ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 15, 2025 – REGULAR MEETING

6:00 pm – Public Session — **Copeland Middle School**
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.

2025-2026 BOARD GOALS			
GOAL I	GOAL II	GOAL III	GOAL IV
Ensure continued academic excellence by: a. Evaluating consistent practical application of the district-aligned curriculum. b. Analyzing internal and external data points to ensure curriculum consistency and effectiveness.	Maintain a safe and supportive school district culture by: a. Promoting 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.	Promote community outreach and enhanced communications by: a. Bridging the gaps in communication with the Rockaway Township community members. b. Providing guided, expectation-based discourse to facilitate conversations with the individuals who live, work, and learn in Rockaway Township.	Support operational excellence that is sensitive to the growing and changing educational landscape by: a. Evaluating the needs of the district and creating fiscally responsible priorities through the use of the provided financial and operational reports. b. Determining and executing the next steps for investing in operational priorities.

2025-2026 DISTRICT GOALS				
GOAL I	GOAL II	GOAL III	GOAL IV	GOAL V
By June 2026, the district will increase the percentage of students meeting or exceeding expectations on the NJSLA in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics by an additional 5% across all grade levels (4–8) compared to the 2024–2025 performance results.	By the end of each instructional unit during the 2025–2026 school year, 100% of district math teachers will administer the "End of Unit" i-Ready assessment. In ELA, 100% of teachers in grades K–2 will administer the SuperKids Benchmark Assessments, Grade 3 teachers will administer the Magnetic Reading End of Unit Assessment, and teachers in grades 4–8 will administer the Common Assessments outlined in the District Curricula.	Improve the climate and culture in each school by completing the following items: ● Revising the district Culture and Climate Surveys to be more relevant to current needs. ● Decreasing the number of confirmed HIBs. ● Sending nine counselors to Strauss-Esmay HIB training with uniform messaging. ● Sending five district principals to the Strauss-Esmay HIB training with uniform messaging. ● Continuing to review and dissect exemplars of HIBs.	Building principals will collaborate with Instructional Council representatives, PTA leadership, SEPAC, and teachers to coordinate a minimum of five parent presentations a year that reflect the academic programming in their schools and district. ● Teachers will create engaging presentations that reflect instructional practices and programing in the district. ● Coordinate topics and events that are aligned with the district curricula. ● Provide parents with a schedule of topics and dates for presentations. ● Survey parents on the effectiveness of presentations.	Continue addressing the district's facility needs through the systematic execution of the district's Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP), while incorporating any emergent needs that necessitate amendments to that plan. Create a sustainable cyclical schedule of repair and replacement across the district to ensure buildings remain in their best possible operating condition at all times.

AGENDA

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

I. **COMMUNICATIONS**
II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
III. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
IV. **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
V. **PRESENTATION- HIB SELF ASSESSMENT**
VI. **EDUCATION REPORT- NJSLA PRESENTATION**
VII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
VIII. **RECOMMENDED ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**
- **A. Personnel**
- **B. HIB**
- **C. Education**
- **D. Special Education**
- **E. Administration**
- **F. Finance**
- **G. Policy**

IX. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
- **A. Old Business**
- **B. New Business**

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Attendance Roll Call						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Ms. Richardson**	**Ms. Tourne**	**Dr. Tomasini**

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:

Brian Wittig via Alignable	Referrals
Brian Wittig via Alignable	Reminder: Referrals Invite
Francesca Angela Nordin	Free Con't Ed Cert/Prof Development 1 ½ hour 10/13/25 9AM
Francesca Angela Nordin	Fwd:

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes			
Motion to approve the minutes by:		**Seconded by:**	

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the minutes of September 17, 2025.

Approve Minutes Roll Call						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Ms. Richardson**	**Ms. Tourne**	**Dr. Tomasini**

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/HIB UPDATE

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

V. PRESENTATION HIB SELF-ASSESSMENT

VI. EDUCATION REPORT- NJSLA PRESENTATION

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VIII. 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 Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	PT Staff Assistant	Mary Adeeb	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	SB	***10/16/25	6/30/26	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending fingerprint approval
2.	District Translator	Mary Adeeb	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		Arabic
3.	Handle with Care Trainer	Scott Buckley	Per contracted rate of pay	DIST.	25-26 SY		$60.00 per hour if given during school day; $120.00 per hour if given outside school day; inclusive of preparation and planning
4.	PT Staff Assistant	Jayne Cleary	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	***10/16/25	6/30/26	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval (Replacing K Griffith)
5.	District Translator	Nicole DeSousa	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		Spanish
6.	PT Staff Assistant	Subhashini Gurram	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	BWD	***11/1/25	6/30/26	Kindergarten, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux, fingerprint approval, and other personnel paperwork (Replacing M Leach)
7.	PT Staff Assistant	Razia Haroon	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	BWD	***10/16/25	6/30/26	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
8.	District Mentor	Kristen Hemmer	$550.00	CAD	25-26 SY		Stipend
9.	Teacher in Charge	Veronica Jallad	$100.00 per diem	BWD	25-26 SY		As assigned
10.	Academic Intervention Teacher	Debbi Katcher	$200.00 per day	KDM	**9/29/25	10/17/25	Long-term substitute (Replacing Employee 6948)
11.	PT Staff Assistant	Sai Lakshmi Kyatham	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	BWD	***10/16/25	6/30/26	PreK, 1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux, fingerprint approval, and other personnel paperwork
12.	PT Staff Assistant	Martha Loaiza-Boyer	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	***10/29/25	6/30/26	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
13.	District Translator	Martha Loaiza-Boyer	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		Spanish
14.	PT Staff Assistant	Monika Pirog	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	***10/16/25	6/30/26	1:1 per student IEP, 17.5 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
15.	District Translator	Monika Pirog	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		Polish
16.	Special Education Resource Teacher	Rachel Reed	$69,195.00 (MA+60 Step 1)	SB	10/16/25	6/30/26	Reassignment from Leave Replacement to FT teacher (Replacing C Deighan)
17.	PT Staff Assistant	Brittany Reitzel	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	BWD	***10/16/25	6/30/26	PreK, 1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk.

							Pending physical/Mantoux, fingerprint approval, and other personnel paperwork
18.	PT Staff Assistant	Lori Sackett	$23.40/hr. (Step 4)	CMS	10/16/25	6/30/26	Reassignment of hours from 17.5 per week to 26 hours per week
19.	Kindergarten Teacher	Cynthia Trisuzzi	$62,630.00 (BA Step 1) prorated	SB	10/20/25	6/30/26	Leave Replacement (Replacing Employee 5911)
20.	Handle with Care Trainer	Cherie Verzi	Per contracted rate of pay	DIST.	25-26 SY		$60.00 per hour if given during school day; $120.00 per hour if given outside school day; inclusive of preparation and planning
21.	Interim PT Music Teacher	Theresa Weniger	$42,567.00 MA+30 (Step 4) prorated	CMS	11/3/25	1/31/26	Extended 0.6 FTE
22.	PT Staff Assistant	Briannah Whitaker	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	***10/16/25	6/30/26	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. (Replacing P Savarin)

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 BWD After School Clubs	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	BWD	25-26 SY		Pay-to-Play Clubs per attached list
3.	2025-2026 CMS Stipend Positions	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	CMS	25-26 SY		Per the attached list

C. Leave of Absence

	Position	**Employee Number**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Bus Driver	4348		TRANS.	11/5/25	11/21/25	With Pay under FMLA Return: 11/24/25
2.	Academic Intervention Teacher	6948		KDM	**9/22/25	10/17/25	With Pay under FMLA Return: 10/20/25
3.	FT Staff Assistant	6570		KDM	**9/4/25	9/26/25	With Pay Return: 9/29/25

D. Resignation/Retirement

	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Kindergarten Teacher	Anna De Sario		BWD		2/1/26	Retirement
2.	LMS/STEAM Teacher	Leah VanScoy		KDM		11/30/25	Retirement
3.	FT Staff Assistant	Cynthia Trisuzzi		SB		10/19/25	Resignation in order to accept leave replacement position in district

E. Substitute Nurse/Teachers

	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Level**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute Nurse - New Hire	Valerie Morris	$225.00 per day	DIST.	25-26 SY	County	Pending Mantoux

2.	Substitute Teacher - New Hire	Per the attached list	$175.00 per day	DIST.	25-26 SY	Per the attached list	Per the attached list

F.	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves revision of the following leave replacement assignment previously approved motion under Personnel (Motion A-5, 9-3-25 agenda).						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Grade 5 Teacher	Christina Bielski	$64,630.00 BA (Step 3) prorated	KDM	**9/22/25	6/30/26	Revision in Leave Replacement position and dates (Replacing Employee #6784)

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

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

B. HIB Determination			
No Action Items			

HIB Current Investigations:

# 295445	# 295531	# 295446	# 295580
# 295662	# 295579	# 295801	# 296203
# 295897	# 295899	# 295915	#296198
# 296203	# 296254	# 296420	# 297191

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 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**
Ruthann Champagne	HIB Training	Strauss Esmay	Toms River, NJ	12-03-25	$165.00	$88.36	$253.36
Sharon Cohen	Woodcock Johnson V Training	William Paterson University	Wayne, NJ	10-23-25	$400.00	$11.66	$411.66
Lauren Crispino	Next Generation Science Standards	PRISM/MSU	Bloomfield, NJ	11-13-25	$200.00	$11.76	211.76
Susan Elling	Next Generation Science Standards	PRISM/MSU	Bloomfield, NJ	11-13-25	$200.00	N/A	$200.00
Nancy Dattelkramer	Woodcock Johnson V Training	William Paterson University	Wayne, NJ	10-23-25	$400.00	$11.66	$411.66

Christine Hackney	AM Session: Using Diagnostic Assessments to Enhance Small Group & Individual Reading Interventions; PM Session: Veni, Vici Vocabulary Virtual Instruction sessions-Saturday Online	NJ International Dyslexia Association	Franklin Township, NJ Virtual	10-17-25 10-18-25	$250.00 $100.00	$0.00	$250.00 + $100.00 Total: $350.00
Michael McGovern	HIB Training	Strauss Esmay	Toms River, NJ	12-03-25	$165.00	$82.44	$247.44
Caitlin Molloy	Adapted Health & PE Conference	NJ Assoc. of Health, PE, Rec. & Dance	New Brunswick, NJ	11-10-25	$175.00	N/A	$175.00
Jennifer Saxton	Woodcock Johnson V Training	William Paterson University	Wayne, NJ	10-23-25	$400.00	$11.66	$411.66
Jennifer Saxton	CST & Related Services: Least Restrictive Environment & the IEP Process	NJ Inclusion Project	Virtual	10-21-25	No Cost	N/A	$0.00
Jennifer Saxton	IEP Writing & Progress Monitoring	NJ Inclusion Project	Virtual	12-02-25	No Cost	N/A	$0.00
Jennifer Saxton	Special Education and Specially Designed Instruction	NJ Inclusion Project	Virtual	01-13-26	No Cost	N/A	$0.00
Denice Taxiarchou	Woodcock Johnson V Training	William Paterson University	Wayne, NJ	10-23-25	$400.00	$11.66	$411.66
John Titus	Next Generation Science Standards	PRISM/MSU	Bloomfield, NJ	11-13-25	$200.00	$27.58	$227.58
Joy Van Wingerden	Strengthen Phonics Instruction in any K-2 Reading Program	Bureau of Education & Research	Virtual	11-12-25	$295.00	N/A	$295.00
Larissa Verhagen	Woodcock Johnson V Training	William Paterson University	Wayne, NJ	10-23-25	$400.00	$11.66	$411.66
Elyse Webster	Virtual Instruction sessions-Saturday Online	NJ International Dyslexia Association	Virtual	10-18-25	$250.00	N/A	$250.00
Mary Weilbaecher	AM Session: Using Diagnostic Assessments to Enhance Small Group & Individual	NJ International Dyslexia Association	Franklin Township, NJ	10-17-25	$250.00	N/A	$250.00

	Reading Interventions; PM Session: Veni, Vici Vocabulary						
Charles G. Young	HIB Training	Strauss Esmay	Toms River, NJ	12-08-25	$165.00	$88.36	$253.36

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following employees for CPR Certification on October 20, 2025. The cost to the District will be $10.00/employee for the cost of the American Heart Association e-card.

Employee	**Location**	**Employee**	**Location**
Kenneth Baker	CAD	John James	CMS
Kelly Bezeg	DBO	Erin Macellaro	CMS
Heather Brienza	CMS	Danielle Massaro	CAD
Dominique Brock	CMS	Kristin Novembre	DBO
Nestor Conforti	SB	Susan Ritz	CMS
Charles Filippo	CMS	Ashley Ruzika	KDM
Alice Fleming	Transportation	William Swenty	CMS
Lawrence Frank	CMS	Tara Van Orden	CAD
Tara Hempel	KDM	Enrique Vinas	KDM

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following employees for CPR Certification on November 19, 2025. The cost to the District will be $10.00/employee for the cost of the American Heart Association e-card.

Employee	**Location**	**Employee**	**Location**
Kathleen Adams	CMS	Diane Haza	CAD
Dustin Bayer	CMS	Natalia Hubisz	DBO
Austin Caldwell	SB	Jennifer Klak	CMS
Ruthann Champagne	CMS	Claudimira Lombardi	KDM
Richard Corbett	CO	Jean Marie O'Toole	Transportation
Allison Creeden	KDM	Lisa Phillips	CMS
Lauren Crispino	KDM	Alison Piano	SB
Cynthia Fama	Transportation	Lori Sackett	CMS
Meredith Gallazo	SB	Bria Spotts	CMS
Gena Hartman	KDM	Deborah Tanner	Transportation

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following student(s) to complete their field experience requirements during the Spring 2026 Semester.

Student Teacher	**College/University**	**Cooperating Teacher/School**
Hafsa Khan*	Fairleigh Dickenson University	Donna Zarriello/CMS
Krissoula Tzouvaras	Montclair State University	Alison Piano/SB

*Pending satisfactory completion of District requirements

5. 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 and Spring 2026 Semesters.

Student Teacher	**College/University**	**Cooperating Teacher/School**
Alejandra Barrientos*	Ramapo College	Kristen Hemmer/CAD

*Pending satisfactory completion of District requirements

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

Student Teacher	**College/University**	**Cooperating Teacher/School**
Melanie Carlos	Montclair State University	Judith Aron/CAD
Vincent Dinnocenzo	Montclair State University	Glennis Patterson/KDM
Eve Gada	Montclair State University	Tara Rinko/CAD
Gianna Belanger	Montclair State University	Madison Ustupski/CAD

Victoria Takach	Montclair State University	Eve Pizzano/SB
Kara Pirtle	Grand Canyon University	Stacy Murphy/CMS
Nicholas Gaynier	County College of Morris	John Mazzarella/DBO

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

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

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Peyton Johnson as a volunteer Assistant Basketball Coach at Copeland Middle School during the 2025-2026 school year.

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 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**	**Ms. Richardson**	**Ms. Tourne**	**Dr. Tomasini**

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

1. Itinerant Services Tuition – SY 2025-2026

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the itinerant services tuition contract for the following students for the 2025-2026 school year:

Student #	School/Providing Service	Location of Service	Tuition Rate
# **01381**	Mountain Lakes	Rockaway, Birchwood	**Tuition Rate** $1,900.00 (1) 50-minute session per month. $190.00 per session
# **10441**	Mountain Lakes	Rockaway, Birchwood	**Tuition Rate** $7,220.00 (1) 50-minute sessions per week. $190.00 per session

2. LearnWell – Service Agreement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and LearnWell to provide services to the District and/or special education students, for the 2025-2026 school year on an as needed basis (as per attached).

3. CCBH Center for Children's Behavioral Health – Service Agreement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the contact between Rockaway Township Board of Education and CCHB Center for Children's Behavioral Health, to provide Home Instruction Services for $99.00 per hour/per student to the District and/or special education students, for the 2025-2026 school year, on an as needed basis (as per attached).

4. Prestige Education Consultants, LLC Service Agreement – SY 2025-2026

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Prestige Education Consultants, LLC to provide Bilingual Evaluations for the 2025-2026 school year (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 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**	**Ms. Richardson**	**Ms. Tourne**	**Dr. Tomasini**

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

1. **YMCA Use of District Premises/Facilities Agreement**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and West Morris Area YMCA for the use of district school premises for the 2025-2026 school year (as per attached).

2. **Contract for Technical Services – Repairs/Maintenance and 2025 Course Inspection for Copeland's Challenge Course**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Project Adventure, Inc. for the challenge course-related technical services which includes repairs and/or Maintenance and the 2025 course inspection. The total cost to district is $5,718.09 (as per attached).

3. **Rescind M.V. Subscription Busing**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board rescinds the subscription busing for student M.V. effective 10-01-2025 (09-17-2025, Administration C:12).

4. **Subscription Busing**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the subscription busing for Student E.D. for the 2025-2026 school year. One-way Transport fee for $588.50.

5. **Equipment Disposal**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the disposal and/or surplus property/obsolete equipment from the IT department (as per attached).

6. **Donation**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board gratefully accepts the following donation from Regina Adamson for a trombone to the Stony Brook music room.

7. **HIB Self-Assessment**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented by Mrs. Anita West, and authorizes the Superintendent to submit the same to New Jersey Department of Education (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 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**	**Ms. Richardson**	**Ms. Tourne**	**Dr. Tomasini**

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

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	After Schools Activities	$1,010.00
B.	October	Student Activities	$230.00
C.	September	State Unemployment	$1,103.52
*D.	July	State Unemployment	$4,168.85
E.	October	District Bills	$4,626,001.96

*Revised amount from the 08/13/2025 meeting.

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**	**Ms. Richardson**	**Ms. Tourne**	**Dr. Tomasini**

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

1. Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board approves the following policies for first read:

P 0173 DUTIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTANT
P 0174 LEGAL SERVICES
P 0177 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (M)
P 1570 INTERNAL CONTROLS (M)
P 1620 ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS
P 6111 SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDICAID INITIATIVE (SEMI) PROGRAM (M)
P 6220 BUDGET PREPARATION (M)
P 0143 BOARD MEMBER ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT
P 2422 STATUTORY CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS (M)
P 0000 TABLE OF CONTENTS
P 1000 TABLE OF CONTENTS
P 2000 TABLE OF CONTENTS
P 3000 TABLE OF CONTENTS

P 4000 TABLE OF CONTENTS
P 5000 TABLE OF CONTENTS
P 6000 TABLE OF CONTENTS
P 7000 TABLE OF CONTENTS
P 8000 TABLE OF CONTENTS
P 9000 TABLE OF CONTENTS

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 Policy 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 Policy Items						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Ms. Richardson**	**Ms. Tourne**	**Dr. Tomasini**

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 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.