instruction as the year moves forward. Character education remains a central focus through initiatives such as *PBSIS* and *Prevention is Key*.

The school community is grateful to the PTA for making the start of the new year extra special by providing a whiteboard for the outdoor classroom, along with a new digital piano. These additions will support both learning and enrichment opportunities for students throughout the year.

We are looking forward to the Stony Brook Family Picnic, scheduled for Friday, September 19. It is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together, and the school looks forward to seeing everyone there!

Students and staff at **Birchwood** participated in Patriot Day on 9/11, proudly wearing Red, White, and Blue. The intervention team and classroom teachers are teaching and administering Acadience and i-Ready benchmarks in grades K-5. Teachers will use this data to inform instruction and support student transitions to new academic levels. Ms. Patel is hosting RTI meetings to ensure teachers monitor student progress, and she is delivering *Character Strong* lessons in classrooms. Mrs. Rivera is hosting grade-level meetings to mentor and coach teachers one grade level at a time. The PTA has already planned a Kindergarten Social for September 26. Back-to-school night is scheduled for September 30; presentations will be in multiple languages for their parents, similar to the Newsletter, which is now provided in both English and Spanish.

KDM teachers have worked diligently to prepare their classrooms and create a warm and welcoming space conducive to learning and growth. Students are currently engaged in iReady Diagnostic Assessments and familiarizing themselves with their new classrooms, teachers, and schedules. We are also looking forward to our district-wide initiative coordinated through Rise Up Rockaway, Socks in a Box, where KDM students and staff will donate socks to our most vulnerable neighbors in need. The KDM PTA is raising funds while gearing up for the annual Walk-A-Thon. This Friday, the KDM community is gathering for Candy Bar Bingo, a fun family event we look forward to every year. KDM is looking forward to a great year ahead.

During the first week at **Copeland Middle School**, the staff focused on helping the students adjust to school life, setting the tone for a supportive and successful year ahead. There was an impressive turnout at the Back-to-School Nights, with parents and guardians showing strong support for their students and the school community. Our cross-country team hit the ground running with practices underway, and had their first meet on Monday, September 15th. We are excited to announce that information about after-school clubs and activities will be available on our website the week of September 22nd. The CMS community is looking forward to a great year!

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 – 2025-09-17' or by clicking this link: Board of Education Meeting – 2025-09-17.'

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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VI. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Personnel

Number D-3 was added to the agenda and will be amended. Motion made by Ms. McGeary, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru, 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.	CPR Instructor	Barbara Beere	$600.00/yr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		
2.	PT Staff Assistant	Samantha Gomez	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	CAD	9/18/25	6/30/26	Resource, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval (Replacing L Feinson)
3.	Substitute Teacher	Catherine Hadjiloucas	$175.00/day	DIST.	9/19/25	6/30/26	Reassignment from Floater Substitute Teacher to Substitute Teacher
4.	Floater Substitute	Thalia Johnson	$185.00/day	DBO	**9/15/25	2/13/26	
5.	Kindergarten Teacher	Thalia Johnson	$62,630.00 BA (Step 1) prorated	DBO	***9/25/25	2/13/26	Leave Replacement Pending issuance of certificate (Replacing Employee 5827)
6.	Floater Substitute	Joseph Malazinsky	$185.00/day	BWD	9/18/25	6/30/26	Reassignment from Substitute Teacher to Floater Substitute Teacher
7.	CPR Instructor	Daria Napolitano	$600.00/yr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		
8.	District Translator	Selvin Ramos Navas	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		Spanish
9.	District Mentor	Cherylyn Paredes	$550.00	SB	25-26 SY		Stipend
10.	District Mentor	Shannon Podprugin	$550.00	CMS	25-26 SY		Stipend
11.	Assistant to the Business Administrator	Margaret Price	$90,000.00 prorated	CO	9/18/25	6/30/26	
12.	LEAD Day Coordinator	Katherine Rasmussen	$600.00/yr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		Stipend
13.	PT Staff Assistant	Destiny Reyes	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	10/1/25	6/30/26	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk.

							Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
14.	District Translator	Destiny Reyes	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		Spanish
15.	PT Staff Assistant	Kathleen Sellitto	$22.98/hr. (Step 3)	CAD	**9/4/25	6/30/26	Reassignment of hours from 26 hrs./wk. to 21.5 hrs./wk.
16.	LEAD Day Coordinator	Amy Semeniuk	$600.00/yr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		Stipend
17.	PT Staff Assistant	Michele Terwaarbeek	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	SB	10/1/25	6/30/26	Reassignment of location from KDM to SB
18.	Curriculum Writer	Joan Young	$500.00 stipend	DIST.	25-26 SY		Library/Media Studies Grades 6-8

B. Appointments Per Attached Lists

	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	2025-2026 Horizontal Movement	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	25-26 SY		Movement on guide per the attached list
2.	2025-2026 Home Instructors	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	DIST.	25-26 SY		As assigned Per the attached list
3.	2025-2026 Student Council Advisors - Elementary	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	25-26 SY		Per the attached list
4.	2025-2026 Teachers in Charge	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	25-26 SY		Per the attached list
5.	2025-2026 Test Coordinators	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	25-26 SY		Per the attached list
6.	2025-2026 CMS Stipend Positions	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	CMS	25-26 SY		Per the attached list
7.	2025-2026 CMS After School Clubs	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	CMS	25-26 SY		Pay-to-Play Clubs per attached list
8.	2025-2026 DBO After School Clubs	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	25-26 SY		Pay-to-Play Clubs per attached list
9.	2025-2026 KDM After School Clubs	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	25-26 SY		Pay-to-Play Clubs per attached list
10.	2025-2026 After School Clubs – Nurse	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	25-26 SY		
11.	2025-2026 After School Clubs – Staff Assistants	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	25-26 SY		As assigned

C. Leave of Absence

	Position	**Employee Number**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.		7096		MAINT.	**7/1/25 **8/18/25	8/15/25 8/29/25	With Pay Without Pay Return: 9/1/25

D. Resignation/Retirement/Termination

	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**

1.	Supervisor of Transportation	Nancy Beiermeister		TRANS.		11/14/25	Resignation
2.	Substitute Bus Driver	Terry Jenkins		TRANS.		**9/2/25	Resignation
3.	5th Grade Math Teacher	Elizabeth Clark		KDM		11/17/2025	Resignation

E.	Substitutes						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Level**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute Custodians	Per the attached list	$17.00/hr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		As needed
2.	Substitute - Rehire	Kevin Frey	$175.00 per day	DIST.	25-26 SY	County	
3.	Substitute - New Hire	Thalia Johnson	$175.00 per day	DIST.	25-26 SY	County	
4.	Substitute - New Hire	Erik Schenck	$175.00 per day	DIST.	25-26 SY	County	

F.	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the rescinding of the following previously approved motion under Personnel (Motion C-1, 8-13-25 agenda).						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Speech Therapist	5050		KDM	10/3/25	10/23/25	Rescinded Leave of Absence request

G.	Job Description					
	Category	**Position**	**Location**	**Date Effective**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	A-9	Assistant to School Business Administrator	DIST.	9/18/25		

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

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

B. **Education**

Motion made by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Ms. McGeary to approve the following education recommendations.

1. 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**
Deborah Cicchino	NJ School Music Association 2025 Fall Workshop	NJ School Music Association	Mountain Lakes, NJ	10-13-25	$60.00	N/A	$60.00
Sharon Cohen	Fall Conference for Case Managers	John Comengo	West Orange, NJ	10-14-25	No Cost	$8.00	$8.00
Samantha Fiederer	AM Session: Veni, Vici Vocabulary; PM Session: From Phonics to Fluency	NJ International Dyslexia Association	Franklin Township, NJ	10-17-25	$250.00	$40.00	$290.00
Michael McGovern	NJASRO Social Media Seminar	The Office of School Preparedness &	Mahwah, NJ	9-29-25	No Cost	$30.46	$30.46

		Emergency Planning					
Kaitlin Miller	AM Session: Veni, Vici Vocabulary; PM Session: From Phonics to Fluency	NJ International Dyslexia Association	Franklin Township, NJ	10-17-25	$250.00	$40.00	$290.00
Glennis Patterson	NJ School Music Association 2025 Fall Workshop	NJ School Music Association	Mountain Lakes, NJ	10-13-25	$60.00	N/A	$60.00
Emily Protasiewicz	HIB Training Program	Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP	Toms River, NJ	9-30-25	$165.00	$71.91	$236.91
Jennifer Saxton	Fall Conference for Case Managers	John Comengo	West Orange, NJ	10-14-25	No Cost	$8.00	$8.00
John Titus	Reclaiming AI in the STEM Classroom	PRISM/ Montclair State University	Bloomfield, NJ	10-20-25	$200.00	$27.58	$227.58
Gregory Voinier	NJ School Music Association 2025 Fall Workshop	NJ School Music Association	Mountain Lakes, NJ	10-13-25	$60.00	N/A	$60.00
Lauren Wisse	PE JAM	PE JAM	Kinnelon, NJ	12-5-25	No Cost	N/A	$0.00
Gregory Zinberg	PE JAM	PE JAM	Kinnelon, NJ	12-5-25	No Cost	N/A	$0.00

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Taylor Salazar, a student in the Gifted and Talented Program at Morris Hills High School, to complete her teaching internship with Penny Zitomer at Copeland Middle School, approximately every other day from 7:40am-9:15am, during the 2025/2026 school year.

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Soniya Shah and Savannah Amato, students in the International Baccalaureate Program at Morris Knolls High School, to present their community-based project which focuses on the following pillars: Creativity, Physical Activity and Service to the 7th and 8th grade Health classes at Copeland Middle School under the supervision of Thomas Nicolicchia during the 2025-2026 school year.

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following student(s) to complete their Clinical I and Clinical II requirements during the Fall 2025 semester and the Spring 2026 Semester.

Student Teacher	**College/University**	**Cooperating Teacher/School**
Michael Lang*	Montclair State University	Rachel Isler / CMS

*Pending satisfactory completion of District requirements

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the 8th Grade field trip to New York City to see the *Outsiders* on Broadway and have dinner at Dave and Buster's in Times Square, NY on June 10, 2026.

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

No Public comment.

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

C. Administration

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

1. NJSIG 2025-2026 FY Assessment Proposal

Motion to approve the Assessment Proposal for the 2025-2026 Fund Year between Rockaway Township Board of Education and New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (as per attached).

2. Travel

Motion to approve Dr. Richard R. Corbett to attend the 2025 New Jersey Schools Board Association (NJSBA) Annual Conference held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Total associated costs are as follows:

Cost Breakdown	**Amount**
Event Breakdown	$550.00
Accommodation Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel	$262.00
Meals and Incidentals	$170.00

Travel	$133.48
Total	$1,115.48

3. Travel

Motion to approve Ms. Lisa Mezik to attend the 2025 New Jersey Schools Board Association (NJSBA) Annual Conference held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Total associated costs are as follows:

Cost Breakdown	Amount
Event Breakdown	$550.00
Accommodation Tropicana Hotel and Casino	$366.00
Meals and Incidentals	$238.00
Travel	$133.48
Total	$1,287.48

4. Travel

Motion to approve Ms. Megan Slamb to attend the 2025 New Jersey Schools Board Association (NJSBA) Annual Conference held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Total associated costs are as follows:

Cost Breakdown	Amount
Event Breakdown	$550.00
Accommodation Caesars Atlantic City	$383.98
Meals and Incidentals	$170.00
Travel	$133.48
Total	$1,237.46

5. Travel

Motion to approve Dr. Aaron Tomasini to attend the 2025 New Jersey Schools Board Association (NJSBA) Annual Conference held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Total associated costs are as follows:

Cost Breakdown	Amount
Event Breakdown	$550.00
Accommodation Tropicana Hotel and Casino	$244.00
Meals and Incidentals	$170.00
Travel	$133.48
Total	$1,097.48

6. Travel

Motion to approve Ms. Anita West to attend the 2025 New Jersey Schools Board Association (NJSBA) Annual Conference held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Total associated costs are as follows:

Cost Breakdown	Amount
Event Breakdown	$550.00
Accommodation Caesars Atlantic City	$379.98
Meals and Incidentals	$170.00
Travel	$133.48
Total	$1,233.46

7. Subscription Busing

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the subscription busing for student M.O. for the 2025-2026 school year. Two-way Transport fee for $1,177.00.

8. Subscription Busing

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the subscription busing for students E.P and Z.M. for the 2025-2026 school year. One-way Transport fee for both $1,177.00.

9. Subscription Busing

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the subscription busing for student R.M. for the 2025-2026 school year. Two-way Transport fee for $1,177.00.

10. Subscription Busing

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the subscription busing for student D.M. for

the 2025-2026 school year. One-way Transport fee for $588.50.

11. Subscription Busing
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the subscription busing for student M.G. for the 2025-2026 school year. One-way Transport fee for $588.50.

12. Subscription Busing
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the subscription busing for student M.V. for the 2025-2026 school year. One-way Transport fee for $588.50.

13. Pollution/Mold/Tank Liability Renewal Agreement
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the Pollution/Mold/Tank Liability Renewal Agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Total amount $14,800.00 (as per attached).

Motion by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru to open Public comment on Administration items only.

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

A member of the community came up and asked about the Insurance for deadly weapons and to explain it. Mrs. Slamb explained what SAIF covers and the policy. We took this as additional coverage for a safety in our schools. Community member than asked about the KDM window project, which Mrs. Slamb said it has been completed. Mrs. Slamb explained we changed out all the AC units in the building.

A member came up and spoke about HIB's and why the numbers were high at DBO, Dr. Tomasini explained that this open comment was only for Administration items and there is a separate section for HIB's.

Motion by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Ms. Richardson, to close Public comment.

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

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

D. Finance
Motion made by Ms. McGeary, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru, to approve the following finance recommendations.

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

A.	September	Cafeteria	$11,647.48
B.	August	After Schools Activities	$328.00
C.	September	After Schools Activities	$3,268.91
D.	July	Summer Enrichment	$3,350.00
E.	September	Summer Enrichment	$925.74
F.	September	District Bills	$3,683,045.92

2. Change Order #03 Revised for the Window Replacement at Katharine D. Malone
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes Change Order #03 – Revised in the amount of $16,731.16 for the contract with USA Architects for the window replacements at Katharine D. Malone School. The total cost including the Change Order will now be $13,795.62 (as per attached).

3. Payment Application #0002 to Northeastern Interior Services
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes payment application #0002 in the amount of $13,105.33 for the 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.

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

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes.

A member of the community wanted to confirm a resignation that was read into the agenda, Dr. Tomasini confirmed. The member then stated that a member of the board was making comments on social media that they feel are against Board policy. The community member did not identify the Board Member in question, but stated they would share the information with Dr. Tomasini.

A community member commented on data presented by the district regarding HIB reports. They asked questions related to the HIB reporting process which Dr. Corbett responded to.

A member of the community spoke about a Board Member who they feel violated policy #016902 "Board Member Use of Social Media".

A member of the community spoke about district reported HIB cases that were founded. They questioned the differences between similarly sized schools within the district. They asked questions related to the HIB reporting process and the data presented.

A community member spoke about the importance of the actions taken regarding the KDM staff member and their comments on social media. They requested that information on the outcome of the situation could be shared with the community.

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

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

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Old Business

Dr. Tomasini- Made a public statement.

New Business

Mrs. Mezik- Community Outreach topics, Mrs. Curelaru suggested a better alignment with the council people, Dr. Tomasini stated it is a collaboration with the community, it takes everyone to make this happen. This will be discussed at the next Outreach meeting.

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 – 2025-09-17' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2025-09-17'.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Ms. McGeary, meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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