REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 13, 2022

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 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 in-person: Mrs. Curelaru, Mrs. Helbourg, Mrs. Mezik, Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Tomasini.

Mrs. Lukany was absent.

Also present were Mr. Watson, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Higgins, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. DeCarlo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mr. McKeever, Board Attorney.

Mrs. Mezik called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Motion by Mr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Shields to waive pledge salute, public announcement and public notice until the meeting is reopened.

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

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. Shields, seconded by Mrs. Smith to go into closed session at 6:10 PM.

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

Motion made by Mr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Smith that the closed session meeting stands adjourned at 7:58 PM.

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

The Public Meeting reconvened at 8:00 PM. Present were approximately 10 visitors and no members of the press.

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

Mrs. Mezik announced a hand-carry item to approve the contract of employment between Rockaway Township Board of Education and the incoming Superintendent. Stated that the vote will be carried out in the New Business section of the board meeting.

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

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

No public comment.

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

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

I. COMMUNICATIONS

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

Jessica Staskiel	Letter of Retirement
Christina Michel	Letter of Resignation
Leanne Desaulnier	Copeland Concerns
Alfonso Gonnella	Response to Copeland Concerns
Anita West	Letter of Retirement
James Brady	Concern with Gender Identity in Curriculum

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Shields to approve the following minutes:

Approve the minutes of March 16, 2022.
Approve the Special BOE Meetings (Superintendent Search) minutes of March 3, 2022.
Approve the Special BOE Meetings (Superintendent Search) minutes of March 10, 2022.
Approve the Special BOE Meetings (Superintendent Search) minutes of March 23, 2022.
Approve the Special BOE Meetings (Superintendent Search) minutes of March 24, 2022.
Approve the Special BOE Meetings (Superintendent Search) minutes of March 30, 2022.
Approve the Special BOE Meetings (Superintendent Search) minutes of March 31, 2022.

Roll Call Vote on above recommendations, Mrs. Curelaru abstained on accounts of minutes, all present remaining voting yes, motion so carried.

III. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Good Evening Rockaway Township and Board of Education

District Covid Update

We have been tracking our Covid numbers since November as well as following State and Local Department of Health data. We have moved to mask wearing being optional and have allowed for indoor events. However, recently positive cases have inched up in our region and district. Should this continue we may have to revisit the district's present situation. Parents, please be vigilant, and if your child displays any signs of illness keep them home. The district continues to offer free testing on Wednesdays and Fridays at Copeland Middle School from 1:00 to 4:30pm. You just have to register with our Human Resource District Office.

Bria Spotts - Music Teacher at Copeland Middle School

Music Teacher Bria Spotts has informed us that Rockaway Township was chosen as one of NAMM's Best Communities for Music Education for the 3rd year in a row. In order to receive the Best Communities for Music Education Award, we had to apply through an extensive process which examined our district population, budget, and the opportunities available to our students. We were selected from districts across the nation. The NAMM Foundation is a branch of the National Association of Music Merchants.
They support programs throughout the US with donations and support to enrich and enhance school music programs.

Agenda items under Administration

Currently, we have 5 preschool classrooms (2 full-day preschool disabilities, 2 AM/PM half-day preschool disabilities, and 1 integrated general education preschool). Based on projections for next school year we will need 2 full-day preschool disabilities, 1 AM/PM half-day preschool disabilities, and 1 integrated general education preschool and we are adding a Transitional Kindergarten called a Year to Grow Program. In order to keep all 5 of these classrooms in the same building, we will be moving the Preschool to Birchwood, which currently houses 2 of the Preschool classrooms, and then move the LLD program to Dennis B. O'Brien School.

Gender Identity Curriculum

In September of 2022, all N.J. schools are required to adopt a curriculum that reflects the updated 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

The district is currently convening a group of educators and leaders from within the district to interpret the standards and plan our curriculum that will reflect those standards. Given the nature of the changes to the standards, we feel it necessary to rely on internal expertise to make sure that we both reflect the needs of our students and community and comply with the New Jersey Department of Education Standards for Health and Physical Education. Within the next month, the district will be releasing more information to the community about our plan for instruction in the Fall as well as any opt-out information.

QSAC

Tomorrow we are submitting all of the required evidence to the DOE for completion of Step #2 under QSAC which is part of the State monitoring of our district. Step #3 will take place in May. Our goal is to earn the rating of a "High Performing School District".

School Information

Dennis B. O'Brien - Chris Marangon

We are proud to announce that DBO signed up to participate in SEL Day which was held on March 11, 2022. We know that social and emotional learning (SEL) changes lives. Studies show that SEL provides many benefits to students—from improved social-emotional skills, well-being, and behavior to improved academic outcomes—and these results are long-term and global, with proven positive impact up to 18 years later, on academics, conduct problems, emotional distress, and drug use. SEL competencies are also critically important for long-term success in today's economy.

In other news, DBO students and staff participated in the Great Kindness Challenge where everyone participated in age appropriate activities to reflect on how we can be kind to ourselves, peers and spread kindness inside the school and in the wider community. And finally, DBO is thrilled to announce that our plastics recycling project, in conjunction with the PTA, is already up to 550lbs collected. Keep sending those plastic bags in to DBO!

Almost 15% of DBO students are military students so we love April as it is the Month of the Military child! Several military students have been leading us each day in the pledge of allegiance and we have had spirit days themed around supporting our military students based on the challenges they face. Days such as:

- Proud to be an American Day where we wore something from the military branches or red/white/blue.
- Travel Tuesday where we wore something from a different state or country. Did you know Military kids move and change schools 6-9 times by high school graduation?
- Mismatched Day where we wore mismatched clothes. Imagine that you just moved (again).... All your stuff is still in boxes and you can't find anything that matches!
- Neon Day where we wore neon or brightly colored clothes as our military allows our country to shine bright.
- And, Purple up Day where we all wore purple to show appreciation and support for our Military kids! Purple is the combination of colors of all the Military branches.

In addition, we have been fortunate enough to learn about all the places our military students are from (and have moved to) on our 'All about me' posters that military kids have completed and hung in the lobby. And who could miss our towers of purple balloons in the lobby! Again we thank the PTA and Month of the Military chairs for helping organize these events and more, in order to recognize our military students and the sacrifices they make.

Copeland Middle School - Alfonso Gonnella

Copeland Middle School is once again pleased to partner with the community based prevention program Prevention is Key. Prevention is Key is a school-based program offering group counseling services with a focus on the social-skills of children. They strive to enhance coping skills, substance use referral skills, and peer relationships to ensure students make positive choices in their lives. Copeland students participate in this program after school on a weekly basis. I would like to thank the Municipal

Alliance for funding the program, and I am pleased to announce that Prevention is Key has offered to extend the program at no cost for the remainder of the year.

In other news, I would like to thank the CMS Theatre Company for an amazing four performances of the Adams Family. Our students and staff worked tirelessly to make this production successful. It was an amazing experience to see the faces in the crowd and to once again interact socially as a community.

Lastly, I am pleased to announce the return of Copeland Middle School Family Night. These nights are dedicated to disconnecting from social media and spending quality time as a family within our school community. Stay tuned for details.

Stony Brook - Steve Wisniewski

March Madness at Stony Brook!! The 5th grade participated in a math competition between homerooms throughout the entire month of March. Congratulations to Mrs. Loder's homeroom on their big win!

Our 4th graders participated in a grade level gallery walk to observe and comment on student created geometry projects that were presented by all 4th grade students. The students did an exceptional job and the activity was a success.

Catherine A. Dwyer - Michael McGovern

The Dwyer family is firmly underway scheduling our 50th anniversary celebration which will be held in two parts.

On Friday, May 20th the Dwyer Family will come together for a BBQ, DJ, and many more surprises as we dance the night away with our current family and meet old staff members arriving to celebrate with us!

On Sunday, May 22nd at the White Meadow Lake Country Club, the Dwyer Family old and new are invited to share a day of enjoying each other's company, reminiscing, and storytelling about the first 50 years of our school. White Meadow Lake will be a ticketed event, so make sure you keep your eyes open for this hot ticket coming soon!

From the school side, our students in grades 3-5 continue to gear up for the NJSLA testing that will take place in May. We are excited to see how well our students have learned since finally being back in a stable school environment.

Birchwood - Jennifer Macones, Ed. D.

5th grader Dominick Tyler moved on to the District Spelling Bee on March 19th. Dominick made it to the fifth round of finals at The Highlands District Spelling Bee, which was sponsored by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club of GFWC. Birchwood students and staff are very proud of him.

World Down Syndrome Day was March 21st. The Birchwood Bulldogs collected $236.00, contributions of one dollar enabled the students to purchase a paper sock. Students made the socks extra special with their own decorations. We are proudly displaying the socks in the front foyer for all to see.

The bulldogs have also been collecting change in support of the families in Ukraine. The money will be sent to the Red Cross.

On March 30th Birchwood held their annual Author Day! They had the pleasure of having author Wendy Mass present to their students!

Ms. Mass did two sessions that were 40 minutes each with additional time built in for Q&A's. Author Day was fantastic! And the bulldogs can't wait till next year.

Katharine D. Malone- Stacey Wisniewski

KDM has been working hard on celebrating and learning about various topics throughout the month of April. Kindergarten made "Litter Bugs" out of recycled materials, fourth grade compared screen time vs. green time in their persuasive essays, fourth grade also learned about extreme weather and worked in groups to teach one another about these extreme weather events. Our MD students learned about their five senses by making popcorn, it was so much fun to see the student's eyes light up as they first heard the pop, and then began to smell the familiar scent of popcorn. Our SEL theme for this month is Autism Awareness/Acceptance. Students learned about one another and each other's differences and the importance of accepting them. Our teachers put together a slideshow for students to teach facts about autism and how to build a friendship and maintain a friendship with peers with autism. On 4/26 we will host an autism acceptance walk-a thon.

Special Education - Melissa Lewis

Last school year, Ms. Lewis applied for a Technical Assistant Grant for Birchwood School. The grant is a collaboration between the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education and the Department of Education. The grant provides schools an inclusion facilitator who works with the teachers on a topic of choice based on the needs of the district. On April 7, NJCIE Inclusion Facilitator began working with the teachers at Birchwood specifically focusing on Differentiation in an inclusive classroom. The grant provides for 5 sessions with the staff over the course of April and May. Ms. Lewis and Ms. Meo has applied for the NJIETA grant for all 6 schools for the upcoming school year. We will keep you updated on the status!

SEPAC has 2 big events coming up. First, on Saturday, April 16 we will be enjoying a sensory friendly Somerset Patriots baseball game. If you have tickets, you will be able to enter the stadium at 4:45pm to get familiar with the surroundings. Additionally, we will be able to walk the field as a group. Please meet in the lawn area at 6:00pm and we will walk the arc of the field, stay for the flag salute and national anthem before taking our seats in our own Rockaway Section. Ms. Meo and Mrs. Lewis will be there with their families.

On May 16, 2022 at 7pm in the Copeland Library SEPAC will host a presentation by Dr. Kerry Magro. Dr. Magro is a national speaker who was born nonverbal and is now a national speaker advocating for children and adults with Autism. We are thrilled to have him join us in Rockaway Township!

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Good evening –

I am happy to announce that our budget was approved by the County yesterday and will be presented at the May 4 Budget Hearing.

If you have not had a chance to do so, try to get over to DBO and see the beautiful new windows on the front of the building, it makes the building look much newer.

Work has also begun with the HVAC system at DBO, the work is mostly being done above the dropped ceiling and like the windows all work is done in the late afternoon and evening

V. CURRICULUM REPORT – TEACHER ACCOLADES, WINTER DATA DASHBOARDS, SUMMER ENRICHMENT, NEW JERSEY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORTS, NJSLA SPRING DATES

Good evening members of the Board and hello Rockaway Township.

Teacher Accolades

DBO Preschool teacher Mandy Sheehan has been designated as the Tools of the Mind Teacher of the Month for September 2022. This honor was given to Ms. Sheehan by the trainers and mentors at Tools of the Mind due to her exceptional implementation and understanding of the Tools of the Mind Curriculum. Ms. Sheehan, along with the other preschool teachers across the district, has participated in professional development with the team at Tools throughout this school year. From their website: "Tools of the Mind gives teachers the tools to ensure every child becomes a successful learner, developing the underlying cognitive, social and emotional skills needed to reach his or her highest potential."

We are extremely proud of Ms. Sheehan for her exceptional work this year and her years of service to the community.

Winter Data Dashboards

Winter K-5 Data Dashboards went home last week with a new format. We want to thank the community for their feedback on the new design, and assure them that we have heard their suggestions and will be looking to update the design for the June Dashboards. Our aim with this new dashboard was to show a more complete picture of the metrics we use to assess student progress. Going forward, we would love to hear your feedback on how best to make this a more accessible tool for families.

Summer Enrichment

Our Summer Enrichment site is live on our website! Please take a moment to look for the link to the description and registration pages. This summer we are offering:

- Summer Enrichment, grades 1-7
- Small Fry, ages 3.5-5
- Safety Town, incoming Kindergarten
- Summer ELL Programming, grades 1-7
- Pre-Algebra, Grades 6-7

Cost for the programs varies by program, and busing is available upon request.

New Jersey School Performance Reports

The New Jersey Department of Education has recently released the annual School Performance Reports. We plan on presenting our report at one of our May meetings.

NJSLA Spring Dates

After a two-year hiatus, NJSLA is back this year. NJSLA will test students in grades 3-8 in both ELA and Math, and students in grades 5 and 8 will also take the NJSLA Science. The dates are as follows:

- May 10-12 NJSLA ELA grades 3-8
- May 17-19 NJSLA Math grades 3-8
- May 17-18 NJSLA Algebra and Geometry
- May 24-25 NJSLA Science Grades 5 and 8

Thank you and have a great evening.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Smith – The Educational Curriculum Committee met on March 22nd, 2022 from 4:15 PM to 5:45 PM at the Central Office. In attendance was Mr. Higgins, Mr. Watson, Mrs. Mezik, Ms. Meo, and Mrs. Smith. The Agenda items that were discussed were Title I positions, transitional kindergarten, and the Pre-K and LLD changes and received an I-Ready data update. In addition, the Committee received an update about professional development as well as updates regarding the special education pilots that were provided by the Supervisor of Special Education, Ms. Meo. The next meeting is scheduled for April 27th, 2022 at 4:15PM at the board conference room, at the Central Office.

VII. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Personnel

The Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends actions on the following personnel:

Motion made by Mrs. Helbourg, seconded by Mr. Tomasini to approve the following personnel recommendations.

A.	Appointment						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/About Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.	Floater Substitute	Margaret Dacey	$185.00 p/diem	CAD	4/29/22	6/30/22	
2.	Floater Substitute	Richard Dellanno	$185.00 p/diem	CMS	3/21/22	6/30/22	
3.	Floater Substitute	Nicole Doucette	$185.00 p/diem	CMS	4/14/22	6/30/22	
4.	Floater Substitute	Charles Filippo Jr.	$185.00 p/diem	CMS	3/21/22	6/30/22	
5.	Leave Replacement STEM Teacher	Diane Haza	$62,585.00 BA+15 (Step 4) (Prorated)	CAD	4/13/22	6/30/22	Extended Leave Replacement (Replacing: J. Clemente)
6.	Bus Driver	Martha Hoctor	$16,808.00 (Prorated)	TRANS.	4/1/22	6/30/22	Reassignment from an as needed sub Bus Driver to a contracted Bus Driver (Replacing: W. Matyola)
7.	Bus Driver	John Rospond	$22.00 p/hr.	TRANS.	4/14/22	6/30/22	As needed
8.	Bus Driver	Linda Szollosy	$28.64 p/hr.	TRANS.	7/1/22	6/30/23	July/August (Summer Route) September (Regular Route)
9.	PT Staff Asst.	Victoria Wyszkowski	$20.25 p/hr. (Step 3)	CMS	4/25/22	6/30/22	Reassignment from a PT Staff Asst. 1:1 at 26 hrs. p/wk. to a PT Staff Asst. 1:1 at 17.5 hrs. p/wk. (AM)
10.	CST Summer Personnel (#1)	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate		7/1/22	8/31/22	To conduct evaluations
11.	CST Summer Personnel (#2)	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate		4/14/22	6/30/22	Related services schedulers
12.	ESY Staff	Per the attached **6 lists**	Per the contracted rate		7/5/22	8/2/22	
13.	Home Instructor	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate of pay		21-22 School Year		
14.	Kindergarten Meet and Greet Teachers	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate of pay		6/27/22 & 6/28/22		
15.	Test Coordinators	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate of pay		21-22 School Year		

B.	Leave of Absence						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	PT Staff Asst.	Jane Bedell		SB	3/21/22 4/6/22	4/5/22 4/14/22	With Pay Without Pay **(Extended)** Return: 4/25/22
2.	STEM Teacher	Jessica Clemente		CAD	4/13/22	6/30/22	Without Pay **(Extended)** Return: 8/31/22
3.	FT Night Custodian	Alvaro Gomez		KDM	3/15/22	4/8/22	Without Pay **(Extended)** Return: 4/11/22
4.	PT Staff Asst.	Susan Marositz		DBO	3/7/22	3/22/22	With Pay Return: 3/24/22
5.	Academic Intervention Teacher	Kaitlin Miller		BW	8/31/22 10/3/22	9/30/22 12/23/22	With Pay Without Pay Under the 12 Week NJ Family Leave Act Return 1/3/23
6.	School Counselor	Alison Piano		SB	8/31/22 10/4/22	10/3/22 12/23/22	With Pay Without Pay Under the 12 Week NJ Family Leave Act Return: 1/3/23
7.	School Counselor	Alison Piano		SB	1/4/23	6/30/23	Without Pay **(Extended)** Return: 23-34 School Year
8.	Mechanic	John Santillo		TRANS.	3/28/22	4/22/22	With Pay Return: 4/25/22
9.	Grade 5 Teacher	Kelly Stevens		SB	5/4/22	6/1/22	With Pay Return: 6/2/22

C.	Resign/Retire						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Psychologist	Steven Barosi		CMS	5/13/22		Resign
2.	LDTC	Beth Dailey		CAD/SB	6/1/22		Retire
3.	Substitute	Anthony D'Onofrio		DIST.	3/30/22		Resign
4.	Night Custodian	Alvaro Gomez		KDM	6/1/22		Retire
5.	PT Staff Asst.	Christine Hamilton		CMS	7/1/22		Resign
6.	School Counselor	Ann Kerin		CAD	11/1/22		Retire
7.	Resource Room Teacher	Christina Michel		KDM	7/1/22		Resign
8.	Maintenance Worker	Dennis Suarez		MAINT.	4/5/22		Resign
9.	Transportation Coordinator/Dispatcher	Linda Szollosy		TRANS.	6/30/22		Resign
10.	Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent	Milagro Talbot		CO	5/1/22		Retire
11.	Resource Room Teacher	Pamela Tanner		SB	7/1/22		Retire
12.	Math Teacher	Susan VanGelder		CMS	7/1/22		Retire

D.	Substitute					
	Position	Name	Level	Date Eff.	Date Termin.	Discussion
1.	Substitute	Ashley Banks	County	4/14/22		Seton Hall University, NJ (MA)
2.	Substitute	James Carroll	County	4/14/22		High Point University, NC (BA)
3.	Substitute	Maribeth Delle	County	4/14/22		Rutgers University, NJ (BA)
4.	Substitute	Nicole Doucette	County	4/14/22		Rutgers University, NJ (BA)
5.	Substitute	Shelly Goldstein	County	4/14/22		Centenary University, NJ (BA)
6.	Substitute	Michelle Handal	State	4/14/22		Montclair University, NJ (MA)
7.	Substitute	Rebecca Laufer	County	4/14/22		Rutgers University, NJ (BA) Pending: Mantoux Test
8.	Substitute	Diana Lockner	County	4/14/22		Ramapo College, NJ (MA)
9.	Substitute	Kimberly Panzitta	County	4/14/22		Rowan University, NJ (BA)

E.	Job Description				
	Category	Name	Date Eff.	Date Termin.	Discussion
1.	B-17	Human Resource Clerk	4/14/22		Re-number (was B-20)
2.	D-27	Home Instructor	4/14/22		Re-number (was D-25)

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

B. HIB Resolution

Motion made by Mr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Shields to approve the HIB determination.

1. **WHEREAS,** the Superintendent of schools has provided the Board of Education with reports regarding HIB incidents: #2021-39 8193 unconfirmed, #2021-40 8210 unconfirmed, #2021-41 8276 unconfirmed and # 2021-42 8998 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:

   #2021-39 8193 unconfirmed, #2021-40 8210 unconfirmed, #2021-41 8276 unconfirmed and # 2021-42 8998 unconfirmed

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

Mrs. Mezik presented with a hand-carry item for second HIB resolution.

Motion made by Mrs. Shields, seconded by Mr. Tomasini to approve the second HIB determination for student #202246.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, Mrs. Curelaru voting No, all present remaining voting yes, motion so carried.

HIB current investigations

Mr. Watson – Stated the following HIB current investigations: #2021-43 8358, #2021-44 8438, #2021-45 8453, #2021-46 8454, #2021-47 8444, #2021-48 8439, #2021-49 8468, #2021-50 8477, and #2021-51 8482

C. Education

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

Field Trips for Approval

1. Motion to approve 04/13/2022 list of field trips *(as per attached lists).*

Field Trip Locations

2. Motion to approve the amended list of field trip locations for the 2021-2022 school year *(as per attached).*

3. Motion to approve salary and stipends funded with ESEA FY21-22 and ARP ESSER Grants as follows:

Teacher	Grade/Position	Location	Stipend /Salary	% Funded
Chelsea Shay	Title I After School Clerk (Sub)	DBO	$20.67/Hr.	100%Title I
Rose-Marie Iannicelli	Title I After School STEP Peer Partner (3 days)	CMS	$46.00/Hr.	100%Title I
Olivia Dunnigan	Title I After School STEP Peer Partner (3 days)	CMS	$46.00/Hr.	100%Title I
Christine Ciampi	Title I After School STEP Peer Partner (3 days)	CMS	$46.00/Hr.	100%Title I
Nehrin Makhlouf	Title I After School STEP Peer Partner (3 days)	CMS	$46.00/Hr.	100%Title I
Rosemary Heath	Title I After School STEP Peer Partner (3 days)	CMS	$46.00/Hr.	100%Title I
Lauren Crispino	Title I After School STEP Peer Partner (3 days)	CMS	$46.00/Hr.	100%Title I
Jodi Complitano	Title I After School STEP Peer Partner (3 days)	CMS	$46.00/Hr.	100%Title I
Michael Bernstein	Title I After School STEP Peer Partner (3 days)	CMS	$46.00/Hr.	100%Title I
Dominique Brock	Title I After School STEP Peer Partner (3 days)	CMS	$46.00/Hr.	100%Title I
Christine D'Antuono	Title I After School STEP Peer Partner (3 days)	CMS	$46.00/Hr.	100%Title I
Frances Latawiec	Title I After School STEP Peer Partner (3 days)	CMS	$46.00/Hr.	100%Title I
Daria Napolitano	After School Club Nurse (3 days)	SB	$46.00/Hr.	100%ARP ESSER
Karen Benzkofer	Title I After School Clerk	BW	$20.67/Hr.	100% Title I
June Beck	Preparing for Greatness (Grade 5)	KDM	$46.00/Hr.	100% ARP ESSER
Erinn Young	Preparing for Greatness (Grade 5)	KDM	$46.00/Hr.	100% ARP ESSER
Diane Cooper	Math Detectives (Grade 4)	KDM	$46.00/Hr.	100% ARP ESSER
Kirsten Insinga	Math Detectives (Grade 4)	KDM	$46.00/Hr.	100% ARP ESSER
Catie Briggs	Level Up…Start Your Engines (Grade 3)	KDM	$46.00/Hr.	100% ARP ESSER
Danielle Reilly	Level Up…Start Your Engines (Grade 3)	KDM	$46.00/Hr.	100% ARP ESSER
Scott Credidio	Summer Enrichment: Safety Town (NTE 55 hours)	District	$46.00/Hr.	100% ARP ESSER
Cynthia Trisuzzi	Summer Enrichment: Safety Town (NTE 55 hours)	District	$46.00Hr.	100% ARP ESSER
Erinn Young	Summer Enrichment: Pre-Algebra	District	$46.00/Hr.	100% ARP ESSER
Megan Baxendell	Summer Enrichment: SEL	District	$46.00/Hr.	100% ARP ESSER
Caitline Molloy	Summer Enrichment: PE/Health	District	$46.00/Hr.	100% ARP ESSER
Tara Rinko	Summer Enrichment: Art	District	$46.00/Hr.	100% ARP ESSER
Jennifer Kerstner	Summer Enrichment: Science	District	$46.00/Hr.	100% ARP ESSER
Casey Goryeb	Summer Enrichment: Music	District	$46.00/Hr.	100% ARP ESSER
Susan Callahan	Summer Enrichment: Math	District	$46.00/Hr.	100% ARP ESSER

Barbara Katz	Summer Enrichment: Small Fry	District	$46.00/Hr.	100% ARP ESSER
Michelle Sewatsky	Title I After School Clerk	District	$20.67/Hr.	100% Title I
Erika Donker	Title I After School Clerk	District	$20.67/Hr.	100% Title I

4. Motion to approve an agreement between consultant Melanie Brown and Rockaway Township Board of Education, as outlined in the attached agreement, to provide literacy staff development during the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of $2,000.00 per day. Funds will be paid through the Title II Grant.

5. Motion to approve Judy Aron and Tara Rinko to conduct a one hour SEL session during school hours at the current contractual rate.

6. Motion to approve Alyssa Kopf, a student at Rockland Community College to complete LDT-C1 Practicum with Marjory Hansen, for eight weeks, commencing on or about September 2022. (Pending Fingerprinting/Background Check)

No Public comment.

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

D. Special Education

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

1. Motion to authorize a contract between Jeffery M. Ilardi, MD and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide psychiatric evaluations for the 2021/2022 school year, on an as needed basis, at a rate of $1,700.00 per evaluation. The fee includes evaluation, review of records and written report.

2. Motion to authorize Dr. Kerry Magro to present a workshop on autism at the SEPAC meeting on May 16, 2022. The topic is "Defining Autism: From Nonverbal to Professional Speaker". The fee for this presentation is $1,500.00.

3. Motion to authorize a contract between the New Jersey Pediatric Neuroscience Institute, LLC, and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide neurological evaluations for the 2021/2022 school year, on an as needed basis, at a rate of $550.00 per evaluation. The fee includes evaluation, review of records and written report.

4. Motion to authorize a contract between ABC Consulting (Applied Behavioral Consulting) and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct Functional Behavioral Assessments for the 2021/2022 school year, on an as needed basis, at a rate of $140.00 per hour or a total cost of $1,960.00

No Public comment.

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

D. Administration

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

Donation to Dennis B. O'Brien Elementary School

1. Motion to accept the following donation from the Dennis B. O'Brien Elementary School PTA:

    - One (1) set of child-size stools and one (1) set of scoop rocker chairs for kindergarten to grade 2 resource classroom.
    - One (1) energy efficient refrigerator for the full-day preschool disabled classroom.
    - Plant lifecycle supplies which include soil, seeds, cups, plastic baggies and plastic spoons for the kindergarten classrooms.
    - STEAM supplies which include modeling and fast drying clay, paint and paint brushes, poster boards, craft sticks, hot glue sticks and a hot glue gun for the grade 5 Band Busters.

Relocation of Language Learning Disabilities (LLD) K-5 Classes

2. Motion to approve the relocation of the Language Learning Disabilities (LLD) K-5 classes from Birchwood Elementary School to the Dennis B. O'Brien Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Relocation of Pre-K Classrooms

3. Motion to approve the relocation of the Pre-K classrooms (one full-day and two half-days) from Dennis B. O'Brien Elementary School to the Birchwood Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Transitional Kindergarten Class (A Year to Grow)

4. Motion to approve the new Transitional Kindergarten class (A Year to Grow) that will be housed at Birchwood Elementary School beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.

Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance 2022-2023

5. Motion to approve the Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2022-2023 school year.

No Public comment.

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

E. Finance

Motion made by Mr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru to approve the following finance recommendations.

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

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.

Financials

2. **Be It Resolved** that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the Preliminary Report of the Secretary and Report of Appropriations, and Report of the Treasurer, for the period ending in March 31, 2022.

   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 Rachel DeCarlo, Board Secretary, certifies the following statement:

   Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)(3) and (4), I, Rachel DeCarlo, Board Secretary, certify that no budgetary line items accounts are over appropriated nor over expended for the period ending March 31, 2022.

   Authorize March 2022 account transfers as submitted.

Bills

3. Authorize payment of the following as approved by the Finance Committee:

A	March	Cafeteria	$1,413.50
	April	Cafeteria	$93,699.25
B	March	Student Activities	$6,276.73
	April	Student Activities	$4,366.87
C	March	After-School Program	$3,187.64
D	April	State Unemployment	$26,699.13
E	April	School District Bills	$5,922,742.04

No Public comment.

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

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Old Business

Mrs. Shields – Noted that there will be a 'Concert for a Cause' on May 19, 2022.

Mr. Tomasini – Noted that the Copeland play of 'The Addams Family' was wonderful.

New Business

Mrs. Mezik – Presented a hand-carry resolution to appoint the new Superintendent, Dr. Richard R. Corbett.

Mrs. Mezik presented the following notes from Dr. Richard R. Corbett, to be included in the April 13, 2022 minutes under New Business:

Words of Thanks to the Community

I am grateful to the Rockaway Twp. board of education for the opportunity to serve this wonderful school community. It is no secret that public education is often criticized, along with those responsible for public education, me and you; boards of education, superintendents, principals, and teachers.
So many have asked me why I bother to work in education. Frequently, people will also ask why I don't retire and leave it for good.
I have 2,291 reasons why I bother. I bother because:

We change lives!
Every one of the 2291 "reasons" has a right to a great education.
These 2,291 reasons are the only reasons I need to continue in public education. These are the reasons why I am filled with gratitude to the Board of Education and the people of Rockaway Twp. for hiring me to serve as Superintendent of Schools.
Thank you for "bothering" with me.

Motion made by Mrs. Shields, seconded by Mr. Tomasini to approve the appointment of the new Superintendent, Dr. Richard R. Corbett, effective July 1, 2022.

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Shields to go into closed session at 8:45 PM.

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

Motion made by Mr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Shields that the closed session meeting stands adjourned at 11:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Mezik
Board President
Rockaway Township Board of Education