ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 04, 2022 – BUDGET HEARING/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 2021 - 2022	Expand discussions regarding data: to further support and regularly monitor universal screening protocols; the district's Response to Intervention process; and the effective implementation of new programs/curricula to advance student achievement.	Support and understand the district's ongoing focus on providing a safe and emotionally secure learning environment for all.	Support and monitor the district's progress of the Long Range Facilities Plan and invest in improvement/maintenance projects.
DISTRICT 2021 - 2022	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.

RTBOE SESSION WITH NJSBA
AGENDA
CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

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IX ADJOURNMENT

Call to Order
_____called the meeting to order at _____PM

Attendance Roll Call						
Mrs. Curelaru	**Mrs. Helbourg**	**Mrs. Lukany**	**Mrs. Shields**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Mr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Mezik**

Others in Attendance						
Mr. Watson	**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 BUDGET HEARING – 2022-2023 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET PRESENTATION

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:

Susan Salny Communication with the Public

II APPROVE MINUTES

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

Approve the minutes of April 13, 2022.

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

III INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - REPORT AND COMMENTS BY INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

IV BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – NO REPORT

V CURRICULUM REPORT – NO 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.	Appointment						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/About Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.	Supervisor of Transportation	Nancy Beiermeister	$82,400.00	TRANS.	7/1/22	6/30/23	Replacing: J. Blume
2.	Bus Monitor	Carolyn Baker	$19.43 p/hr.	CMS	21-22 School year		As needed to ride the bus from CMS
3.	Bus Monitors	Richard Dellanno	$19.43 p/hr.	CMS	21-22 School year		As needed to ride the bus from CMS
4.	Bus Monitors	Charles Filippo Jr.	$19.43 p/hr.	CMS	21-22 School year		As needed to ride the bus from CMS
5.	PT Staff Asst.	Juan Gonzalez	$19.43 /phr. (Step 1)	BW	5/5/22	6/30/22	26 hrs. 4 days p/wk. in the LLD Class Pending: Physical/Mantoux (New Position)
6.	Bus Driver	John Rospond	$16,808.00 (Prorated)	TRANS.	5/1/22	6/30/22	Reassignment from an as needed sub Bus Driver to a contracted Bus Driver (Replacing: L. Bostwick)
7.	LLD Teacher	Kristen Shinnick	$60,585.00 BA+15 (Step 2) (Prorated)	BW	4/11/22	6/30/22	Revised for salary adjustment Leave Replacement (Replacing: S. Banta)
8.	After School Programs	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	CMS	21-22 School Year		As needed
9.	CST Summer Personnel	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate		7/1/22	8/31/22	To conduct evaluations
10.	ESY Staff	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate		7/5/22	8/2/22	Related Services
11.	ESY Staff	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate		7/5/22	8/2/22	Staff Assistants

12.	Kindergarten Meet and Greet Teachers	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate		6/24/22		

B.	Leave of Absence						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	PT Staff Asst.	Jane Bedell		SB	4/25/22	5/12/22	Without Pay **(Extended)** Return: 5/13/22
2.	FT Resource Room Teacher	Kyleigh Chierici		CAD	8/31/22	12/23/22	Without Pay **(Extended)** Return: 1/3/23
3.	Speech Therapist	Susan Fabiano		SB	4/29/22	5/27/22	With Pay Return: 5/31/22

C.	Reemployment -Approve the reemployment and salaries for the following staff, for the 2022-2023 school year							
	Nature of Action	**Position**	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Reemployment	Administrators		Per the contracted salary	DIST.			Per the attached list
2.	Reemployment	Custodial/ Maintenance		Per the contracted salary	MAINT.			Per the attached list
3.	Reemployment	Miscellaneous Staff		Per the contracted salary	DIST.			Per the attached list
4.	Reemployment	Secretarial/ Clerical		Per the contracted salary	DIST.			Per the attached list
5.	Reemployment	Staff Assistants		Per the contracted salary	DIST.			Per the attached list
6.	Reemployment	Teachers		Per the contracted salary	DIST.			Per the attached list
7.	Reemployment	Technology Department		Per the contracted salary	DIST.			Per the attached list
8.	Reemployment	Transportation Department		Per the contracted salary	TRANS.			Per the attached list

D.	Resign/Retire						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute	Carolyn Baker			4/11/22		Resign
2.	Grade 8 Language Arts Teacher	Suzanne Barkawi		CMS	7/1/22		Resign
3.	Night Custodian	Nicolas Correa		SB	5/16/22		Resign
4.	PT Staff Asst.	Christine Hamilton		CMS	6/1/22		Revised Resignation Date
5.	Grade 4 Inclusion Teacher	Patricia Ochs		DBO	10/1/22		Retire
6.	Mechanic	John Santillo		TRANS.	7/1/22		Retire

7.	Vice Principal	Marie Varcadipane		CMS	5/26/22		Resign

E.	Substitute Teacher					
	Position	**Name**	**Level**	**Date Effective**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute	Catherine Blake-Sekel	State	5/5/22		Caldwell University, NJ (MA)
2.	Substitute	Juan Gonzalez	County	5/5/22		William Paterson University, NJ (BA) Pending: Physical/Mantoux
3.	Substitute	Michele Puzio	County	5/5/22		The College of NJ, NJ (BA)
4.	Substitute	Grace Rinaldo	County	5/5/22		William Paterson University, NJ (BA)
5.	Substitute	Marianne Seif	County	5/5/22		Lebanese University, Lebanon (MA)
6.	Substitute	John Thompson Jr.	County	5/5/22		County College of Morris, NJ
7.	Substitute	Jennifer Trainor	County	5/5/22		County College of Morris, NJ (Assoc.)

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

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: #2021-43 8358 unconfirmed, #2021-44 8438 unconfirmed, #2021-45 8453 unconfirmed, #2021-46 8454 unconfirmed, #2021-47 8444 unconfirmed, #2021-48 8439 unconfirmed, #2021-49 8468 unconfirmed, #2021-50 8477 unconfirmed, #2021-51 8482 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:

   #2021-43 8358 unconfirmed, #2021-44 8438 unconfirmed, #2021-45 8453 unconfirmed, #2021-46 8454 unconfirmed, #2021-47 8444 unconfirmed, #2021-48 8439 unconfirmed, #2021-49 8468 unconfirmed, #2021-50 8477 unconfirmed, #2021-51 8482 unconfirmed

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

1. HIB current investigations: #2021-52 8566, #2021-53 8553, #2021-54 8513, #2021-55 8550, #2021-56 8608, and #2021-57 8588

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

1. Motion to approve Tia Levinson, a Morris Knolls High School senior, enrolled in the Academy of Performing Arts at Morris County Vo-Tech, to complete a 120-hour internship with Bria Spotts.

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

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

Signed Settlement Agreement

1. Motion to approve the signed settlement Case Number #02234-2022.

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 Special Education Items						
Mrs. Curelaru	**Mrs. Helbourg**	**Mrs. Lukany**	**Mrs. Shields**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Mr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Mezik**

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

Joint Transportation Agreement

1. Motion to authorize joint transportation agreements with the following entities to provide transportation for students to athletic events and trips for the 2022-2023 school year:
   - Growing Seeds Learning Academy
   - Rockaway Township Recreation

Purchasing Co-op Membership

2. Motion to approve membership in the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System, NJWCPS.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System (NJWCPS) hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2022 the governing body of the Rockaway Township BOE, County of Morris, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE
This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Rockaway Township BOE.

AUTHORITY
Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT
The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE
This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Addendum to MOA Between RTBOE and RTEA

3. Motion to approve the addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Rockaway Township Board of Education (RTBOE) and the Rockaway Township Education Association (RTEA) *(as per attached).*

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 open	

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

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

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.

Budget Resolution

2. Motion to approve the 2022-2023 final budget resolution for Rockaway Township Board of Education.

ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
2022-2023 FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION
May 04, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2022-2023 school year using the 2022-2023 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2022-2023 Total Expenditures	55,516,463	620,458	591,300	56,728,221
Less: Anticipated Revenues	6,709,118	620,458	145,029	7,474,605
Taxes to be Raised	48,807,345	0	446,271	49,253,616

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Daily Record in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at Copeland Middle School Cafeteria, 100 Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway New Jersey on May 4th, 2022 for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Further approve, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1, that for the 2022-2023 school year the annual maximum for regular business travel shall be $1,500 per employee.

Further approve, that for the 2022-2023 school year the Rockaway Township Board of Education shall set $93,600 as the maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year. The Rockaway Township Board of Education set $93,600 as the maximum travel expenditure amount for the current budget year 2021-2022, to date $19,952 has been spent for travel.

Further approve, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2 and N.J.A.C. 6A-9.3 (c)14, the maximum dollar limit for public relations and professional services of: $12,000 for printing services, $220,000 for legal services, $50,000 for auditing services, $30,000 for Architect of Record services and $10,000 for professional services related to public relations for the 2022-2023 school year.

Further approve, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.8 the dollar threshold for awards to recognize special accomplishments at $35.00 per student for the 2022-2023 school year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rockaway Township School District Board of Education approves that the unused taxing authority of $1,805,251 be banked for potential use in the subsequent three fiscal years.

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

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

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

VIII DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Old Business

B. New Business

IX VII 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	