REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 15, 2023

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

Mrs. Mezik called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

The following members of the Board of Education were present in-person: Mr. Forst, Mrs. Lukany, Mrs. Mezik, Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Smith and Dr. Tomasini.

Mrs. Curelaru was absent.

Also present were Dr. Corbett, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Higgins, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Slamb, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mr. Russo, Board Attorney.

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 Mrs. Lukany to waive pledge until open session.

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

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Smith to go into closed session at 6:04 PM.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Shields, seconded by Mrs. Lukany that the closed session meeting stands adjourned at 7:37 PM.

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

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:37 PM.

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

SPELLING BEE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

Dr. Corbett invited the Board President and Vice President to award certificates to the District's students who participated in the January 19, 2023 Spelling Bee held at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in the Rockaway Borough. The full ceremony can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting - 2023-2-15' or by clicking this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kU-uYJdy4I&t=9908s

STUDENT OF THE MONTH/SCHOOL RECOGNITION PRESENTATION – BIRCHWOOD

Mrs. Mezik invited Birchwood Principal, Dr. Macones to address the Board and the community and announce the recipients of Student of the Month/School Recognition award. The full ceremony can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting - 2023-2-15' or by clicking this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kU-uYJdy4I&t=9908s

Board recess for light refreshments at 7:49 PM.

Motion by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Lukany to open the public session of the meeting.

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

- Member of the community #1, member of the Eagle Scout presented his proposal to build five gaga pits at each of the elementary schools. The total estimated project cost is $6,000.00 which will be raised through GoFundMe accounts with each school PTA. Thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the proposal.
- Member of the community #2, member of the RTEA, shared that 50 blankets were crafted during the Family Night in Copeland which will be donated to the St. Peter's Orphanage in Denville and Sister Organization. The next event is 'Family Painting Night' tentatively scheduled on April 4, 2023 at Copeland Middle School.

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

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

I. COMMUNICATIONS

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

Jacqueline Moffitt	Retirement
Diane Cooper	Retirement

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Shields to approve the minutes of January 18, 2023.

Roll Call Vote on above recommendations, Mrs. Lukany abstained, all present remaining voting yes, motion carried.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- During the recent "Soup" focus groups, the need for HIB training was identified. I am pleased to announce that this training is scheduled for our April 19 board of education meeting. Understanding the nuances of the HIB policy can be challenging, even for experienced school administrators and board members. We are happy to open this event to our district community. Our goal is to help participants understand how investigations are conducted, reported and outcomes determined.

- The final Holiday Concert was held at Sony Brook Wednesday, January 25. The performance was sold-out and the children sung beautifully, putting us all back into the Holiday Spirit.

- On January 26, SEPAC facilitated a presentation entitled "Just Talk About It" by "Minding your Mind" an organization whose "primary objective is to provide mental health education to adolescents, teens and young adults, their parents, teachers and school administrators." The presenters were informative and engaging and captured the attention of the 35 participants for close to 90 minutes. We hope to have them return to our district and present to our middle school students.

- On January 31, CMS hosted a family night entitled "The Impact of Screens and Social Media" presented by Lauren Muriello. The evening began at 6:00 p.m. with a delicious dinner that included pizza and sandwiches. Lauren's presentation began promptly at 7:00 p.m. and concluded just after 8:00 p.m. The presentation was enlightening and informative. More detail is provided below.

- In preparation for the May 3 budget hearing, Mrs. Slamb has initiated development of the budget for the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year by meeting with all school principals.

- As reported at the last board meeting, we are on track for meeting all the goals of the current district strategic plan by June 2023. Our future strategic plan will include community input. The following dates for listening sessions have been established: April 3, April 26 (or April 27) and April 29 (These dates will be confirmed prior to the start of the meeting). We are hoping that many parents and teachers will participate in these listening sessions and share

their suggestions and ideas with the board. To ensure a successful strategic plan, we will be reaching out to Charlene Peterson of the New Jersey School Board Association for her guidance and expertise.

- We are looking forward to the board's approval of the CMS Algebra and Geometry clubs, and after-school remediation in academic content areas. These after-school curricular activities are intended to support student achievement. They will be funded by ESSER.

- We have received notice by the Acting Commissioner, Angelica Allen-McMillain, that KDM has met the criteria to be eligible to exit "targeted status," effective June 30, 2023. Multiple factors informed the decision-making process, including student achievement and other school accountability measures. In other words, due to their extraordinary academic achievement KDM is no longer "In- Status!" I congratulate and thank the KDM faculty and staff for their hard work and determination to be released from targeted status.

-------Good News from the Schools--------

Birchwood School is proud to be working with "Connect for the Community" to collect and donate needed supplies that will help friends and neighbors. This is a great way to show commitment to the community by giving back and making a difference. In addition, Birchwood is celebrating Black History Month. Students are learning about influential Black Americans and their contributions to society. Birchwood students are working with the PTA in service learning projects. For example, students are showing their appreciation to our senior citizens by writing letters to those who reside at some of our local healthcare facilities. This is one way for students show their support for the elderly and let them know they are not forgotten.

DBO has also been focusing on service learning. This week students have written "thank you" notes to: the PTA, local police and firefighters, and our cafeteria staff. They have focused on giving 100 compliments for the 100th day of school and collected items to support "Connect with Community." In addition, DBO is thrilled to continue their partnership with the Morris Knolls Varsity Club that will bring over 40 student athletes to DBO to read to students on March 2nd for Read Across America. DBO continues pet therapy with service animals working with first grade students to provide opportunities to learn about the service animals and spend time reading to the dogs. Finally, to address the second district goal which is to "offer additional after- school opportunities," DBO has initiated spring clubs and now has 10 clubs, in addition to the Bee club for academic remediation which runs all year. Forty-one percent of DBO students are enrolled in at least one club. DBO wishes to thank the Board of Education for supporting all these endeavors and Dr. Tomasini, the DBO PTA liaison, who keeps DBO informed regarding Board of Education matters.

KDM ended the month of January with "The Great Kindness Challenge." Students participated in fun spirit days, with the PTA parents setting up guided kindness centers during lunch and recess. Students also contributed to the newest mural outside the main office. KDM officially opened a Lego wall in the main hallway which has been a new fun stop for students. February includes many exciting events. Those in third grade wrapped up their local government unit with visits from councilman Kritz and the Mayor of Rockaway, Joe Jackson. Both visits were engaging and provided time for students to ask questions and deepen their knowledge. We are so grateful for the time Councilman Kritz and Mayor Jackson dedicated to KDM students. KDM also celebrated Global Day of Play by providing students with additional time to play board games, cards, complete puzzles. KDM is proud to offer thirteen clubs for the spring after- school club session and three academic academy clubs for grades 3-5. Partnering with Creature Comfort, dogs, rabbits and even a gerbil are visiting our after-school homework club. We are thrilled that sixty-two percent of KDM students have signed up for after school clubs this spring. We also had a visit from two therapy dogs, Drake and Boo. We are looking forward to welcoming families on March 2nd, for Family Reading Night.

As mentioned above, on Tuesday, January 31st, **CMS** students and families participated in a Family Night presentation from licensed psychotherapist Lauren Muriello on "Being a Teen in the Social Media Age." Ms. Muriello provided information on the negative impact of technology and social media on our children and she encouraged our children to use social media safely and responsibly. Please visit the CMS Website for parent resources on how to navigate the social media world appropriately. Copeland Middle School also participated in "The Great Kindness Challenge" during the month of January. The CMS counselors hosted a daily "Tune into Kindness" music challenge over the announcements, which promoted positive kind messages, and teamwork in each homeroom. It was great to see the daily excitement surrounding this homeroom competition. We congratulate the Boys Basketball Team and Coach Bernstein on capping off an impressive

undefeated season by winning the Morris County Championship against West Essex. The team will be honored with a championship banner that will hang in the

Old Gym for years to come. We are proud of our athletes for demonstrating teamwork, responsibility and leadership. Ultimately, they exemplified what it means to be a scholar- athlete. Lastly, for Black History Month the Social Studies Department has been running a school-wide trivia contest. The goal of these month-long activities is to honor and learn about the triumphs and struggles of African Americans throughout U.S. History.
The Great Kindness Challenge also made its way to **Stony Brook** the week of January 23. During the "Boost" period, students participated in different activities. Some of the activities included complimenting a friend, making a bookmark, cutting out paper hearts to give to some friends, creating a positive poster, and even taking a breathing break. The students received a checklist of kind acts and checked off as many as possible during the week. The expectation is that that kindness remains a priority. Stony Brook's after school academic clubs are in session students in grades 3-5. The staff continues to fine-tune their instruction by attending professional development provided by the district, including Conquer Math and ELA workshops. Stony Brook will be launching our 'Little Library' during the week of Read Across America. All classes will be completing a scavenger hunt ultimately leading them to the "Little Library" for the occasion of its official unveiling. The school community is waiting in great anticipation for the PTA's Candy Bar Bingo night scheduled for February 10.

Not to be outdone, **Dwyer** started the month off with Candy Bar Bingo, which has become a tradition. Students filled the gymnasium playing bingo, anxiously anticipating winning the golden prize, a candy bar. Third grade students continued the collection for the Seeds of Service Program while enjoying National Hot Chocolate Day by having a warm cup of hot chocolate on a chilly day! Other fun February activities included; Bagel Day, the school store, Crazy Hair Day and "Soup'er Bowl" Jersey Day. Academically, students have completed a second round of their I-Ready diagnostics; teachers are analyzing the results looking at both the progress and areas of improvement. To motivate and encourage students, fourth grade teachers are holding mini-data meetings with their students and to discussing their academic progress. Dwyer welcomed Mrs. Maria Borisuk to our ESL staff. She will work throughout the building pushing into classrooms to provide support for students learning English. Lastly, the building is alive with Black History Month lessons and activities that are ongoing throughout the month.

III. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Slamb presented the following report.

- Tonight's agenda under the Administration section reflects a motion asserting our district's incorporation date. This is a housekeeping item which is intended to assist me with the renewal of our SAM.gov profile and EUI number re-certification. It is being done at the recommendation of the County Business Administrator to meet SAM.gov's new recertification requirements.
- Also in the Administration section you will see a proposal for the approval of three roof projects for submission to the NJDOE. We are looking to bid these projects for Summer 2023 and are hoping to take advantage of a new allocation of ROD Grants from the State of NJ. These projects once submitted to the DOE can be put forth in application of that partial funding.
- As an update to the ongoing construction projects at DBO, I am happy to report that we are working on closing out the contract with Panoramic Windows for their portion of the work. While we are still not able to conclude the work on the HVAC system, we are steadily making progress. At this point the punch list has been reduced to approximately one page. As always, I will work with the Architects to ensure that the project is completed and that it meets the standards that we hold for our buildings. This has been a difficult road, but I do believe we are almost at the end.

IV. CURRICULUM REPORT

Good evening members of the Board, and hello Rockaway Township.

Academics:

Upcoming Events:

- The Winter Assessment Window is coming to a close shortly. Our students and their teachers have been working diligently to show their growth from the beginning of the year to now, and their results are showing. I look forward to sharing our mid-year results with the Board Education Committee in our upcoming meetings.
- NJACCESS 2.0 Testing is open, and our ELL staff will begin testing shortly. All students eligible for ELL services in the district must take the ACCESS Test. It measures the growth and performance of our students from year to year. It is also a means by which students are able to show proficiency in the English language and exit ELL services.
- CogAT Testing for grades two and five will be coming up in March. More information will be sent home to parents in those two grades as we approach the testing window. The CogAT measures the following:
    - Verbal reasoning

- Quantitative reasoning
- Nonverbal reasoning

- Important Upcoming dates:
  - Trimester 2 Closing for Elementary Schools: March 14, 2023
  - Trimester 2 Report Cards and Data Dashboards for Elementary Schools: March 21, 2023
  - Marking Period 3 for Copeland Ends: April 11, 2023
  - Marking Period 3 Report Cards for Copeland: April 25, 2023

Community:

Upcoming Events:

- Portrait of a Successful Student:
  - Each of our five elementary schools will be presenting a program called "Portrait of a Successful Student" for their respective communities. The dates are as follows:
    - BW 3/2/23 6:15-7 pm
    - SB 3/6/23 6:15-7 pm
    - CAD3/7/226:00-6:45pm
    - KDM 3/8/23 6:15-7 pm
    - DBO 3/22/23 6:15-7 pm
  - The groups will be presenting the common traits that successful students display and how teachers, parents, and the community can help foster the development of those traits. Refreshments will be served, childcare will be provided, and each building will host their regularly scheduled PTA meeting directly after the program.
  - Flyers will be sent home from each of the individual elementary schools, and the dates and times will be posted on the district calendar.

Professional Development

In the area of professional development, today was a ½ Day In-Service for our teachers. Staff worked on various projects such as:

- Grade-Level and Department Level Articulation
- CST Planning, Discussion, and Evaluation Analysis
- Response to Intervention Articulation
- Literacy Training
- Curriculum Mapping

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Shields – The Negotiations Committee met independently on February 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM to review the current contract and prepare for the upcoming conversations with the RTAA.

The Operations Committee is scheduled to meet on February 16, 2023 at 4:30 PM at the Central Office, Lower Conference Room to discuss budget items.

The next Operations Committee is scheduled for March 16, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the Central Office, Lower Conference Room.

Mrs. Smith – The Educational Curriculum Committee met on February 8, 2023 at 4:15 to 6:00 PM at the Central Office – Lower Conference Room. In attendance were Dr. Corbett, Mr. Higgins, Mrs. Mezik, Mrs. Lukany, and guest presenter, Mr. Gonnella. Mr. Gonnella proposed a new baseball and softball program at Copeland Middle School. Items that were discussed included:

- District aligned after-school clubs
- Teacher and clerk
- Passing it Along Workshop for GATE students at Copeland Middle School
- Special Education and meeting twice a month

Next two meetings are scheduled for February 22, 2023 and March 8, 2023 at 4:15 PM at the Central Office, Lower Conference Room.

VI. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Personnel

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the following personnel recommendations.

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.	ESY Program Coordinator	Ruthann Champagne	$3,946.00 per phase	DIST.	3/1/23 7/1/23	6/30/23 8/15/23	Phase I Phase II
2.	Summer Enrichment Program Supervisor	Lauren Crispino	$3,864.00 per phase	DIST.	3/1/23 7/1/23	6/30/23 8/15/23	Phase I Phase II
3.	Home Instructor	Deanna Fischer	$46.00 p/hr.	DIST.	22-23 SY		As needed
4.	Resource Room Teacher (LLD)	Victoria Flynn	**(Prorated)** $59,855.00 BA (Step 1)	BW	1/3/23	3/31/23	Extended Leave Replacement (S. Banta)
5.	PT Staff Asst.	Claudimira Lombardi	$19.96 p/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	2/8/23	6/30/23	Reassign from a PT Staff Asst. 26 hrs. 4 days p/wk. per the student IEP at CMS to a PT Staff Asst. 26 hrs. 4 days p/wk. per the student IEP at KDM
6.	ESY Secretary	Erin Macellaro	$21.18 p/hr.	DIST.	3/1/23	6/30/23	Not to exceed 10 hrs. ESY Preparation
7.	Substitute Clerk Typist	Denise Trimmer	$22.00 p/hr.	CO	2/16/23	6/30/23	As needed
8.	PT Staff Asst.	Janet Wagner	$19.96 p/hr. (Step 1)	BW	2/16/23	6/30/23	26 hrs. 4 days p/wk. 1:1 in the Pre-K Class
9.	PT Staff Asst.	Carolyn Willis	$21.18 p/hr. (Step 4)	SB	2/3/23	6/30/23	Reassignment 26 hrs. 4 days p/wk. per the student IEP
10.	CST Staff	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	DIST.	7/5/23	8/31/23	• Related Services to attend IEP meetings as needed
11.	CST Staff	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	DIST.	7/5/23	8/31/23	• CST Evaluations as needed
12.	CST Staff	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	DIST.	7/5/23	8/31/23	• Teachers to attend IEP meetings as needed
13.	ESY Behaviorist	Per the attached list	$46.00 p/hr.	SB	7/5/23	8/2/23	Not to exceed 75 hrs.
14.	ESY Staff Assistant/ Secretary	Per the attached list	$21.82 p/hr.	SB	7/5/23	8/2/23	Not to exceed 75 hrs.

15.	ESY Staff	Per the attached list	$46.00 p/hr.	SB	2/16/23	6/15/23	• Related Services Schedulers – up to 25 hrs. ea.
16.	ESY Substitute Nurse	Per the attached list	$46.00 p/hr.	SB/CMS	7/5/23	8/2/23	Not to exceed 75 hrs. as needed
17.	ESY Teachers/ Substitutes	Per the attached list	$46.00 p/hr.	SB	7/5/23	8/2/23	Not to exceed 75 hrs.
18.	ESY Therapists	Per the attached list	$46.00 p/hr.	SB	7/5/23	8/2/23	• Related Services Not to exceed 75 hrs.

B.	Leave of Absence						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/About Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.		Employee 5369			2/6/23	2/24/23	With Pay Return: 2/27/23
2.	Bus Driver	Douglas Baker		TRANS.	2/2/23	3/2/23	Without Pay under NJFMLA 12 weeks Return: 3/3/23
3.	Academic Intervention Teacher	Alexandra Eccleston		KDM	5/3/23 8/30/23 1/8/24	6/22/23 1/5/24 3/29/24	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay under NJFLA 12 weeks Return: 4/8/24
4.	PT Staff Asst.	Bethann Eike		KDM	1/17/23	2/28/23	Without Pay under NJFMLA 12 weeks Return: 3/1/23
5.	Preschool Disabilities Teacher	Jacqueline Fried		BW	4/17/23 6/5/23	6/2/23 10/27/23	With Pay Without Pay under NJFLA 12 weeks Return: 10/30/23
6.	PT Staff Asst.	Andrea Ortenzi		CMS	1/19/23	4/6/23	Without Pay under NJFMLA 12 weeks Return: 4/17/23
7.	PT Night Custodian	Gloria Pavas		MAINT.	12/21/22 1/16/23	1/13/23 1/20/23	With Pay Without Pay under NJFMLA 12 weeks Return: 1/23/23
8.	Grade 5 Teacher	Kelly Stevens		SB	3/8/23	3/24/23	With Pay Return: 3/27/23
9.	Grade 2 Teacher	Kaylee White		DBO	4/17/23 6/12/23	6/9/23 11/3/23	With Pay Without Pay under NJFLA 12 weeks Return: 11/6/23

C.	Resign/Retire						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Head Mechanic	Brian Grevesen		TRANS.	7/1/23		Retire
2.	Bus Driver	Maria Kelley		TRANS.	2/1/23		Retire
3.	Grade 6 Teacher	Jacqueline Moffitt		CMS	7/1/23		Retire

D.	Substitute Teacher					
	Position	**Name**	**Level**	**Date Effective**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute	Shannon Bujoreanu	State	2/16/23		Penn State University, PA (BA) Pending: Physical/Mantoux
2.	Substitute	Christopher Crocker	County	2/16/23		Rochester Institute of Technology, NY (BA)
3.	Substitute	Megan Fernandez	Nurse	2/16/23		County College of Morris, NJ (Assoc.)
4.	Substitute	Ashley Garcia	County	2/16/23		Montclair University, NJ (Assoc.) Pending: Fingerprint approval
5.	Substitute	Sharon Hogrelius	County	2/16/23		County College of Morris, NJ (Assoc.)
6.	Substitute	Madisen Margroff	County	2/16/23		Montclair University, NJ (Assoc.)
7.	Substitute	Kyle McCall	State	2/16/23		Montclair University, NJ (MA)
8.	Substitute	Claribel Perez	County	2/16/23		Montclair University, NJ (BA) Pending: Physical/Mantoux

E.	Motion to approve an amendment to the previously approved motion under Personnel (Motion A-6, 1-4-2023 agenda) teachers for morning supervision at Copeland Middle School per the attached list.							
	Nature of Action	**Position**	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Teachers	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	$15.33 p/day	CMS	10/22/23	**6/30/23**	Morning supervision per the attached list

F.	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)	TRANS.	9/1/22 - 1/31/23		• Bus Driver

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, Mr. Forst abstained, all present remaining voting yes, motion carried.

B. HIB Determination

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Shields to approve the following HIB Determination.

HIB Resolution

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of schools has provided the Board of Education with reports regarding HIB incidents: #9348 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:

#9348 unconfirmed

1. HIB current investigations: #9480

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, Mrs. Lukany abstained, all present remaining voting yes, motion carried.

C. Education

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Shields to approve the following education recommendations.

Field Trips for Approval

1. Motion to approve the 02-15-2023 list of field trips *(as per attached).*

CPR Recertification

2. Motion to approve the following employees for CPR Recertification during the 2022-2023 school year. The cost to the District will be $10.00 per employee (for the cost of the e-card).

Employee	Location	Employee	Location
Brian Adams	CMS	Ruthann Champagne	KDM
Desiree Ahlers	CMS	Tracy Estey	SB
Ernest Bock	CMS	Gregory Zinberg	SB
Nancy Brandler	CMS	Cassi Deighan	SB
Casey Goryeb	CMS	George Murden	Maintenance
Christopher Jackson	CMS	Kaitlin Miller	BW
Erin Bosworth	BW	Katherine Rasmussen	BW
Christine Henze	BW	Allison Creeden	KDM
Erika Donker	CAD	Jessica Smith	KDM
Tara Van Orden	CAD	Ashley Ruzicka	KDM
Catherine Briggs	KDM	Michele Elmo	SB
Danielle Ronay	KDM		

3. Motion to approve the following Montclair State University student, to complete 30 hours of Clinical Fieldwork experience in the Spring of 2023.

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher/School
Samantha Smith*	Kelly Bezeg/DBO

** Pending Fingerprinting/Background check and Mantoux*

4. The Board concurs with the approval of the salary and stipends funded with Federal Grants as follows:

Employee	Position	Location	Stipend/Salary	% Funded
Erika Donker	Title I After School Clerk	CAD	$21.18/Hr	100% Title I
Mario Benitez	Title I After School Teacher	CAD	$46.00/Hr	100% Title I

5. The Board concurs with the approval of the following after school club salaries for the following clubs with a start date as of February 1, 2023.

Employee	Position	Location	Stipend/Salary	% Funded
Nataly Granaturova-Riera	Algebra I After School Support (beginning in February 2023 and running through April 2023)	CMS	$46.00/Hr	100% ESSER
Alyssa Liuzza	Geometry After School Support (beginning in February 2023 and running through April 2023)	CMS	$46.00/Hr	100% ESSER

6. Motion to approve the amendment to the previously approved motion (Under Education, Motion #7, 10-19-2022 agenda) Motion to approve salary and stipends funded with ESSER III After School **ARP SY2022-2023** as follows:

Teacher	Grade/Position	Location	Stipend/Salary	% Funded
Jason DePope (Modern Band)	ESSER III After School-Funded	CMS	$46.00/hr	100% ESSER III

Nataly Granaturova-Riera (Algebra)	Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant (1 day)			
Shanon Scherr (PACC-Positive Action for Change Club)				

Curriculum Writers

7. Motion to approve the following curriculum writers per the contractual rate at $500.00 per person.

Employee	Position	Contracted Rate
6th Grade Art Curriculum	Heather Allen	$500.00
7th Grade Art Curriculum	Heather Allen	$500.00
8th Grade Art Curriculum	Heather Allen	$500.00
6th Grade Art Curriculum	Tara Rinko	$500.00
7th Grade Art Curriculum	Tara Rinko	$500.00
8th Grade Art Curriculum	Tara Rinko	$500.00

Professional Development Presentations

8. The Board concurs with the approval of the following staff members for Professional Development Presentations on the January 16, 2023 In-Service day, at the contractual rate for professional development presentations during the school day.

Employee	School
Polymnia Crysler	DBO
Jennifer Meyers	CAD
Danielle Maute	DBO
Ann Marie Arico	SB

Pass It Along Workshop

9. Motion to approve the Pass It Along, 3-day workshop to G.A.T.E. students at Copeland Middle School during the 2022-2023 school year with the associated cost of $500.00 *(as per attached).*

No Public comment.

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

D. Special Education

Motion made by Mrs. Lukany, seconded by Dr. Tomasini to approve the following special education recommendations.

Out of District Placements – SY 2022-2023 – Revised Tuition Contract

1. Motion to authorize the revised tuition contract for the following in-district placement student for the 2022-2023 School Year:

Student#	School	Location	Tuition Rate
#12	The Newgrange School	Hopewell	Tuition Cost $38,070.60 or $355.80 per diem (Revised) 1:1 Aide $20,071.06 or $187.58 per diem

In District Placements – SY 2022-2023 – Revised Tuition Contract

2. Motion to authorize the revised tuition contract for the following in-district placement for the 2022-2023 School Year:

Student#	School	Location	Tuition Rate
#14	Katharine D. Malone E.S.	Rockaway	Tuition cost *$21,156.00 + 1:1 aide $16,160.00 (Revised) + $6,652.50 cost of health benefits (Revised) **prorated*

No Public comment.

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

E. Administration

Motion made by Mrs. Shields, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the following administration recommendations.

Incorporation Date

1. **Be It Resolved** that the Board recognizes that the Rockaway Township Board of Education and School District was incorporated in the County of Morris on April 8, 1844.

Eagle Scout Project – Gaga Pits

2. Motion to approve the Eagle Scout Project to install gaga pits for each school within the Rockaway Township Board of Education district by Scout member, Andrew Scott, for the 2022-2023 School Year *(as per attached). *Pending the receipt of the Certificate of Insurance.*

Partial Roof Replacement - Birchwood Elementary School

3. Motion to approve the submission for a partial roof replacement at Birchwood Elementary School by LAN Associates to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education. The Board will be seeking a Regular Operating District (ROD) Grant to fund this project as part of the submission. This project was included in the 2020 Long Range Facility Plan list of projects to be completed, and therefore, the Long Range Facility Plan does not need to be revised *(as per attached).*

Partial Roof Replacement – Katharine D. Malone Elementary School

4. Motion to approve the submission for a partial roof replacement at Katharine D. Malone Elementary School by LAN Associates to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education. The Board will be seeking a Regular Operating District (ROD) Grant to fund this project as part of the submission. This project was not included in the 2020 Long Range Facility Plan list of projects to be completed, and therefore, the Rockaway Township Board of Education authorizes LAN Associates to submit an amended Long Range Facility Plan request to include this project *(as per attached).*

Partial Roof Upgrade – Copeland Middle School

5. Motion to approve the submission for a partial roof upgrade at Copeland Middle School by LAN Associates to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education. The Board will be seeking a Regular Operating District (ROD) Grant to fund this project as part of the submission. This project was not included in the 2020 Long Range Facility Plan list of projects to be completed, and therefore, the Rockaway Township Board of Education authorizes LAN Associates to submit an amended Long Range Facility Plan request to include this project *(as per attached).*

Student Safety Data System Report Period 1 - 09/01/2022 – 12/31/2022

6. Motion to approve the submission of the Student Safety Data System Report Period 1 from 09/01/2022 through 12/31/2022 to the New Jersey Department of Education – Morris County Office *(as per attached).*

No Public comment.

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

F. Finance

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Shields to approve the following finance recommendations.

Mrs. Shields noted that she signed the district bills and recommends approval.

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, 2022 and January 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, 2022 and January 31, 2023.

Authorize December 2022 and January 2023 account transfers as submitted *(as per attached).*

Bills

2. Motion to authorize payment of the following as approved by the Finance Committee:

A.	January	Student Activities	$8,551.53
	February	Student Activities	$811.01
B.	January	Cafeteria	$83,047.66
	February	Cafeteria	$78,554.54
C.	January	After-School Programs	$882.00
	February	After-School Programs	$934.00
D.	January	State Unemployment	$17,466.60
	February	State Unemployment	$20,267.94
E.	February	Family Outreach Program	$184.00
F.	February	District Bills	$4,457,186.09

No Public comment.

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

G. Policy

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

1. Motion to approve the following regulations for first read:
   Summary of Regulations *(as per attached).*

R 3222	Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators (Revised)
R 3223	Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (Revised)
R 3224	Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Principals (Revised)
R 4146	Nonrenewal of Nontenured Support Staff Member (Revised)

No Public comment.

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

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

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

No Public comment.

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

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

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Old Business

Mrs. Smith – Noted that Dr. Tomasini, Mrs. Mezik, and Mrs. Smith attended the New Jersey School Boards Association of Morris County meeting that was held on January 25, 2023, virtually. Mrs. Mezik was elected to the Board of Directors. Training topics included agenda planning, staff and student recognition, and understanding what the Board Secretary's Report actually means.

New Business

Mrs. Smith – Unsung Heroes – the student recognition ceremony will take place on March 29, 2023 at the County College of Morris.

Mrs. Shields – Shared her experience attending the Family Night – Craft a Blanket at Copeland Middle School. Thanked all involved in making the even happen and commended on the donating aspect of the event.

Mrs. Shields – The Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance met on January 19, 2023. Mrs. Forst was present as a liaison. The Alliance is planning for a Celebrity Day towards the end of the year. The next meeting is scheduled on February 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Copeland Middle School Library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Lukany, seconded by Mr. Forst that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:49 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Megan S. Slamb

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary