REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 4, 2017

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at 6:00 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Mr. Babcock(left @ 6:45pm), Mrs. Brookes, Mrs. Chabala, Mrs. Chirico, Mrs. Maluszczak, Mrs. Salny and Dr. Kurland.

Also present were Dr. Greg McGann, Superintendent of Schools and Nathanya Simon , Board Attorney.

Motion by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Chirico to waive pledge salute, public announcement and public notice until the meeting is reopened.

Public announcement was read regarding the ñOpen Public Meeting Act.ò No Board Member objected to the conduct of the meeting as advertised.

Motion made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Brookes to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the ñOpen Public Meetings Actò 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.

All present voting yes, motion carried.

The Board met in closed session at 6:00 PM.

Motion made by Mrs. Maluszczak, seconded by Mrs. Chirico that the closed session meeting stand adjourned at 7:29 PM Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:34 PM. Present were 30 visitors and no members of the press.

Dr. Kurland reopened the regular business meeting of the Board with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mrs. Brookes, to open the public session of the meeting.

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

- A member of the public commented on the following: special education programs, bullying, and class size.
- A member of the public commented on the cafeteria snacks.
- A member of the public commented on instructional time and special education.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Brookes to close the public session of the meeting.

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

Correspondence

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Maxine Chen	Re: Dwyer first grade snack list
Nicole Graham	Re: Question about my application
Bria Spotts	Re: MHRD Instrumental Music Day
Toni Clark	Re: Class size at CMS

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chirico to approve the minutes of September 19, 2017.

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

The following information was presented by the Superintendent in his report:

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Dr. McGann report there were 4 new HIB investigations; Case #137 as unconfirmed, Case #138 as unconfirmed, Case # 139 as unconfirmed, and Case #140 as unconfirmed.

Motion by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak to affirm HIB Case #135 as unconfirmed and Case #136 as unconfirmed.

Roll Call Vote on above, all present voting yes, motion so carried.
Dr. McGann reported on the following:

- The ñDonôt Press Sendò program.
- Back to school nights took place.
- Cross Country Team is up and running.
- ñAll Inò team building presentation was given at Copeland Middle School last week.

2. Informational Items:
   - Field Trips for Approval
   - Fire Drills- September
   - Enrollment- September
   - Nurses Report

The following information was present by the Business Administrator in her report:

Mrs. Palmiere discussed the new steps at Central Office

Committee Reports

None

The following actions were taken during the Regular Meeting of the Board:
Personnel
The Superintendent of Schools recommends actions on the following certificated personnel:
Motion made by Mrs. Chirico, seconded by Mrs. Brookes to approve the following personnel recommendations.

1. **Employment**

   Approve the courses, instructors and the individual rate of pay per quarter, indicated on th attached list, for the After School Pay to Play Program, to be held at the Copeland Middle School, for the 2017-2018 school year. The rate of pay is as following:

   a. Clubs that meet once per week - $350.00 per quarter.
   b. Clubs that meet twice per week - $650.00 per quarter.
   c. Clubs that meet three times per week - $950.00 per quarter.

   Approve the courses, instructors and the individual rate of pay per quarter, indicated on th attached list, for the After School Pay to Play Program, to be held at the Dennis B. OôBrie School, for the 2017-2018 school year. The rate of pay is as following:

   a. Clubs that meet once per week - $350.00 per quarter.
   b. Clubs that meet twice per week - $650.00 per quarter.
   c. Clubs that meet three times per week - $950.00 per quarter.

   Approve the courses, instructors and the individual rate of pay per quarter, indicated on th attached lists, for the After School Programs, to be held at the Copeland Middle School, for the 2017-2018 school year.

   Explanation ï These are activities that are paid per the RTEA contract.

Approve the employment of the following staff listed below as a Home Instructor, on an ñas neededò basis, for the 2017-2018 school year. The rate of pay is $46.00 per hour.

Christine Ciampi
Geraldine Collins
Nancy Doherty
Susan Harris
Caryl Sambrato

Explanation ï Instructional staff necessary to provide Home Instruction, where needed.

2. **Employment/Substitute Teachers**

Approve the employment of the following county and state certified Substitute Teachers indicated below for the 2017-2018 school year:

Marissa DePetris West Caldwell, NJ	Centenary College, NJ (BA) Certification: State Effective Date: October 5, 2017
Dawn Filippone Boonton, NJ	County College of Morris, NJ (AS) Certification: County Effective Date: October 5, 2017
Richard Koval Rockaway, NJ	County College of Morris, NJ (AS) Certification: County Effective Date: October 5, 2017
Katrine Rubenstein Denville, NJ	Rutgers State University, NJ (BA) Certification: County Effective Date: October 5, 2017
Janet Shea State Newfoundland, NJ	University of New York, NY (BS) Certification: State Effective Date: October 5, 2017
Stephanie Ucci Rockaway, NJ	Rowan University, NJ (BA) Certification: State Effective Date: October 5, 2017

3. **Leave of Absence**

Approve a leave of absence for Sarah Florio, a full-time School Psychologist, at the Copeland Middle School, with pay, effective November 27, 2017 through January 1, 2018, the leave will continue, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective January 2, 2018 through March 23, 2018, the leave will continue, without pay, effective March 26, 2018 through June 30, 2018. (Mrs. Florio is expected to return to work on September 1, 2018).

Approve a leave of absence for Gina Guarino, a full-time Resource Room Teacher, at the Katharine D. Malone School, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective September 18, 2017 through December 5, 2017. (Mrs. Guarino is expected to return to work on December 6, 2017).

Approve a leave of absence for Jacqueline Storts, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, at the Central Office, with pay, effective September 5, 2017 through October 17, 2017. (Ms. Storts is expected to return to work on October 18, 2017).

Approve a leave of absence for Charles Young, a full-time Math Teacher, at the Copeland Middle School, with pay, effective November 17, 2017 through December 8, 2017. (Mr. Young is expected to return to work on December 11, 2017).

4. **Leave Replacement Assignment**

Approve a leave replacement assignment for Deanna Duczeminskyj, replacing Kelly Bodnar, a full-time School Counselor, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective October 5, 2017 through November 24, 2017. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem

Approve a leave replacement assignment for Amber Miller, replacing Tracy Estey, a full-time Grade 3 Teacher, at the Stony Brook School, effective October 9, 2017 through March 2, 2018. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

Approve a leave replacement assignment for Joan Price, replacing Gina Guarino, a full-time Resource Room Teacher, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective October 5, 2017 through December 5, 2017. The rate of pay is $150.00 per diem.

5. **Revised Leave of Absence**

Approve a revised leave of absence for Mary Ledyard, a part-time Academic Intervention Teacher, at 19.50 hours per week, at the Katharine D. Malone School, without pay, under the New Jersey Twelve Week Family Leave Act, effective September 27, 2017 through October 13, 2017. (Mrs. Ledyard is expected to return to work on October 16, 2017).

6. **Resignation**

Approve the resignation of Alison DeNero, a part-time Dyslexia Specialist, at the Copeland Middle School, effective October 30, 2017.

7. **Stipend Positions**

Approve the stipend positions for the 2017-2018 school year, as per the attached list.

8. The Superintendent of Schools recommends actions on the following non-certificated personnel:

Employment

Approve the employment of Theresa DeCroce, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, for office/lunch/recess duties, at the Birchwood School, effective October 5, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The rate of pay will be $17.35 (Step 1) per hour. (Ms. DeCroce is replacing Mrs. Bellardini).

Approve the employment of Luis Garcia, a full-time Night Custodian, for the Birchwood School, effective October 5, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The annual prorated salary is as follows: (Mr. Garcia is replacing Mr. Rossy).

Base Salary (Custodian Step 1)	$37,826.00
Boiler Operator License Stipend	1,250.00
Night Differential Stipend	800.00
Total Prorated Salary	$39,876.00

Approve the employment of Edward Greene, a part-time Night Custodian, at 25 hours per week, for the Copeland Middle School, effective October 5, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The annual prorated salary is as follows:

Base Salary (Custodian Step 1)	$23,641.00
Boiler Operator License Stipend	1,250.00
Night Differential Stipend	800.00
Total Prorated Salary	$25,691.00

Approve the employment of Robert Mazzucco, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the studentôs IEP, in the Resource Room, at the Stony Brook School, effective October 5, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The rate of pay will be $17.35 (Step 1) per hour.

Approve the employment of Katrine Rubenstein, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the studentôs IEP, in the Autistic Class, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective October 4, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The rate of pay will be $17.35 (Step 1) per hour.

Approve the employment of Cynthia Sorrentino, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the studentôs IEP, in Grade 5, at the Dennis B. OôBrien School, effective October 5, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The rate of pay will be $17.35 (Step 1) per hour. (Mrs. Sorrentino is replacing Ms. Audino).

Approve the employment of Joy VanWingerden, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the studentôs IEP, in the Resource Room, at the Stony Brook School, effective October 5, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The rate of pay will be $17.35 (Step 1) per hour.

Approve the employment of Christy Warren, a part-time Staff Assistant, at 17.50 hours per week, per the studentôs IEP, in the Preschool Disabilities Class, at the Dennis B. OôBrien School, effective October 5, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The rate of pay will be $17.35 (Step 1) per hour. (Mrs. Warren is replacing Ms. Gardner).

Extended Leave of Absence

Approve an extended leave of absence for Luis Carmona, a full-time Custodian, at the Copeland Middle School, with pay, effective October 2, 2017 through October 12, 2017. (Mr. Carmona is expected to return to work on October 13, 2017).

Resignation

Approve the resignation of Amie DeFeo, a part-time special education staff assistant, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective October 16, 2017.

Approve the resignation of Kathleen Gallagher, a full-time special education staff assistant, at the Stony Brook School, effective July 1, 2017.

Approve the resignation of Shelly Kahn, a part-time special education staff assistant, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective October 2, 2017.

Approve the resignation of Joan Price, a part-time special education staff assistant, at the Katharine D. Malone School, effective October 5, 2017.

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

Curriculum/Instruction

Motion made by Mrs. Chabala, seconded by Mrs. Salny to approve the following curriculum/instruction recommendations.

1. Approve Teresa Chapman, for additional hours, teaching preparatory components of Algebra I, to incoming 7th grade students, this flipped classroom took place in the summer, 15 additional hours at the current contracted rate, per RTEA contract.

No Public comment.

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

Administration

Motion made by Dr. Kurland, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to table motion #11.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chabala to approve the following administrative recommendations.

School Choice

1. Approve Student # 14 and #131, under the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program (N.J.S.A. 18A:36B), to attend a school outside their district of residence for the 2017-18 school year.

Pay to Play Fees

2. Approve Pay-to-Play fees for After School Programs for the 2017-2018 School Year as follows:

Cross Country Club	$50 per session
Copeland Middle School	$30 per session
Elementary Schools	$30 per session

Neurodevelopmental Evaluations

3. Authorize a contract between Child Development Center, Morristown Medical Center, Goryeb Children's Hospital and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct the independent neurodevelopmental evaluations, on an as needed basis, for the 2017/2018 school year at a rate of $675.00 per evaluation.

Explanation: Rockaway Township Child Study Team does not provide this service.

Augmentative Communication Assessments

4. Authorize a contract between Bergen County Special Services and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct Augmentative Communication Assessments and/or Assistive Technology Assessments for the 2017/2018 school year, on an as needed basis, at a rate of $850.00 per evaluation.

Explanation: Rockaway Township Child Study Team does not provide this service.

Bedside Instruction

5. Authorize a contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and American Tutor, Inc. to provide bedside instruction to students admitted to the Immediate Care Children's Psychiatric Center of Parsippany, NJ, on an as needed basis, for the 2017/2018 school year. Services are offered at a rate of $58.00 per hour.
Explanation: Educational instructional services needed while students are patients at ICCPC.

Settlement

6. Be it resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the settlement for case number EDS 08168-17.

Non-Public Funding

7. Authorize the Non-public Funding agreement with Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2017-2018 school year for the following service:

Nonpublic Security

Explanation: Provide educational services and supplies for non-public students, on an as needed basis, consistent with the prevailing statutes.

Safety Grant

8. Authorize receipt of a check in the amount of $17,400.00 for the 2017 New Jersey Schools Insurance Group Safety Grant. Money will be used for security.

Settlement

9. Be it resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the settlement for case number EDS 2018-26835.

Settlement

10. Be it resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the settlement agreement for reference number 2018-26782.

~~Settlement~~

11. ~~Be it resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the settlement agreement for docket number EDS 11602-17.~~

Disposal of Equipment

12. Motion to sell obsolete network/IT hardware to Softnetworks for scrap.

NCLB Grant

13. Approve the amendment of the NCLB FY 16-17Grant. Amendment made in order to include carry over and is allocated as per attached ñProgram Coordination & Budget Detailò and ñAdministrative Costs Budget Detailò pages, changes included in titles:

Title I	$82,928.00	
Title IIA	$32,400.00	
Title III	$27,925.00	- Rockaway Borough - $ 7,555.00

Explanation: Grant submission needs Board approval.

Safety Award

14. The Rockaway School District qualified for the 2016-17 Tier 1 Safety Incentive Program award in the amount of a $5,500.00 credit towards the 2017/18 assessment.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chirico, to open the public session of the meeting.

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

- A member of the public commented on the legal settlements.

Motion by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak to close the public session of the meeting.

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

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

Finance

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak to approve the following finance recommendations.

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 districtôs Professional Development Plan.

   Explanation: As per statute, boards of education are required to establish a maximum budget for travel and subsistence, the Board may not exceed this maximum.

Change Order

2. Approve Change Order #003 for replacement of roof deck in the amount of $384.00 and the credit for remaining project allowance in the amount of ($32,125.28) for the partial roof replacement for Dennis B. OôBrien School.

No Public comment

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

Old Business

None

New Business

Dr. Kurland reported that he attended the back to school night and that the computer labs look great.

No Public comment.

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Maluszczak that the meeting stand adjourned at 8:12 PM and to return to Executive Session for legal issues.

Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Salny, seconded by Mrs. Chabala that the meeting stands adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Roll Call Vote, all present voting yes, motion so carried

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere

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Board Secretary