EXECUTIVE SESSION
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Also present were Dr. Corbett, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Slamb, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mr. McKeever, Board Attorney, and no members of Press.

The following items were discussed in closed session:

- Agenda - Questions /Changes
- HIB/Suspensions
- Personnel
- President's Update
- Legal Update
  - David Smith
- Referendum: district-owned properties
- Transportation - Divine Mercy

Respectfully submitted,

Megan S. Slamb

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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 Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Smith to waive the 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 6:02 PM.

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

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Ms. McGeary that the closed session stands adjourned at 7:32 PM.

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

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:32 PM.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PTA RECOGNITION
The full ceremony can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting - 2024-10-16' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting - 2024-10-16.'

PUBLIC DISCUSSION
Motion by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Smith to open Public comment.

Show of hands to open Public comment, all present voting yes, motion so carried

A member of the community came up and spoke regarding Referendum and how much it is going to cost.

The full Public comment and Board commentary can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-10-16' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-10-18'

Motion by Mrs.Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to close Public comment.

Show of hands to open Public comment, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

I. COMMUNICATIONS

Jacki Richardson	Safety and Security and the Referendum
Gail Serdiuk	Website to learn about candidates for the school board does not work

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru to approve the minutes of September 18, 2024.

Roll Call Vote to approve the minutes of September 18, 2024, Mrs. Curelaru, Ms. McGeary, Mrs. Mezik, Mrs. Smith, Dr. Tomasini, and Mrs. Shields voted yes, Mrs. Anderson abstained, motion carried.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In October the Department of Student Services conducted the first SEPAC meeting for this school year. The committee met before the actual meeting to go over expectations, and logistics and discuss ways to increase SEPAC involvement. Several individuals expressed interest in joining the committee. The presentation entitled "Back to Basics, Diving into IEPs" was well-received by the 20 attendees and generated fruitful discussion.

After a thorough interview process, I am pleased to recommend Michael Martino as the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, effective January 1, 2025. Mr. Martino is a licensed electrician and HVAC technician currently serving as the Building and Grounds Director for Summit Public Schools. With more than a decade of experience in school maintenance positions and a strong background in construction, he will bring much-needed insight and leadership to the department.

Referendum FAQs will be posted on the website on Thursday, October 17. They are subject to revisions and changes as we receive additional information regarding the referendum.

To provide information regarding the referendum, I plan to attend the "Parks Lake Spooktacular." I will have a table of information and treats for the young and not-so-young.

Good News From our Schools

October is off to a strong start at Birchwood. They began the month with its Kindergarten Social, hosted by the PTA. This fun evening brought together parents and students to enjoy carnival-style games, connect, and build relationships between families. Birchwood Fire Company No. 4 also visited the school to provide fire safety education. Students had an exciting time touring the fire trucks and learning about the equipment used by firefighters. From October 7 to 11, Birchwood celebrated the *Week of Respect* with a series of engaging activities organized by the guidance department. The rest of October has more in store, including the annual Trunk or Treat event, Safe Schools Week, Red Ribbon Week, parent-teacher conferences, and the always-anticipated Halloween Parade. In addition to the student events, Birchwood teachers have been enjoying their Wellness Wednesdays, created by the school's Wellness Team. These special days provide resources, activities, and healthy treats for staff, and the teachers appreciate and embrace this initiative. Looking ahead, Title I before-school language arts and math support will begin in November.

DBO also started October by observing the *Week of Respect*. Students and staff were excited to be part of this wonderful yearly initiative which promoted kindness, inclusion, and creating a welcoming and supportive environment. DBO is pleased to offer 10 clubs this fall where students meet each week to participate in extracurricular activities. Service learning is a major part of the DBO culture. Last week the "DBO Cares Club" cleaned up the courtyard and the playground for all to enjoy.

We are proud to announce that Catherine A. Dwyer has been identified this month as a *National Blue Ribbon School for Exemplary Academic Performance*. This is a tremendous honor not only for the school but for our community as well. Mr. McGovern on numerous occasions has stressed the dedication and fortitude his staff, students, and parents have for excellence. On November 7-8, Mr. McGovern and a staff representative will travel to Washington on behalf of the school to accept the award from the Department of Education.

At KDM, students have completed their assessments, and teachers and staff are actively developing plans to remediate and extend student learning. Math teachers participated in a district initiative focused on improving Math instruction. The participant feedback was very positive, and we look forward to implementing new strategies introduced in the classroom training. Currently, KDM offers seven afterschool programs with full rosters, including the highly anticipated TREP$ club, generously funded by the Rockaway Township Education Foundation. The KDM PTA hosted a highly successful Walk-a-Thon that exceeded expectations and was a fun, enjoyable event where students, PTA, and Parent Volunteers gathered together for walking, dancing, and neon-colored festivities. KDM thanks the Rockaway Township Fire Department for visiting our Kindergarteners and 2nd Graders during Fire Prevention Week. KDM closed out the month of September with over 42 students receiving positive office referrals for demonstrating H.E.A.R.T.

Initiatives at Stony Brook, such as the *Week of Respect*, *Safe Schools Week*, *Unity Day*, and *Red Ribbon Week* aim to instill a sense of compassion and empathy in the students. The annual Stony Brook picnic and Walk-a-Thon were enjoyed by all and, both events benefited from picture-perfect weather. The PTA and numerous parent volunteers played a big part in their success. Special thanks to the Rockaway Township Fire Department for visiting Stony Brook on October 8th for their annual 'Fire Prevention' assembly with kindergartners and second graders. Everyone is looking forward to the PBSIS kickoff event scheduled for November 1.

It's been a busy start to the fall season at Copeland Middle School. The *Week of Respect* was highlighted by a week full of spirit days and kindness activities. In recognition of *Safe Schools* and *Violence Prevention Week*, CMS students are engaging in a week-long grade-level penny war to determine which administrator will get pied in the face! On Wednesday, October the 6th-grade students heard a powerful message from former T.V. reality star, Louie Fojut, presented by the Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance (RTSAA). The CMS Halloween-themed socials for students in grades 6 and 7 will occur on October 18 and October 25, respectively. After-school clubs/activities are up and running, and after-school extra help will begin in late October. The CMS Cross Country Team hosted two home meets in October and is finishing up another successful season.

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The district audit on-site review took place during the week of 9/23 and 9/30. Nisivoccia's team was provided with all the necessary data and information during that time and while we are waiting for the final reports to be processed, all feedback has been positive. Thank you to my Business Office staff, and Liz Bender in particular who is lead contact for the audit, for all of their hard work and diligence.

The district was notified that is has been selected for an audit of our Food Service Program by the department of agriculture. These audits are conducted on a cyclical basis and our food service company,Maschios, is prepared to guide us through the process.

We are wrapping up and closing out our district roofing projects with the help of USA Architects. All on-site assessments have been good, and we have moved on to final punch list items and closeouts. Given these projects were delayed from the original intended timeline due to issues involving the bid process, it is a relief to have them completed.

The Business Office is preparing for the creation of our annual budget. With the completion of the NJ Smart Snapshot and preparation of the ASSA report in the coming month we will begin with a validation of Payroll and account of Personnel costs. We can then proceed with next steps. I will be providing a budget calendar to the Board at our next meeting.

Finally, I am pleased to report that following a thorough interview process with numerous qualified candidates, we have selected a new Supervisor of Facilities. As Dr. Corbett mentioned, Mike Martino comes to us with a depth of knowledge and experience in the field of Building and Grounds that will be a major asset to the district. I believe Mike's work ethic and vision will prove invaluable as we navigate the coming years of maintenance, growth, and expansion. I put him forward for consideration by Dr. Corbett and the board without hesitation or exception.

V. EDUCATION REPORT

The full Education Report can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-10-16' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-10-16'.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The full Committee Report can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-10-16' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-10-16'.

VII. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Personnel

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

A.	Appointment						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Academic Intervention Teacher	Lauren Anderson	$62,295.00 BA+15 (Step 1) (prorated)	CAD	**10/2/24	2/25/25	Leave Replacement (Replacing: Employee 6929) Pending physical/Mantoux
2.	Grade 2 Teacher	Lauren Anderson	$62,295.00 BA+15 (Step 1) (prorated)	CAD	2/26/25	6/30/25	Leave Replacement (Replacing: Employee 6833) Pending physical/Mantoux

3.	Head Boys Basketball Coach	Michael Bernstein	$4,100.00	CMS	24-25 SY		Stipend
4.	District Translator	Demet Bilter	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	24-25 SY		Turkish
5.	Basketball Site Manager	Scott Credidio	$1,500.00	CMS	24-25 SY		Stipend
6.	Student Council Advisor	Polymnia Crysler	$650.00 Stipend	DBO	24-25 SY		Stipend
7.	Grade 3 Inclusion Teacher	Susan Culleny-Peer	$200.00/day	BWD	**10/7/24	11/18/24	Extended Long Term Substitute (Replacing: Employee 4254)
8.	School Psychologist	Mikela Janal	$66,985.00 MA+30 (Step 1) (prorated)	CMS	10/21/24	6/30/25	Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval. (Replacing M McMahon)
9.	CPR Instructor	Paula Kelly	$150.00	DIST.	24-25 SY		¼ of $600.00 stipend for 24-25 SY
10.	District Translator	Roberto Martinez	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	24-25 SY		Spanish Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval.
11.	Supervisor of Facilities and Safety Mgmt.	Michael Martino	$125,000.00 (prorated)	MAINT.	1/1/25	6/30/25	Pending physical/Mantoux and required personnel paperwork. (Replacing F Cuevas)
12.	District Translator	Jennifer Marty	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	24-25 SY		Spanish
13.	10-month Clerk Typist	Susan McOmish	$21,778.00 (Step 1) (prorated)	CAD	*10/17/24	6/30/25	Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval. (Replacing C Carpentiere)
14.	PT Staff Assistant	Dawn Montesano	$21.75/hr. (Step 2)	BWD	**10/1/24	6/30/25	Reassignment from 26 hrs./wk. in Preschool Class to 26 hrs./wk. Floater
15.	PT Staff Assistant	Reid Murphy	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	10/17/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk.
16.	CPR Instructor	Daria Napolitano	$600.00/yr.	DIST.	24-25 SY		Stipend
17.	District Translator	Lidia Nikolova	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	24-25 SY		Russian/Bulgarian
18.	PT Staff Assistant	Mary Parra	$22.57/hr. (Step 4)	BWD	10/21/24	6/30/25	Rehire
19.	Student Council Advisor	Cherylyn Paredes	$650.00/yr.	SB	24-25 SY		Stipend
20.	Mechanics Assistant/Bus Driver	Katherine Pepin	$50,000.00 (prorated)	TRANS.	10/22/24	6/30/25	(Replacing V Ferraiuolo)
21.	PT Staff Assistant	Eileen Ryan	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	CAD	10/17/24	6/30/25	Office, 17.5 hrs./wk.
22.	Head Girls Basketball Coach	William Swenty	$4,100.00	CMS	24-25 SY		Stipend
23.	After School Club Substitute	Loriana Takacs	$48.00/hr.	DBO	**10/10/24	12/5/24	As needed
24.	PT Speech Therapist	Renee Travisano	$46,572.00 MA (Step 12) (prorated)	CAD	11/18/24	6/30/25	0.6 FTE Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval. (Replacing M Stone)

25.	PT Staff Assistant	Enrique Vinas	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	*10/17/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending fingerprint approval.

B.	Before/After School Activities, Programs, and Clubs						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Before/After School Clubs - CAD	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	CAD	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
2.	After School Programs - CMS	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	CMS	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
3.	After School Clubs - SB	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	SB	24-25 SY		Per the attached list

C.	Leave of Absence						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Supervisor of Facilities and Safety Mgmt.	4304		MAINT.	**9/16/24	11/8/24	With Pay under FMLA Return: 11/11/24
2.	Grade 2 Teacher	6833		CAD	3/3/25 4/7/25	4/4/25 6/30/25	With Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA Return: 25-26 SY
3.	Grade 2 Teacher	5638		DBO	12/20/24 1/27/25	1/24/25 4/25/25	With Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA Return: 4/28/25
4.	Special Education Teacher	6376		SB	1/2/25 2/24/25	2/21/25 5/23/25	With Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA Return: 5/27/25
5.	PT Staff Assistant	6973		KDM	**10/14/24	11/1/24	With Pay Return: 11/4/24
6.	Special Education Teacher	4254		BWD	**10/7/24	11/15/24	Extended With Pay under FMLA Return: 11/18/24
7.	Science Teacher	6366		CMS	11/19/24 1/8/25	1/7/25 6/30/25	With Pay Without Pay Return: 25-26 SY
8.	FT Night Custodian	6758		MAINT.	10/7/24	12/6/24	Extended Without Pay Return: 12/9/24
9.	Special Education Teacher	6789		KDM	2/10/25 3/17/25	3/14/25 6/13/25	With Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA Return: 6/16/25

D.	Resign/Retire						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	FT Staff Assistant	Tina Desa Stalter		KDM		10/31/24	Deferred Retirement
2.	12-month School Secretary	Christine Elston		CMS		12/2/24	Resign
3.	PT Staff Assistant	Darren Franz		SB		10/21/24	Resign
4.	Math Teacher	Nataly Granaturova		CMS		11/15/24	Resign

5.	School Nurse	Paula Kelly		KDM		1/1/25	Resign
6.	School Psychologist	Michelle McMahon		CMS		11/27/24	Resign
7.	PT Staff Assistant	Amy Olsen		SB		12/5/24	Deferred Retirement
8.	PT Spanish Teacher	Lynda Oricchio		CMS		11/6/24	Resign
9.	Special Education Teacher	Adele Wadleigh		CMS		11/23/24	Resign
10.	PT Staff Assistant	Lisa Wright		CAD		**8/30/24	Resign

E. Substitutes – New Hires

	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Level**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute	Robert Meriwether	$175.00 per day	DIST.	24-25 SY	County	NY-School of Visual Arts, NY (BA) Pending physical/Mantoux
2.	Substitute	Harvey Bass	$175.00 per day	DIST.	24-25 SY	County	Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ (BA)
3.	Substitute	Rebecca Sanderson	$175.00 per day	DIST.	24-25 SY	County	Sussex County Community College (AS)

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

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

B. HIB
HIB Current Investigations:
268455 and # 268637

HIB Incident Summary (as per attached)

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

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves 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	Workshop Location	Workshop Date(s)	Registration Fee	Travel Hotel/Incidentals Cost	Total Estimated Cost
Patricia Benavides	Order & Law: New Assessments for Legally Defensible IEPs	East Windsor, NJ	October 24-25, 2024	No Cost	N/A	$0.00

Ruthann Champagne	Section 504: Special Ed Litigation	Monroe Township, NJ	October 30, 2024	$150.00	N/A	$150.00
Gena Hartman	ODD, ASD ADHD & Mood Disorders	Virtual	December 3, 2024	$249.99	N/A	$249.99
Michael McGovern	Blue Ribbon Award Ceremony	Washington, DC	November 7-8, 2024	No Cost	$834.05	$834.05
Erin Meineke	Toe Walking: In-Depth Clinical Applications Using Etiological Approach	Virtual	November 4, 2024	$229.00	N/A	$229.00
Jennifer Meyers	Blue Ribbon Award Ceremony	Washington, DC	November 7-8, 2024	No Cost	$834.05	$834.05

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following Student Teacher(s) to complete their fieldwork during the 2024-2025 school year, commencing on or about September 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.

Student Teacher	College University	Cooperating Teacher/School
Isabel Mondano	FDU	Debra Cirillo/SB

*Pending satisfactory completion of District requirements

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board agrees to authorize a contract for the 2024/2025 school year between kiina dordoni, owner of Lift As We Climb Consulting, LLC. and Emily Strang-Campbell, Literacy Consultant, LLC and the Rockaway Township Board of Education, to provide six (6) full day workshops, (1) full day Observation/Planning Day and (1) Flex Day for Lead Teachers for the purpose of developing multilingual strategies for Multi-Language Learners, at a cost of $2,103.00/day/consultant or $16,824.00 each (as per attached).

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the revised list of field trip locations for the 2024-2025 School Year (as per attached).

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the list of field trips (as per attached).

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the salary and stipends funded with Federal Grants as follows:

Teacher	Grade/Position	Location	Stipend/Salary	% Funded
Jennifer Cassidy	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	KDM	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Meghan Cerna	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	KDM	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Lauren Crispino	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	KDM	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Jessica Imhof	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	KDM	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Kelly Stites	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	KDM	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Maria Borisuk	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CAD	$48.00/hr	100% Title I

Kristen Hemmer	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CAD	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Susan Ranft	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CAD	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Tara Van Orden	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CAD	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Erika Donker	Title I After School/Secretary (up to 2 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CAD	$22.57/hr	100% Title I
Susan Callahan	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Jodi Complitano	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Christine D'Antuono	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Raffaella DeMartinis	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Kenneth Fuchs	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Odemaris Guzman-Herskovitz	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Leah Horky	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Rachel Isler	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Jessica Mucerino	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Shannon Podprugin	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Caryl Sambrato	Title I After School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	CMS	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Karen Benzkofer	Title I Before School Secretary (up to 10 hours)	BW	$22.57/hr	100% Title I
Eugene Budd	Title I Before School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	BW	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Alexandria Conforth	Title I Before School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	BW	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Victoria Flynn	Title I Before School Sub Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	BW	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Amy Hoffnagle	Title I Before School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	BW	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Jacqueline Messina	Title I Before School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	BW	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Katherine Rasmussen	Title I Before School Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	BW	$48.00/hr	100% Title I
Brianna Thomas	Title I Before School Sub Teacher (up to 3 hrs/week for 21 weeks)	BW	$48.00/hr	100% Title I

No Public comment.
Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion carried.

D. Special Education
Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Ms. McGeary to approve the following education recommendations.

1. Rescind Out of District Placement Tuition – for SY 2024-2025
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board rescinds the tuition contract for the following out of district placement students for the 2024-2025 school year (08-14-24, C:1).

Student #	School	Location	Tuition Rate
00602	Mount Carmel Guild Academy	West Orange	Tuition Cost $55,800.00 or $310.00 per diem +Cost of aide $44,280.00 or $246.00 per diem

2. KDDS Too, Inc. t/a North Jersey Outreach Contract – SY 2024-2025
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and KDDS Too, Inc., t/a North Jersey Outreach for Therapeutic and Training Services to provide ABA Therapy and related services for student #00602 for the 2024-2025 school year (as per attached).

No public comment
Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion carried.

E. Administration
Motion made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru, to approve the following administration recommendations.

1. Joint Transportation Agreements
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the Joint Transportation Agreements between Rockaway Township Board of Education and the Educational Services Commission of Morris County, Morris County Vocational School District, and Sussex County Co Op for the following to provide transportation for students to athletic events, routes, and trips for the 2024-2025 school year:

Educational Services Commission of Morris County
Morris County Vocational School District
Sussex County Co Op

2. Joint Transportation Rates and Routes
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the Joint Transportation Agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the renewal of the following rates and routes for the 2024-2025 school year (as per attached):

Rockaway Township Routes 4-43/4p-43p Yearly Rate $105,174.00
Rockaway Township Routes 5-61/5p-61-50p Yearly Rate $105,190.00
Rockaway Township Routes 13-23/13p-63p Yearly Rats $103,749.00

3. Joint Transportation Rates and Routes
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the Joint Transportation Agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and the Sussex County Cooperative for the renewal of the following rates and routes for the 2024-2025 school year (as per attached):

Rockaway Township Routes 1-20/1-20P Daily Rate $500.00
Rockaway Township Routes 3-63/3-23P Daily Rate $500.00
Rockaway Township Routes 12-40-56/12-40-56P Daily Rate $500.00
Rockaway Township Routes 45-53/45-53P Daily Rate $500.00

4. In-District Transportation – SY 2024-2025
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the In-District transportation provided by the Educational Services Commission of Morris County attending RT schools for the following students.

#00411	attending CMS placed on shared route with older sibling
#00391	attending BWD placed on shared route with older sibling
#00501	attending BWD placed on shared route with older sibling
#00561	attending KDM placed on existing route from Picatinny

5. Subscription Busing
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the subscription busing for student N.P. for the 2024-2025 school year. AM and PM Transport fee is $1165.00.

6. Subscription Busing
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the subscription busing for student A.A. for the 2024-2025 school year. One way PM Transport fee is $582.50.

7. Equipment Disposal
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board authorizes the disposal and/or surplus property/obsolete equipment from the IT Department (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.Curelaru to approve the following finance recommendations.

1. Financials
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 September 30, 2024.

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 September 30, 2024.

Authorize September 2024 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:

A.	September	Student Activities	$1,373.00
	October	Student Activities	$2,148.60
B.	September	After School Activities	$457.64
	October	After School Activities	$486.53
C.	September	Cafeteria	$2,830.46
	October	Cafeteria	$70.55
D.	October	State Unemployment	$6,699.88
E.	October	District Bills	$5,007,444.46

3. Payment Application to TNT Construction Group, LLC
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes payment application #3 in the amount of $174,737.92 for the partial Roof Replacement at Birchwood Elementary, Copeland Middle School, and Katherine D. Malone Elementary School (as per attached).

4. Payment Application to TNT Construction Group, LLC
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes payment application #4 in the amount of $135,690.80 for the partial Roof Replacement at Birchwood Elementary, Copeland Middle School, and Katherine D. Malone Elementary School (as per attached).

5. LRFP Update – USA Architects
Be it Resolved that the Board of Education accepts the updated Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) as prepared by USA Architects and presented to the NJDOE.

6. Contract for Challenge Course Inspection - 2024
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the contract for the 2024 Challenge Course Inspection Project Adventure, INC. and Rockaway Township Board of Education for the course inspection. The total cost to the district is $ 2,015.00 (as per attached).

7. Safety Credit
Motion to approve the acceptance of a $5,500 credit for SAIF Safety Incentive Program award (as per attached).

No public comment.
Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion carried.

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

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes.

- A member of the community came up and thanked the Board for all their work for the Referendum Information, also good luck to everyone running for the Board.
- A member of the community came up thanking the Board and District for helping the children learn, also good luck to all the candidates running for a Board seat.
- A member of the community came up and asked if the District could make a candidate's page for the Board instead of utilizing social media.
- RTEA co president came up and spoke about the RTEA events that are going to be happening in the next few months.
- A member of the community came up and asked questions about the Referendum.
- A member of the community came up and was wondering when questions would be answered about the Referendum.
- A member of the community came up and gave suggestions about a better way to reach out to the senior citizens about the Referendum.

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

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

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Old Business
No old business.

New Business
Mrs.Anderson- HIB related to race- could we form a committee to educate students about race.
Mrs. Mesik- MCSBA recap.
Dr. Corbett- NJSBA is next week in AC.
Mrs. Shields- Substance Abuse Club – Bingo Night

The full discussion of old and new business and Board commentary can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-10-16' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-10-16'.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Ms. McGeary, meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan S. Slamb

Megan S. Slamb, MBA, SFO, QPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Wayne S. Shanks