REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 31, 2024

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a mini reorganization and regular meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

Mrs. Shields called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The following members of the Board of Education were present in-person: Mrs. Anderson, Ms. McGeary, Mrs. Mezik, Mrs. Shields and Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Curelaru joined the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Dr. Tomasini was absent.

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

Public announcement was read regarding the "Open Public Meeting Act."

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" the Rockaway Township Board of Education will meet in closed session to discuss matters involving personnel, Student and Administrative issues, the content of said discussions will be disclosed to the public at such time and extent as is required by law.

No Board Member objected to the conduct of the meeting as advertised.

Motion made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. McGeary to waive pledge until open session.

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

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

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

Motion made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Anderson that the closed session meeting stands adjourned at 7:33 PM.

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

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:33 PM.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BIRCHWOOD STUDENT RECOGNITION

The full ceremony can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting - 2023-1-31' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting - 2023-1-31.'

10-minute recess. Board meeting reconvened at 7:53 PM.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Motion by Mrs, Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Smith to open Public comment.

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

- Member of the community #1, shared their support for Mr. Brian Rawlins in his appointment as the Principal at Katharine D. Malone E.S.

- Member of the community #2, shared their support for Mr. Brian Rawlins in his appointment as the Principal at Katharine D. Malone E.S.
- Member of the community #3, shared their support for Mr. Brian Rawlins in his appointment as the Principal at Katharine D. Malone E.S.

The full Public comment and Board commentary can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-1-31' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-1-31.'

I. COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Slamb notified the Public that the District received last minute communications as follows:

Nickie Ferrucci	Letter of Support for Mr. Rawlins
Daniel Nigra	Copeland License Scan System

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Ms. McGeary, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the minutes of January 31, 2024.

Roll Call Vote to approve the minutes of January 31, 2024, Mrs. Curelaru abstained, all present remaining voting yes, motion carried.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I would like to highlight two personnel items on the agenda for this evening: First, I will be recommending Mr. Ron Smith to serve as interim business administrator / board secretary effective February 22. Ron is experienced and highly recommended and has a stellar reputation as a School Business Administrator. He began his career in 1964 as an assistant board secretary. Since then, he has worked in numerous school districts as a business administrator, consultant and adjunct faculty member of Kean and Seton Hall Universities. Secondly; Mr. Brian Rawlins has served as interim principal at KDM since September 2023. I have observed him carefully and received very positive feedback from the staff and community. I am confident that he is most qualified to be named principal of Katharine D. Malone Elementary School. Congratulations Mr. Rawlins!

Seventeen participants attended Portrait of a Successful Student, held Thursday January 18 at Copeland Middle School. Considering that this was rescheduled due to snow, the turnout was good. Teacher presenters Ms. Parades, Ms. Parisi, Ms. Hoffnagle, and Ms.Takacs engaged the participants by providing very practical advice from a teacher's perspective.

The district professional development day was held on January 15. Teachers selected from forty-one topics over three sessions. Feedback from teachers was very positive.

The inter-district Spelling Bee (Rockaway Township, Rockaway Borough, Denville) was held Wednesday, January 17 at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in the Borough. We congratulate all our contestants, especially 5th grader Zachary Grasso from Stony Brook who finished in second place. Details will follow below.

So far this school year, we have had two delayed openings and one early dismissal. Fortunately, we have used only one emergency closing due to snow.

The Senate and General Assembly of New Jersey has designated January as Muslim Heritage Month. We recognize the contributions of the 300,000 Muslim Americans living in New Jersey. Moreover, the history of Muslims in the United States dates back to before the country's founding, originating with enslaved Africans, of whom scholars estimate as many as 30 percent were Muslim. These enslaved Africans brought Islamic beliefs and practices with them and contributed in numerous ways to the founding of the nation, including courageous and dedicated military service in every major war from the American Revolutionary War until today. The people of New Jersey and Rockaway Township benefit from the social benevolence, patriotism, philanthropy, humanitarianism, advocacy, civic engagement, culture, and business of Muslim Americans and Muslim American organizations that operate within the State. We are proud of our Muslim citizens!

------Good News from Our Schools------

Birchwood Elementary is off to a strong start in 2024. In late December, BW concluded with festive holiday activities and meaningful service projects, including the 'Pajamas for Christopher Drive' initiative led by the student council. This project successfully collected numerous pajamas for local children's hospitals. Birchwood bids farewell and extends best wishes

for a happy retirement to Mrs. Predmore, an exceptional second-grade teacher with over 28 years of dedication to Rockaway schools. Her impact on students and colleagues will be deeply felt, leaving behind a lasting legacy. Birchwood students had a memorable time at Thomas Jefferson Middle School during the Women's Club Annual Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all four contestants for their excellent performance. We also honor and recognize Birchwood's Grade 4 and Grade 5 student council members, guided by Mrs. Shinnick. Their efforts will be highlighted this evening.

DBO has had an exciting start to the new year. Congratulations to the four DBO representatives who did an amazing job at the spelling Bee. We are also proud to announce that DBO collected over 50 pairs of pajamas to donate to the pajama program. This is one example of Service-Learning which aims to connect students with their community in a meaningful way. Over 50 children will now be able to enjoy the benefit of a peaceful night's sleep. The DBO PTA remains as busy as ever planning events and activities. The DBO faculty is looking forward to analyzing the results of our winter benchmark testing which will inform instruction and challenge each student to achieve their greatest potential.

The Dwyer Family has been very active with the Seeds of Service Project. Students began the month of January by collecting coats, hats, gloves and scarfs for the Morris County Hispanic Association. Over a hundred items were donated by our families. The Soup'er Bowl collection is in full swing as students are bringing in cans of soup for the Rockaway Soup Kitchen. Finally, our third grade continues to make "On the Go Bags" for every Rockaway Township Police Officer. This provides snacks and drinks for officers who can't stop for a meal. Students are in the midst of their second round of diagnostics in math and ELA and significant growth is anticipated. The Dwyer PTA has been keeping students active and well prepared for school with the School Store, Cards for Kidz, Candy Bar Bingo and everyone's favorite; bagel day!

KDM students have been active with enriching learning experiences. After school Language Arts and Math Programs are full. Students are also participating in various afterschool clubs. We're proud of our four representatives at the Annual Spelling Bee. They competed well. This month, teachers will be reviewing data from the winter Reading and Math Diagnostics, providing opportunities to challenge students and offer remediation as needed. This week, KDM participated in the Great Kindness Challenge with various spirit days focusing on the importance of creating a safe and caring school environment. The KDM PTA is very active in coordinating an upcoming assembly in honor of Children's Appreciation Week and a cultural experience as they host the Lion Dance Assembly for Chinese New Year. KDM is looking forward to an enjoyable and productive winter.

After ringing in the New Year, Stony Brook students and staff are 'recharged' and excited to get 2024 underway. Classroom teachers, with the assistance of our academic intervention team, have conducted mid-year assessments with all of our students. This data will help our staff inform instructional planning. After school academic clubs are slated to begin at the end of this month, with a focus on bolstering ELA and Math skills for our students in grades 3-5. Fun events are on the horizon, including 5th grade movie night and a 'Kindness' assembly for students in grades K-5. Congratulations to our those who participated in the local spelling bee. All of the students did an outstanding job, including 5th grader Zachary Grasso who placed 2nd in the event. He will be moving on to the District Spelling Bee which will be held on February 24. Good luck Zach!

Copeland Middle School students have completed their I-Ready Math and ELA Diagnostic Assessments. The boys' and girls' basketball teams continued their success on the court and are looking forward to the county tournament at the end of the month. On Thursday, January 18th, CMS hosted the Principal's List Breakfast for all students who scored an average of 95 or higher in Marking Period 1. Congratulations to the 100+ students who were invited to attend. Throughout the week of January 22-26, CMS participated in the Great Kindness Challenge. This week-long initiative is devoted to performing as many acts of kindness as possible and showing that we all play a part in creating a bully-free, safe and caring school environment. The After-School Extra Help Club continues and is having a positive impact on student performance.

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The district is making progress with our KDM Water project. I'd like to thank USA Architects for their hard work in pushing for a solution to the issues at hand. As we are all aware, this project has gone on far longer than anticipated. The original issues which tied to chemical levels in the water being out of balance was addressed through updated filtration systems prior to me joining the district. With that said, I know that there were various delays and issues on the part of the architects at the time, as well as struggles to meet the changing requirements of the NJ DEP. So we hit a plateau and progress halted. The last remaining hurdle since I've taken over the project has been related to the hardness of the water. After addressing

the chemical components of the system we were left with water that was too soft for DEP standards. Our previous architects failed to find a workable solution, but the current architects brought in several engineers and professionals specializing in these types of issues, and we were able to get the needed results with regard to water hardness. The final step which we are enacting in the next few weeks, is to create a loop system which will ensure the hardness level remains consistent and does

not fall back below the requirements. I met with the NJ DEP on January 24, 2024 and they are supportive of our plan and prepared to issue the necessary approvals to finally put this issue to rest. We appreciate the concerns from the community, and I am confident that we are in the home stretch of this process. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

We are moving forward with our plans for the summer roof projects at KDM, CMS, and Birchwood. Those bids should be released very soon and we look forward to crossing another needed repair off our list.

USA Architects is also continuing their work on our long range facility plan, and expect to be present in the district in the next few weeks for a good deal of data collection. They will also be consulting with our building principals and administration for feedback about each building's needs.

Preparation of the 2024-25 budget continues to move forward. On January 24, 2024, I held my final meeting with District Administration to discuss their feedback, requests, and projections for the coming year. I appreciate the collaboration from this team of educators, and as with each year, it is clear to me the dedication they have to the success of our students and the clear effort to create opportunities for growth throughout the district. Unfortunately, the release of the state budget software has been delayed, as it was meant to open on January 15th, it has just now become available but we will forge ahead with our process.

Finally, under Finance Item #2 – District Bills, the following are approximations of the bills list:
Utilities - $133, 204
Transport Contracts - $91,627
Tuitions - $239,862
Personnel - $3,534,168

And the remaining amounts are attributed to a host of other categories including food service, training, travel, capitals costs, supplies and etc. We have also added a travel expenditure section under education item #7 and #8.

V. CURRICULUM REPORT

The Curriculum Report presented by Mr. Gonnella can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-1-31' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-1-31'.

VI. STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

The Student Services Report presented by Dr. Mollinedo can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-1-31' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-1-31'.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The full Committee Report can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-1-31' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-1-31'.

VIII. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Personnel

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following personnel:

A.	Appointment						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/Before Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.	PT Staff Asst.	Emily Berta	$20.62 p/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	1/25/24	6/30/24	26 hrs. 4 days p/wk. per the student IEP
2.	Behavioral Disabilities Teacher	Ernest Bock III	Base Salary: $80,055.00 +$13,343.00 (6th Period sidebar; Prorated) = Total Prorated Salary: $93,398.00 BA (Step 20)	CMS	1/25/24	6/30/24	Per the 6th period sidebar
3.	Floater Substitute	Kimberly Panzitta	$185.00 p/day	CMS	1/26/24	6/30/24	
4.	PT Staff Asst.	Dawn Stackhouse	$20.62 p/hr. (Step 1)	BW	1/25/24	6/30/24	26 hrs. 4 days p/wk. in the Preschool Class Pending: Physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
5.	Custodian	Alexander Velasco-Garcia	Base Salary: $43,465.00 + Head Custodian: $2,500.00 + Boiler: $1,250.00 + Asbestos: $1,000.00 = *Total Prorated Salary: *$48,215.00 (Step 6)	DBO	1/1/24	6/30/24	Reassign from an Interim Head Custodian to Head Custodian. Added additional stipend for asbestos certification.

B.	Leave of Absence						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/About Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.	Educational Technologist	5704		CMS	1/9/24	2/5/24	Without pay under FMLA Return: 2/6/24
2.	Maintenance Worker	6132		MAINT.	1/22/24 2/16/24	2/15/24 3/1/24	**Extended** With Pay Without Pay Return: 3/4/24

C.	Resign/Retire						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff. (*on/ before)**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	PT Staff Asst.	Melissa Lukis		CAD	1/18/24		Resign

2.	PT Staff Asst.	Kimberly Panzitta		CMS	1/25/24		Resign

D.	Substitute Teacher					
	Position	**Name**	**Level**	**Date Effective**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute	Elisa Gonzalez	State	1/25/24	6/30/24	William Patterson University, NJ (MA) (Pending: Physical/Mantoux)
2.	Substitute	Jaime Inglesino	County	1/25/24	6/30/24	Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ (BA)
3.	Substitute	Susan Ross	State	1/25/24	6/30/24	William Patterson University, NJ (BA) (Pending: Physical/Mantoux)

E.	Perfect Attendance							
	Nature of Action	Position	Name	Salary	Location	Date Eff.	Date Termin.	Discussion
1.	Perfect Attendance	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	$350.00 (Stipend)		7/1/23 - 12/31/23		• Mechanic

F.	Salary Adjustment						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Termin. Eff.**	**Discussion**
1.	Maintenance/ Custodial Staff	Per the attached list	Prorated per the attached list	MAINT.	1/1/24	6/30/24	Adjustments due to obtaining asbestos certification

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following personnel:

G.	Appointment						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/Before Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.	Interim School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	H. Ronald Smith Per the attached	$100.00 p/hour	CO	2/22/24	9/3/24	Pending: Physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval (Replacing. M. Slamb)
2.	District Translators	Per the attached list	$46.00 p/hr.	DIST.	23/24 SY		Per the attached list As assigned
3.	Home Instructors	Per the attached list	$46.00 p/hr.	DIST.	23/24 SY		Per the attached As assigned

H.	Resign/Retire						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff. (*on/ before)**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Admin. Asst. to the Business Admin.	Zainap Binti Abdullah		CO	3/22/24		Resign

2.	School Psychologist	Courtney Stroever		CMS	2/26/24		Resign

I.	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board approves the reassignment of Brian Rawlins, Interim Principal to Principal of Katharine D. Malone Elementary School.						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/Before Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.	Principal	Brian Rawlins	No Change	KDM	2/1/24	6/30/24	Reassignment

J.	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following amendment to the previously approved motion under Personnel (Motion E-1, 12-13-23 agenda)						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/Before Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.	Curriculum Writers	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate of pay	DIST.	23-24 SY		Revised

K.	Job Descriptions				
	Category	**Name**	**Date Effective**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	A-4	Chief Technology Officer	2/1/24		Revised
2.	F-1	After School Activity Coordinator		2/1/24	Abolish
3.	F-2	Intervention and Referral Services Coordinator		2/1/24	Abolish
4.	F-3	Head Coach	2/1/24		Revised
5.	F-4	Assistant Coach	2/1/24		Revised
6.	G-1	Classroom Staff Assistant	2/1/24		Revised
7.	G-2	Transportation Staff Assistant	2/1/24		Revised
8.	G-3	Special Education Staff Assistant	2/1/24		Revised
9.	G-4	Fast ForWord Coach		2/1/24	Abolish
10.	G-5	Camp Counselor Shadow		2/1/24	Abolish
11.	G-6	Brailler		2/1/24	Abolish
12.	G-7	Office Staff Assistant	2/1/24		Revised
13.	G-8	Substitute Teacher Per Diem	2/1/24		New
14.	G-9	Floater Substitute Teacher	2/1/24		New
15.	G-10	Title I Staff Assistant	2/1/24		New

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

Mrs. Shields invited newly appointed KDM Principal, Mr. Rawlins to say a few words. The full speech can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-1-31' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-1-31'.

B. HIB (Non Action Items)

HIB Current Investigations: #10587, #10616, #10617, #10620, #10624, #10644, #10650, #10663, #10665, #10696, #10697, #10710, #10712, #10714, #10717 and #10718

HIB Incident Summary

C. Education

Motion made by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the following education recommendations excluding Item C-3.

Mrs. Slamb noted that Item C-3 - Academic Calendar SY 2024-2025 will be pulled from the agenda.

Requested Field Trips for Approval

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board concurs with the 01-24-2024 list of field trips *(as per attached).*

Revised List of Field Trip Locations

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the previously amended motion (Motion C-1, 11-15-2023 agenda) to adopt the revised list of field trip locations *(as per attached).*

Academic Calendar SY 2024-2025

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the district academic calendar for the 2024-2025 school year *(as per attached).*

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following Student Teacher(s) to complete their fieldwork requirements, during the 2024 Spring Semester.

Student Teacher	College/University	Cooperating Teacher/School
Grace Walter*	Montclair State University	Cheryl Sproul/SB
Alison Colucci*	Montclair State University	Joy Van Wingerden/SB
Susan Sanchez*	Montclair State University	Claire Capuano/SB
Francesca McCaffrey*	Montclair State University	Kelly Stevens/SB
Sarah Leyden*	Montclair State University	Nicole Shears/SB

**Pending satisfactory completion of district requirements for placement*

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board agrees to rescind the previously approved motion (Motion C-2, 11-15-2023 agenda) to approve Emily Fallivene's Clinical I and Clinical II placement at Katharine D. Malone School, with Kirsten Insinga, for the Spring 2024 and Fall 2024 semesters.

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
Diana Calvanico	ESSER After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs./week for 21 weeks)	SB	$46.00/hr.	100% ESSER
Christine D'Antuono	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs./week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$46.00/hr.	100% Title I

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board concurs with the following costs as presented which are educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and are related to and within the scope of the employee's current responsibilities and promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district. The reimbursements are in compliance with the state travel reimbursement guidelines as established by the Department of Treasury and Board of Education policy in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A-23B-1.1 et seq.

Employee	Workshop Title	Workshop Location	Workshop Date(s)	Registration Fee	Travel Cost	Total Estimated Cost
Pia L. Bose	Reducing Problematic, Challenging Behaviors	Virtual	1/11/24	$279.00	$0.00	$279.00
Claudia Passaro	Early Intervention Strategies	Virtual	1/25/24	$279.00	$0.00	$279.00

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following costs as presented which are educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and are related to and within the scope of the employee's current responsibilities and promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district. The reimbursements are in compliance with the state travel reimbursement guidelines as established by the Department of Treasury and Board of Education policy in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A-23B-1.1 et seq.

Employee	Workshop Title	Workshop Location	Workshop Date(s)	Registration Fee	Travel Cost	Total Estimated Cost
Samantha Fiederer	NJIDA WIFFT 2024 Winter Conference	Virtual	2/3/24	$120.00	$0.00	$120.00
Kaitlin Miller	NJIDA WIFFT 2024 Winter Conference	Virtual	2/3/24	$120.00	$0.00	$120.00
Chloe Silva	NJIDA WIFFT 2024 Winter Conference	Virtual	2/3/24	$120.00	$0.00	$120.00
Elyse Webster	NJIDA WIFFT 2024 Winter Conference	Virtual	2/3/24	$120.00	$0.00	$120.00
Alyssa Howarth	NJIDA WIFFT 2024 Winter Conference	Virtual	2/3/24	$120.00	$0.00	$90.00
Gena Hartman	Creative Interventions for Kids with Trauma, Anxiety, ADHA, and More	Virtual	2/8/24	$249.00	$0.00	$249.00

No Public comment.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations escluding Item C-3, all present voting yes, motion carried.

D. <u>Special Education</u>

Motion made by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to approve the following special education recommendations.

<u>Out of District Placement – SY2023-2024</u>

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the tuition contract for the following out of district placement student for the 2023-2024 school year *(as per attached).*

Student	School	Location	Tuition Rate
D.F.	Brookfield Schools for KEEPS Partial Care Day Treatment at St. Peter's University Hospital	New Brunswick	Home Instructional Services Cost at $46.00 per hour

<u>Out of District Transportation – SY 2023-2024</u>

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Out of District transportation for the 2023-2024 school year, for the following student as per their IEP.

Student	School	Location
D.F.	attending Brookfield Schools for KEEPS Partial Care Day Treatment at St. Peter's University Hospital for 8-12 weeks	New Brunswick, NJ

Psychoeducational and Neuropsychological Evaluation

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the psychoeducational and neuropsychological evaluation by Dr. Jane Healey for Student A.B. at a total cost of $5,700.00.

Audiological Evaluation

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the comprehensive audiological evaluation and central auditory processing test battery evaluation by StyleTone Hearing Care, LLC for Student A.B. at a total cost of $1,030.00 *(as per attached).*

No Public comment.

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

E. Administration

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

Equipment Disposal

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the disposal and/or sale of surplus property/obsolete equipment from the IT Department *(as per attached).*

2. **Designated Underground Storage Tank (UST) A/B Operator at KDM**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Compliance Management Program Agreement between RNA Management Solutions, LLC and Rockaway Township Board of Education to serve as the designated underground storage tank (UST) A/B Operator at Katharine D. Malone. Period of service begins from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Total costs to district is $6,900.00 *(as per attached).*

No Public comment.

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

F. Finance

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

Financials

1. **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 December 31, 2023.

   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 December 31, 2023.

   Authorize December 2023 account transfers as submitted.

Bills

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

A.	December	Student Activities	$470.00
	January	Student Activities	$9,135.87
B.	December	After School Program	$2,830.92
	January	After School Program	$1,672.00
C.	December	Cafeteria	$84,275.97
	January	Cafeteria	$80,247.62
D.	January	District Bills	$5,210,313.56

Addition of Tax Shelter Annuity – Security Benefit

3. **Whereas,** the District, heretofore has maintained the Rockaway Township School District's 403(b) and 457("the Plan") for the benefit of its eligible employees; and

   Whereas, the District has reserved the right to amend the Plan at any time; and

   Whereas, the Board of Education of the District has determined that it would be in the best interests of the district to amend the Plan;

   Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Plan shall be amended to add Security Benefit as an approved vendor effective as soon as administratively possible after the signature date.

   Be It Further Resolved that the officers of the District hereby are authorized to execute such documents and to take other additional actions as they shall deem necessary or appropriate to effect the foregoing resolutions.

G. Policy

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

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following regulations for first read and adoption *(as per attached):*

R 1642	Earned Sick Leave Law
R 2423	Bilingual and ESL Education
R 2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote
R 5200	Attendance
R 8330	Student Records

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following policies for first read *(as per attached):*

P 2415.04	Title I – District Wide Parent and Family
P 2415.50	Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement
P 6471	School District Travel

Motion by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to open public comment.

- Member of the community, inquired about Regulation R8330 Student Records.

Motion by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Ms. McGeary to close public comment.

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

Motion by Mrs. Curelaru to pull Policy P 2415.50 Title I School Parent and Family Engagement for first read.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations to exclude Policy P 2415.50 Title I School Parent and Family Engagement for first read and all else remaining the same, all present voting yes, motion carried.

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

- Member of the community, member of the RTEA, shared upcoming events as follows:
  - February 6, 2024 – Pizza Kit Night at Copeland M.S.
  - April 11, 2024 – Family Canvas Painting Night at Copeland M.S.
  - April 21, 2024 - Library Spring Fest and April 28, 2024 (rain date) at the Rockaway Township Library

- May 9, 2024 – Ceramic Planters and Seeds
- June 13, 2024 – Tri-County Fair at Christ Church

No Public Comment.

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

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

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Old Business

Mrs. Anderson – Congratulated Mr. Rawlins and thanked him for the wonderful work he's doing.
Mrs. Mezik – Shared NJSBA meeting updates.

Mrs. Curelaru – Discussed setting up a date for the next Listening Session to discuss Policy 5756.
Mrs. Smith – Suggested Portrait of a Successful Student and SEPAC meetings be livestreamed.
Mrs. Anderson – Shared her experience attending the Somerset County's New Jersey School Board training on Student Achievement and Curriculum.

New Business

Mrs. Mezik – Reminded Board Members that the next New Jersey School Board mandated training is on February 3, 2024 Morris County School Board Association is scheduled on February 8, 2024.
Mrs. Curelaru – Shared an upcoming event, Applebee's Football & Flapjacks Fundraiser organized by Catherine A. Dwyer E.S. PTA set for February 11, 2024 from 8:00 AM to 10"00 AM.
Mrs. Mezik – The Morris County School Board Association will be having their President and Vice President breakfast on January 27, 2024 at Copeland Middle School.
Mrs. Shields – Shared a letter received by the Rockaway Township Education Foundation (RTEF).

The full discussion of old and new business and Board commentary can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-1-31' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-1-31'.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru, to adjourn closed session at 8:57 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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