



ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 7, 2026 – REGULAR MEETING



6:00 pm – Public Session
Immediately into Closed Session
7:30 pm – Public Session

Copeland Middle School – Cafeteria
Copeland Middle School – Faculty Room
Copeland Middle School – Cafeteria

Details for how to access the Public Meeting through remote means will be posted on the district website at www.rocktwp.net. The Public is strongly encouraged to participate. Community members can watch the meeting live online. Members of the public are encouraged to attend in person to provide public comment.

VISION

Rockaway Township Schools...Opening minds, 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.

2026-2027 BOARD GOALS

GOAL I	Ensure continued academic excellence by: A. Evaluating consistent practical application of the district-aligned curriculum. B. Analyzing internal and external data points to ensure curriculum consistency and effectiveness in coordination with the conclusion of each marking period.
GOAL II	Maintain a safe and supportive school district culture by: A. Fostering inclusivity, equity, and a culture of mutual respect for all students and staff. B. Providing the resources to support a school environment conducive to social and emotional health and increased cohesive service-learning initiatives. C. Reviewing climate surveys as presented by Administration during the course of the year.
GOAL III	Promote community outreach and enhanced communications by: A. Bridging communication gaps with Rockaway Township community members. B. Expanding guided, expectation-based discourse to facilitate conversations with the individuals who live, work, and learn in Rockaway Township.
GOAL IV	Support operational excellence that is sensitive to the growing and changing educational landscape by: A. Assessing the needs of the district and creating fiscally responsible priorities through the use of the provided financial and operational reports. B. Determining and executing the next steps for investing in operational priorities.
GOAL V	Strengthen Board Governance in recognition of a Board commitment to continuous development by A. Completing Board self-evaluation. B. Seeking Board certification and encouraging individual certification. C. Promoting and practicing civility throughout our community and within our communications and interactions.

2026-2027 DISTRICT GOALS

GOAL I	By June 2027, implement a district-wide Writing-to-Learn initiative across all grade levels and content areas. Teachers will integrate student writing and math journals into classroom instruction at least twice weekly to help students explain thinking, reflect on learning, communicate ideas, and justify reasoning. The district will support this effort through professional learning, instructional coaching, and collaborative planning.
GOAL II	By June 2027, Copeland Middle School will execute a targeted attendance and punctuality initiative to improve on-time arrivals and establish consistent intervention practices. This initiative includes universal attendance expectations, early identification of repeated tardiness, tiered interventions, family engagement, and continuous data monitoring.
GOAL III	Improve the climate and culture in each school.
GOAL IV	Support parents and community members in their role as primary educators by fostering effective communication, transparency, and collaboration.
GOAL V	Continue to address the needs outlined in the Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) while also adapting to emerging needs. Concurrently, execute a cyclical repair and replacement schedule under the District Maintenance. Plan to keep all facilities operating at high standards.

AGENDA**CALL TO ORDER****ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL****PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT****PUBLIC NOTICE****CLOSED SESSION****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PTA RECOGNITION****PUBLIC DISCUSSION****I. COMMUNICATIONS****II. APPROVE MINUTES****III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/HIB UPDATE****IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT****V. PRESENTATION - HIB SELF-EVALUATION****VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS****VII. RECOMMENDED ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION****A. Personnel****B. HIB****C. Education****D. Special Education****E. Administration****F. Finance****G. Policy****VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS****A. Old Business****B. New Business****IX. ADJOURNMENT****Call to Order**

_____ called the meeting to order at _____ pm.

Attendance Roll Call

Mrs. Anderson	Mrs. Brookes	Dr. Gorman	Mrs. Mezik	Ms. Richardson	Ms. Tourne	Ms. McGeary

Others in Attendance

Dr. Corbett	Mrs. Slamb	Board Attorney	Visitors	Press
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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The New Jersey "Open Public Meetings Act" was passed to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed and acted upon. In accordance with the provision of the "Act", the Rockaway Township Board of Education has caused notice of the date, time, and place of said meetings to be published on its website, <https://www.rocktwp.net/>. 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, Monday through Friday, if they wish to inspect any of the referenced items.

Pledge of Allegiance**Motion to waive Pledge until 2nd Open session by:****Seconded by:***Show of hands to waive Pledge*

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," the Rockaway Township Board of Education will meet in closed session to discuss matters involving personnel, litigation, acquisition of real property, security, negotiations, receipt of governmental funds, the content of said discussions will be disclosed to the public at such time and extent as is required by law.

CLOSED SESSION**Motion to go into closed session by:****Seconded by:***Show of hands to enter closed session***Closed Session starts at _____ pm.****Motion to come out of closed session by:****Seconded by:***Show of hands to end closed session***Closed Session ends at _____ pm.****Reconvene at _____ pm**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PTA RECOGNITION****PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

During the course of the board meeting, the Rockaway Township Board of Education offers members of the public an opportunity to address issues regarding the operations of the Rockaway Township Public Schools. The Board reminds those individuals who take this opportunity to identify themselves by name and address and to limit their comments to items listed on the agenda and/or items directly related to the operations of the School District. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by the members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in the comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

In accordance with Board Policy 0167, public discussion is limited to fifteen (15) minutes with a three (3) minute limit per member of the public. The Board President shall have the right to modify the length of public discussion, as he/she deems appropriate.

Open First Public Comment	
Motion to open public comment by:	Seconded by:
<i>Show of hands to open public comment</i>	

Close First Public Comment	
Motion to close public comment by:	Seconded by:
<i>Show of hands to close public comment</i>	

I. COMMUNICATIONS

Leanne Drost	Urgent concern regarding DBO Route 43
Alex Shields	Summer Job
Leanne Drost	Follow up regarding DBO Route 43
Sarah Ibanez	Wanted to share

II. APPROVE MINUTES

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the minutes of September 09, 2026 (as per attached).

Approve Minutes Roll Call						
Mrs. Anderson	Mrs. Brookes	Dr. Gorman	Mrs. Mezik	Ms. Richardson	Ms. Tourne	Ms. McGeary

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/HIB UPDATE**IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT****V. PRESENTATION - HIB SELF-ASSESSMENT****VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS****VII. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION**

A. Personnel**Motion to approve Personnel Items by:****Seconded by:**

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

A. Appointment							
	Position	Name	Salary	Location	Start Date Eff.	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	PT Staff Assistant	Rehana Abraham	\$23.15/hr. (Step 1)	DBO	10/8/26	6/30/27	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
2.	District Handle with Care Trainer	Scott Buckley	Contracted rate of pay	DIST.	26-27 SY		As assigned
3.	PT Staff Assistant	Ruth Chandless	\$23.15/hr. (Step 1)	SB	10/8/26	6/30/27	Kindergarten, 20 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
4.	School Social Worker	Jenna DiTommaso	\$69,560.00 MA (Step 3)	CMS	***10/8/26	6/30/27	Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
5.	PT Staff Assistant	Gilari Estevez	\$23.15/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	***10/8/26	6/30/27	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
6.	District Translator	Gilari Estevez	\$48.00/hr.	DIST.	26-27 SY		Spanish
7.	PT Staff Assistant	Mimoza Hodzic	\$23.15/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	***10/13/26	6/30/27	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk., 5 days/wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
8.	Special Education Teacher	Debbi Katcher	\$67,745.00 BA+30 (Step 4)	SB	10/8/26	2/26/27	Leave Replacement (Replacing Employee 7130)
9.	PT Staff Assistant	Brandi Massey	\$23.15/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	10/8/26	6/30/27	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
10.	District Mentor	Kristin Novembre	\$550.00/yr.	DIST.	26-27 SY		
11.	PT Staff Assistant	Madison Palma	\$23.15/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	*11/2/26	6/30/27	Kindergarten, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
12.	PT Staff Assistant	Olivia Ricciardi	\$23.15/hr. (Step 1)	BWD	***10/13/26	6/30/27	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
13.	PT Staff Assistant	Lizeth Rodriguez	\$23.15/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	10/8/26	6/30/27	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
14.	Attendance Officer	Carmelina Rojas	\$2,000.00 stipend	DIST.	11/1/26	6/30/27	(Replacing Employee 7120)
15.	PT Staff Assistant	Damian Rovira	\$23.15/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	10/8/26	6/30/27	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
16.	PT Staff Assistant	Madison Westerkamp	\$23.15/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	***10/8/26	6/30/27	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval

B. Appointment Per Attached Lists							
	Position	Name	Salary	Location	Start Date Eff.	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	2026-2027 Reassignments – Staff Assistants	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	26-27 SY		Per the attached list

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2.	2026-2027 Teacher in Charge	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	26-27 SY		Per the attached list
3.	2026-2027 Curriculum Writers	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	DIST.	26-27 SY		Per the attached list
4.	2026-2027 Test Coordinators	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	26-27 SY		Per the attached list
5.	2026-2027 Home Instructors	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	26-27 SY		Per the attached list
6.	2026-2027 CMS Sports Stipends	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	26-27 SY		Per the attached list
7.	2026-2027 Student Council Advisors	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	26-27 SY		Elementary Schools Stipend
8.	2026-2027 CPR Instructors	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	DIST.	26-27 SY		Per the attached list
9.	2026-2027 LEAD Day Coordinators	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	DIST.	26-27 SY		Per the attached list
10.	Handle with Care Training	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	DIST.	10/12/26	10/12/26	Not to exceed 6 total hours
11.	After School Clubs - DBO	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	DBO	10/8/26	12/10/26	Fall 2026 Pay-to-Play Clubs
12.	After School Clubs - KDM	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	KDM	10/20/26	12/16/26	Fall 2026 Pay-to-Play Clubs
13.	After School Club - CAD	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	CAD	10/20/26	12/8/26	Fall 2026 Pay-to-Play Club
14.	After School Club - BWD	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	BWD	**9/30/26 **9/29/26	11/18/26 12/15/26	Fall 2026 Pay-to-Play Clubs

C.	Leave of Absence						
	Position	Employee Number	Salary	Location	Start Date Eff.	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	Social Worker	4609		CMS	10/27/26	12/23/26	With Pay under FMLA Return: 1/4/27
2.	Reading Specialist	5052		CAD	**9/14/26	10/12/26	With Pay under FMLA Return: 10/13/26
3.	Bus Driver	5556		TRANS.	**9/18/26	11/13/26	With Pay Return: 11/16/26

D.	Resignation/Retirement						
	Position	Name	Salary	Location	Start Date Eff.	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	Attendance Officer	Evelyn Brown		DIST.		10/31/26	Resignation
2.	PT Staff Assistant	Cessia Castro		TRANS.		**9/1/26	Resignation
3.	PT Staff Assistant	Kathleen Cook		BWD		**10/1/26	Resignation
4.	Maintenance Specialist	Samuel Kong		MAINT.		2/28/27	Retirement

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5.	PT Staff Assistant	Dawn Stackhouse		BWD		**9/7/26	Resignation
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E. Substitute Teachers/Nurses							
	Position	Name	Salary	Location	Start Date Eff.	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	Substitute Teachers – New Hires	Per the attached list	\$175.00 per day	DIST.	26-27 SY		Per the attached list
2.	Substitute Nurse	Julia Caggiano	\$225.00 per day	DIST.	26-27 SY		Reassignment from Regular Substitute Teacher to Substitute Nurse
3.	Floater Substitute Teacher	Taylor Herrera	\$185.00 per day	SB	26-27 SY		Reassignment from Regular Substitute Teacher to Floater Substitute Teacher
4.	Floater Substitute Teacher	Krista Zygmunt	\$185.00 per day	CMS	26-27 SY		Reassignment from Regular Substitute Teacher to Floater Substitute Teacher
5.	Substitute Nurse – Renewal	Valerie Morris	\$225.00 per day	DIST.	26-27 SY		Renewal
6.	Substitute Teacher – Renewal	Renee Giliberti	\$175.00 per day	DIST.	26-27 SY		Renewal

F. Job Descriptions						
	Category	Position	Location	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	C-37	Commercial Refrigeration/HVAC Technician	DIST.	10/8/26		New
2.	C-38	District Electrician	DIST.	10/8/26		New
3.	F-5	Coordinator of Athletics	CMS	10/8/26		New

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

Roll Call Vote on Personnel Items						
Mrs. Anderson	Mrs. Brookes	Dr. Gorman	Mrs. Mezik	Ms. Richardson	Ms. Tourne	Ms. McGeary

B. HIB Determination	

There are no current HIB determinations to vote on.

HIB Current Investigations

308163	309602	311676	312348	312487
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HIB Incident Summary ([as per attached](#))

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

1. Workshop Registrations

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

Employee	Workshop Title	Organization	Workshop Location	Workshop Dates	Registration Fee	Travel/Hotel/Incidentals Cost	Total Cost
Heather Allen	14 th Annual County-Wide In-Service Day-Art	Frankford Township School District	Frankford Township, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nancy Brandler	NJ School Music Association	2026 Fall Workshop	Mt. Lakes, NJ	10-12/26	\$60.00	N/A	\$60.00
Scott Buckley	Handle with Care	Handle with Care Behavior Management	Wayne, NJ	01-13-2027	\$625.00	N/A	\$625.00
Scott Credidio	Health-Focused In-Service Day	Morris Knolls High School	Rockaway, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jamie Dearolf	14 th Annual County-Wide In-Service Day-Art	Frankford Township School District	Frankford Township, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Samantha Fiederer	NJIDA Fall Conference 2026	NJ International Dyslexia Association	East Brunswick, NJ	10-16-26	\$270.00	N/A	\$270.00
Rebecca Garcia	Legal One: Section 504 Explained	NJ Principals & Supervisors Association	Monroe Township, NJ	10-29-26	\$195.00	\$56.68	\$251.68
Ellen Gianakis	TMI Education	Hot Issues in School Law	Virtual	10-27-26	\$160.00	N/A	\$160.00
Ellen Gianakis	2026 NCTE Annual Conference	National Council of Teachers of English	Philadelphia, PA	11-20-22-2026	\$385.00	N/A	\$385.00
Nicole Gillan (replacing D. Cramer)	OG+ Course	Institute for Multi-sensory Education	Virtual	10-12-16-26	\$1,750.00	N/A	\$1,750.00
Casey Goryeb	Band Workshop	Randolph Township School District	Randolph, NJ	10-12-26	\$50.00	N/A	\$50.00
Christine Hackney	NJIDA Fall Conference 2026	NJ International Dyslexia Association	East Brunswick, NJ	10-16-26	\$270.00	N/A	\$270.00
Christopher Jackson	Health-Focused In-Service Day	Morris Knolls High School	Rockaway, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kirby Jacobsen	Strings Workshop	Montville Township Shol District	Montville, NJ	10-12-26	\$50.00	N/A	\$50.00
William Katinsky	Health-Focused In-Service Day	Morris Knolls High School	Rockaway, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jennifer Klak	Health-Focused In-Service Day	Morris Knolls High School	Rockaway, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Donald Lopuzzo	Band Workshop	Randolph Township School District	Randolph, NJ	10-12-26	\$50.00	N/A	\$50.00
Amy Malatesta	NJ State Bar Foundation	Peer Mediation	Virtual	11-17-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
John Mazzarella	Strings Workshop	Montville Township Shol District	Montville, NJ	10-12-26	\$50.00	N/A	\$50.00

Kaitlin Miller	NJIDA Fall Conference 2026	NJ International Dyslexia Association	East Brunswick, NJ	10-16-26	\$270.00	N/A	\$270.00
Caitlin Molloy	Health-Focused In-Service Day	Morris Knolls High School	Rockaway, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Thomas Nicolicchia	Health-Focused In-Service Day	Morris Knolls High School	Rockaway, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kristin Novembre	Handle with Care Training	Handle with Care	Wayne, NJ	01-11-13-2027	\$1825.00	N/A	\$1825.00
Glennis Patterson	NJ School Music Association	2026 Fall Workshop	Mt. Lakes, NJ	10-12-26	\$60.00	N/A	\$60.00
Kathryn Pietrowski	Implementing MTSS to Meet NJ I&RS	NJ Principals & Supervisors Association	Virtual	10-19-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
John Rospond	NJ District Report of Transported Resident Students	Tyler Technologies	Howell Township, NJ	10-14-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Krista Schellinck	NJ Chapter of American Pediatrics	35 th Annual School Health Conference	Somerset, NJ	10-21-26	\$295.00	\$43.00	\$338.00
Alexis Simpson	Health-Focused In-Service Day	Morris Knolls High School	Rockaway, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bria Spotts	Band Workshop	Randolph Township School District	Randolph, NJ	10-12-26	\$50.00	N/A	\$50.00
Michael Stec	Health-Focused In-Service Day	Morris Knolls High School	Rockaway, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
William Swenty	Health-Focused In-Service Day	Morris Knolls High School	Rockaway, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Anthony Taboadela	Health-Focused In-Service Day	Morris Knolls High School	Rockaway, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Loriana Takacs	14 th Annual County-Wide In-Service Day-Art	Frankford Township School District	Frankford Township, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gregory Voinier	NJ School Music Association	2026 Fall Workshop	Mt. Lakes, NJ	10-12-26	\$60.00	N/A	\$60.00
Marie Wallace	Band Workshop	Mt. Olive Township School District	Mt. Olive, NJ	10-12-26	\$50.00	N/A	\$50.00
Lauren Wisse	Health-Focused In-Service Day	Morris Knolls High School	Rockaway, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mary Weilbaeher	NJIDA Fall Conference 2026	NJ International Dyslexia Association	Virtual and East Brunswick, NJ	10-16-17-26	\$370.00	N/A	\$270.00
Donna Zarriello	14 th Annual County-Wide In-Service Day-Art	Frankford Township School District	Frankford Township, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gregory Zinberg	Health-Focused In-Service Day	Morris Knolls High School	Rockaway, NJ	10-12-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gregory Zinberg	PE Jam	PE Jam	Kinnelon, NJ	12-4-26	N/A	N/A	N/A

2. Rescind Workshop Approval

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board agrees to rescind the approval of the previously approved motion (8-12-26, Education C:1, Deborah Cramer).

3. Field Trip Requests

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the field trip requests (as per attached)

4. Clinical/Practicum Requirements – SY 2026-2027

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following student(s) to complete their clinical/practicum requirements during the Fall 2026 and/or Spring 2027 semester.

Student Teacher/Intern	College/University	Cooperating Teacher/Location
Nicole Cutaia	Montclair State University	Gena Hartman/KDM
Nicole Gunia*	Rutgers University	Rebecca Garcia/CST
Kara Pirtle	Grand Canyon University	C. Bock/P. Crysler/DBO
Danielle Sambogna*	Kean University	Bari Eisenhower/KDM

*Pending satisfactory completion of District requirements

5. Memorandum of Agreement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, The Board approves the Memorandum of Agreement between Montclair State University and the Rockaway Township Board of Education. ([See attached](#))

BOARD DISCUSSION

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Open Public Comment on Education Items only (Ask if Necessary)

Motion to open public comment by:

Seconded by:

Show of hands to open public comment

Close Public Comment

Motion to close public comment by:

Seconded by:

Show of hands to close public comment

Roll Call Vote on Education Items

Mrs. Anderson	Mrs. Brookes	Dr. Gorman	Mrs. Mezik	Ms. Richardson	Ms. Tourne	Ms. McGeary

D. Special Education

Motion to approve Special Education recommendations by:

Seconded by:

1. In District Placement Tuition – for SY 2026-2027

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the tuition contracts for the following in district placement student(s) for the 2026-2027 school year:

Student #	School	Location	Tuition Rate
00047	Stony Brook School	Rockaway	Tuition Rate \$35,548.00 (180 billable days)

2. Amended In District Placement Tuition – for SY 2026-2027

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the amended tuition contract for the following in district placement student(s) for the 2026-2027 school year (8-12-26, Special Education D:6):

Student #	School	Location	Tuition Rate
00643	Copeland Middle School	Rockaway	Tuition Rate \$36,026.00 (180 billable days) \$33,840.00 (1:1 Aide) \$13,187.90 (Cost of health benefits) \$23.50 per hour for after school club (1:1 Aide)

3. NJ4S/MHA Presentation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following mental health professionals from NJ4S/MHA to present on Suicide Prevention in October 2026.

Carissa Ali	Abby Bresalier	Ashley Cirone
Jessica Franco	Ike Harcourt	Taisha Mathieu Percy
Meghan Murphy	Heather Pajak	Justina Perturillo

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Open Public Comment on Special Education Items only <i>(Ask if Necessary)</i>	
Motion to open public comment by:	Seconded by:
Show of hands to open public comment	

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

Roll Call Vote on Special Education Items						
Mrs. Anderson	Mrs. Brookes	Dr. Gorman	Mrs. Mezik	Ms. Richardson	Ms. Tourne	Ms. McGeary

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

1. **Equipment Disposal**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the disposal and/or surplus property/obsolete equipment from the IT department ([as per attached](#)).

2. **Subscription Busing**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the subscription busing for the following students for the 2006-2027 school year.

Student #	Description	Total Cost
10904 & 00424	One-way transport AM only, 2 students	\$1,177.00
00404 & 01364	One-way transport PM only, 2 students	\$1,177.00
00105	One-way transport PM only	\$588.50

3. **RTBDA Sidebar Agreement**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Sidebar Agreement between the Rockaway Township Board of Education and the Rockaway Township Bus Drivers Association. (as per attached).

4. **Annual Meeting Notice**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Rockaway Township Board of Education Annual Meetings Notice for 2027-2028 ([as per attached](#)).

5. **Vehicle Disposal**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the disposal and/or sale of surplus/obsolete equipment for the Transportation Department as follows:

Vehicle Number	Year	Make	VIN	License Plate
27	2011	GMC	1GD6G3AG4A1167584	S1S638
28	2011	CHEVY	1GB6G3AG6A1173413	S1Z465
29	2011	CHEVY	1GB3G3BG3B1112622	S12779
32	2015	THOMAS	1GD372BG5E1137981	D924S1
33	2016	THOMAS	1GD372BG7F1129012	F783S1
34	2016	THOMAS	1GD372BGXF1131899	F782S1
35	2016	THOMAS	1GD372BG5F1130272	F789S1
36	2017	THOMAS	1GB3GRBG8G1173717	H273S1

37	2017	THOMAS	1GB3GRBG2G1173650	H641S1
38	2017	THOMAS	1GB3GRBGXG1173976	S12778

6. RTAA Contract 2026-2029

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the contract between the Rockaway Township Board of Education and the Rockaway Township Administrators Association. (as per attached).

7. Joint Transportation Agreement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the Joint Transportation agreements with the following entities to provide transportation for students to athletic events and trips for the 2026-2027 school year ([as per attached](#)).

Wharton School District

8. Travel

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following costs to attend the Fall School Law Forum 2026 at the 2026 New Jersey Schools Board Association (NJSBA) Annual Conference held in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Name	Workshop	Location	Dates	Cost
Lisa Mezik	Fall School Law Forum 2026	Atlantic City, NJ	11-22-26	\$200

BOARD DISCUSSION

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Open Public Comment on Administration Items only (*Ask if Necessary*)

Motion to open public comment by:

Seconded by:

Show of hands to open public comment

Close Public Comment

Motion to close public comment by:

Seconded by:

Show of hands to close public comment

Roll Call Vote on Administration Items

Mrs. Anderson	Mrs. Brookes	Dr. Gorman	Mrs. Mezik	Ms. Richardson	Ms. Tourne	Ms. McGeary

F. Finance

Motion to approve Finance recommendations by:

Seconded by:

1. Financials

Be It Resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the [Report of the Secretary](#) and [Report of the Treasurer](#), for the period ending on **August 31, 2026**; and the [Revised Report of the Secretary](#) and [Report of the Treasurer](#) for the period ending on **July 31, 2026**.

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 **July 31, 2026** and **August 31, 2026**.

Authorize **July 2026** and **August 2026** account transfers as submitted.

2. Bills

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

Cafeteria -September	\$1,978.70
Student Activities - September	\$1,040.00

Summer Enrichment - September	\$719.32
District Bills	\$6,168,369.33

3. Payment Application #003 to TNT Construction Group, LLC

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes payment application #003 in the amount of \$161,277.16 for Stony Brook and Copeland roof projects ([as per attached](#)).

4. Capital Reserve – CAD Playground

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a withdrawal from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$172,827 for the purpose of replacing the Catherine A. Dwyer Elementary School Playground. This project will be completed by Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc. in accordance with ESCNJ Cooperative pricing.

5. Capital Reserve – CMS Boiler

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the CMS Boiler Room Stabilization Project at the cost of \$433,000. This project will be completed in coordination with USA Architects and has been deemed an emergency by the Morris Executive County Business Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to coordinate efforts and execute all contracts as they relate to this emergent project.

BOARD DISCUSSION

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Open Public Comment on Finance Items only (*Ask if Necessary*)

Motion to open public comment by:

Seconded by:

Show of hands to open public comment

Close Public Comment

Motion to close public comment by:

Seconded by:

Show of hands to close public comment

Roll Call Vote on Finance Items

Mrs. Anderson	Mrs. Brookes	Dr. Gorman	Mrs. Mezik	Ms. Richardson	Ms. Tourne	Ms. McGeary

G. Policy

Motion to approve Policy recommendations by:

Seconded by:

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

[Policy 0142.1- Nepotism](#)

[Policy 1220- Employment of Chief School Administrator](#)

[Policy 1552- Sexual Harassment](#)

[Policy 2530- Resource Materials](#)

[Policy 2535- Library Materials](#)

[Policy 9130- Public Complaints](#)

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board approves the following policies for second read.

[Policy 9163 Spectator Code Of Conduct For Interscholastic Events](#)

[Policy 2365 Acceptable Use Of Generative Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#)

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board approves the following regulations for first and final read.

[Regulation 1552- Sexual Harassment](#)

[Regulation 2530- Resource Materials](#)

[Regulation 2535- Library Material](#)

[Regulation 9130- Public Complaints](#)

BOARD DISCUSSION

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Open Public Comment on Policy Items only <i>(Ask if Necessary)</i>	
Motion to open public comment by:	Seconded by:
<i>Show of hands to open public comment</i>	

Close Public Comment	
Motion to close public comment by:	Seconded by:
<i>Show of hands to close public comment</i>	

Roll Call Vote on Policy Items						
Mrs. Anderson	Mrs. Brookes	Dr. Gorman	Mrs. Mezik	Ms. Richardson	Ms. Tourne	Ms. McGeary

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Open Second Public Comment	
Motion to open public comment by:	Seconded by:
<i>Show of hands to open public comment</i>	

Close Second Public Comment	
Motion to close public comment by:	Seconded by:
<i>Show of hands to close public comment</i>	

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Old Business

B. New Business

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Return to Executive Session *(if needed)*

For the discussion of _____ for approximately _____ minutes

Motion to go into closed session by:	Seconded by:
<i>Show of hands to enter closed session.</i>	
Closed session starts at _____ pm.	

Motion to adjourn closed session by:	Seconded by:
<i>Show of hands to end closed session.</i>	
Closed sessions ends at _____ pm.	

Meeting Adjournment	
Motion to adjourn meeting by:	Seconded by:
<i>Show of hands to adjourn meeting.</i>	

Meeting adjournment at _____ pm.