ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 11, 2021 - REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM – Public Session — **Copeland Middle School/Cafeteria**
Immediately into Closed Session — **Copeland Middle School/Library**
7:30 PM – Public Session — **Copeland Middle School/Cafeteria**

Details for how to access and participate in the Public Meeting through remote means will be posted on the District Website at www.rocktwp.net. The Public is strongly encouraged to participate by remote means if at all possible. Community Members can watch the Board Meeting live online. If members of the public wish to provide public comment, they can submit a request to virtualboe@rocktwp.net by 6:00 pm, in advance of the meeting, and they will be sent instructions.

VISION

Rockaway Township Schools...Opening minds, opening 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.

GOALS	Academic Success & Agility	Safe & Supportive Culture for All	Facilities & Security
BOARD 2020 - 2021	Support and monitor universal screening protocols, the district's Response to Intervention process, and implementation of new curricula to drive student achievement.	Support the district's continued focus on providing a safe and emotionally secure learning environment for all while being fiscally responsible.	Monitor the district's progress of the Long Range Facilities Plan and invest in additional improvement projects.
DISTRICT 2020 - 2021	Foster rich learning environments through the continued implementation of balanced literacy, universal screening protocols, and the Response to Intervention process. Provide ongoing job embedded professional development for improved mathematics instruction and design a new K-8 Media Literacy & Design Thinking curriculum to drive student achievement.	Focus efforts to synergize our mission statement with our goals of expanding the celebration of student success, building character education programs and supporting community involvement and awareness of District initiatives with continued increased awareness and sensitivity to diversity, inclusiveness and accessibility to advance the growth and development of Rockaway Township School District.	Design and implement a permanent solution for the KDM water treatment system in compliance with NJDEP and invest in additional improvement projects as necessary.

AGENDA
CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
I COMMUNICATIONS
II APPROVE MINUTES
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- **C. Education**
- **D. Special Education**
- **E. Administration**
- **F. Finance**
- **G. Policy**

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. Brookes	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Shields**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Mr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Helbourg**

Others in Attendance						
P. Turnamian, Ed.D	**Mr. Higgins**	**Mrs. DeCarlo**	**Visitors**	**Board Attorney**	**Press**	

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The New Jersey "Open Public Meetings Act" was passed to insure 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 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**
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.

Motion to go into closed session by	**Seconded**
Show of hands to enter closed session	
Closed Session Start at _____PM	

Motion to adjourn closed session by	**Seconded**
Show of hands to end closed session	
Closed Session End at _____PM	

Reconvene at _____PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 operation 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 operation 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 legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by 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**
Show of hands to open	

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

I COMMUNICATIONS

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

Michele Beneduce CDC and AAP mask guidance for schools

II APPROVE MINUTES

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

Approve the minutes of July 21, 2021.
Approve the minutes of August 03, 2021.

Roll Call Vote for Minutes						
Mrs. Brookes	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Shields**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Mr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Helbourg**

III SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Student Safety Data System Report 1/1/2021-06/30/2021

IV BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

V CURRICULUM REPORT

VI COMMITTEE REPORTS

VII RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Personnel	
Motion to approve Personnel items by	**Seconded**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends actions on the following personnel:

A.	Instructional							
	Nature of Action	**Position**	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Appoint	FT Autism Teacher	Allison Creeden	$70,245.00 MA (Step 9)	KDM	9/1/21	6/30/22	Replacing: C. Ellis
2.	Appoint	PT (0.8) Spec. Ed. Res. Rm. Teacher	Lauren Noll	$48,068.00 (Step 3)	CAD	9/1/21	6/30/22	Replacing: D. Fischer Pending Physical and other relevant paperwork
3.	Appoint	Teacher	Mandy Sheehan	$46.00 p/hr.	DBO	8/25/21		Pre-School Orientation
4.	LOA	FT Math Teacher	Michael Bernstein		CMS	9/27/21	10/8/21	Without Pay under the NJ Twelve Week Family Medical Leave Act Return: 10/11/21
5.	LOA	FT Grade 4 Teacher	Brianna Thomas		BW	11/8/21 1/3/22	12/23/21 1/14/22	With Pay Without Pay under the NJ Twelve Week Family Medical Leave Act Return: 1/17/22
6.	LOA (Extended)	FT STEM Teacher	Jessica Clemente		CAD	9/1/21	10/20/21	Without Pay Return: 10/21/21
7.	Resign	P/T (0.6) Adaptive Music Teacher	Jennifer Gilker		CMS	9/1/21		
8.	Salary Adjustment	Certificated Staff	Per the attached list			9/1/21	6/30/22	Increased Credits

B.	Non-Instructional							
	Nature of Action	**Position**	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Appoint	ESY Substitute Staff Assistant	Kyleigh Chierici	$20.23 p/hr.		7/1/21	7/30/21	As needed
2.	Appoint	FT Night Custodian	Nelson Cortes	Prorated $39,145.00 (Base) +	KDM	9/1/21	6/30/22	Replacing: D. Bustillos

				$800.00 (Stipend) Total: $39,945.00				Pending Physical and other relevant paperwork
3.	Appoint	PT Spec. Ed. Staff Asst. 1:1	Lauren Farbanish	$18.93 p/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	9/1/21	6/30/22	26 hrs. 4 days p/wk.
4.	Appoint	PT Spec. Ed. Staff Asst. 1:1 Pre-K Class	Tiffany French	$18.93 p/hr. (Step 1)	BW	9/1/21	6/30/22	26 hrs. 4 days p/wk.
5.	Appoint	PT Spec. Ed. Staff Asst. 1:1 Pre-K Class	Carolyn Gratta	$18.93 p/hr. (Step 1)	BW	9/1/21	6/30/22	26 hrs. 4 days p/wk.
6.	Appoint	PT Spec. Ed. Staff Asst. 1:1	Deborah Knorr	$18.93 p/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	9/1/21	6/30/22	26 hrs. 4 days p/wk.
7.	Appoint	PT Spec. Ed Staff Asst.	Kelsey Kuhn	$19.80 p/hr. (Step 3)	CMS	9/1/21	6/30/22	Revised 26 hrs.4 days p/wk.
8.	Appoint	PT Spec. Ed. Staff Asst.	Lisa Phillips	$19.80 p/hr. (Step 3)	CMS	9/1/21	6/30/22	Revised 26 hrs.4 days p/wk.
9.	LOA	PT Staff Asst.	Rachael Calabria		KDM	9/1/21 9/27/21	9/24/21 10/22/21	With Pay Without Pay Returning: 10/25/21
10.	Reassignment	PT Spec. Ed Staff Asst.	Erin Macellaro	$20.23 p/hr. (Step 4)	SB	9/1/21	6/30/22	From 17.5 hr. p/wk. to 26 hrs. 4 days' p/wk.
11.	Resign	PT Spec. Ed. Staff Asst.	Rosemarie Carpentier		CMS	9/1/21		17.5 hrs. p/wk.

Roll Call Vote on Personnel Items						
Mrs. Brookes	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Shields**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Mr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Helbourg**

B. HIB Determination

Motion to approve HIB Resolution by	**Seconded**

HIB Resolution

1. **WHEREAS,** the Superintendent of schools has provided the Board of Education with reports regarding HIB incidents: #2020-13 and #2020-14 unconfirmed and the investigations which were conducted following these complaints; and

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

   THEREFORE, BE IT Resolved that the Board of Education votes to affirm the Superintendent's recommendations on HIB cases: #2020-13 unconfirmed and #2020-14 unconfirmed.

Current HIB

2. HIB current investigations: *No current investigations to report.*

Roll Call Vote on HIB Resolution						
Mrs. Brookes	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Shields**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Mr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Helbourg**

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

Board Discussion

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Open Public Comment *(ask if necessary)*

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

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

Roll Call Vote Education Items						
Mrs. Brookes	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Shields**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Mr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Helbourg**

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

Out of District Placements – SY 2021-2022

1. Authorize students in the following out-of-district placements for the 2021-2022 School Year:

Student#	School	Location	Tuition Rate
#37	Mountain Lakes	Mountain Lakes	$72,037.00
#188	Mountain Lakes	Mountain Lakes	$72,037.00 + $36,580.00 for 1:1 Aide
#1919	Mountain Lakes	Mountain Lakes	$72,037.00 + $36,580.00 for 1:1 Aide + $1,090.00 for Extra OT
#1314	Mountain Lakes	Mountain Lakes	$660 for Itinerant Instructional Services

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Open Public Comment *(ask if necessary)*

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

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

Roll Call Vote on Special Education Items						
Mrs. Brookes	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Shields**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Mr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Helbourg**

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

Residency Check –De-enrollment

1. Motion to rescind the de-enrollment for the following students - #46. #32 withdrawn from KDM due to relocation.

   Be It Resolved, pursuant to 18A:38.1 the Rockaway Township Board of Education will provide the parent/guardians the statutory notice that the Rockaway Township Board of Education determined the

   following students have failed to comply with Board Policy #5111 and verify students are domiciled within the school district and

   Further, the Rockaway Township Board of Education directs the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary to provide said statutory notice and at the conclusion of the statutory notice period said students shall be removed from the district until such time as students can satisfy the requirements of Board Policy #5111 at which time the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary shall place on the agenda a resolution reinstating said student for the 2021-2022 school year. Student #'s 8 out of 279 original list remaining:

11	26	518	719
1021	1216	1313	1919

KDM Water Filtration System Project

2. Motion to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of $2,265 to install a new pressure tank that was not written in the original plan. Total cost of contract from Passaic Bergen Water Softening, including Change Order will be $197,265.

Equipment Disposal

WHEREAS the following property is not needed for school purposes; there exists a need for all available space at the various schools; and the NJ Public School Contracts Law, 18A: -45, requires a resolution authorizing the disposal/sale of surplus property.

3. Motion to authorize disposal of the following obsolete IT equipment, as per the following list:

Type of Equipment	Asset #
Camera	#1508, #3022, #5492, #7389, #3002, #7098
Charging stations	#12438, #12439
Chromebook	#12593
Laptop	#9642, #9665, #9667, #9659, #9643, #9646, #5930, #2241, #5952
Monitor	#7632, #7199, #7340, #7299, #7222, #7183
Printer	#2438, #2144, #7512, #7513, #3182
Tower	#9219, #9203

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Open Public Comment *(ask if necessary)*

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

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

Roll Call Vote Administration Items						
Mrs. Brookes	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Shields**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Mr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Helbourg**

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

Travel

1. **Be It Resolved** in accordance with Board Policy 6471 the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the attached travel expenses as they promote the delivery of instruction, critical to the instructional needs of the district and/or further the efficient operations of the district (see attached).

   Be It Further Resolved that the travel is educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and is directly related to, and within, the scope of the current responsibilities for district employees and the district's Professional Development Plan.

Board Discussion

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Open Public Comment *(ask if necessary)*

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

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

Roll Call Vote on Finance Items						
Mrs. Brookes	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Shields**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Mr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Helbourg**

G. Policy	
Motion to approve Policy recommendations by	**Seconded**

1. Motion to approve the following policies for first read: *None at Present*

2. Motion to approve the following policies for second read:

P 0131	Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations
P 3134	Assignment of Extra Duties
P 3142	Nonrenewal of Nontenured Teaching Staff Member
P 3221	Evaluation of Teachers (M)
P 3222	Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators (M)
P 3223	Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (M)
P 3224	Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (M)
P 4146	Nonrenewal of Nontenured Support Staff Member

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Open Public Comment *(ask if necessary)*

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

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

Roll Call Vote on Policy Items						
Mrs. Brookes	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Shields**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Mr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Helbourg**

A. Old Business

B. New Business

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

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

IX ADJOURNMENT

Return to Executive Session *(if needed)*

For the discussion of: _____for approximately _____minutes.

Motion to go into closed session by	**Seconded**
Show of hands to enter closed session	
Closed Session Start at _____PM	

Motion to adjourn closed session by	**Seconded**
Show of hands to end closed session	
Closed Session End at _____PM	

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by	**Seconded**
Show of hands to adjourn meeting	
Meeting Adjourned at _____PM	