REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 6, 2023

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

Mrs. Mezik called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

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

Public announcement was read regarding the "Open Public Meeting Act."

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" the Rockaway Township Board of Education will meet in closed session to discuss matters involving personnel, Student and Administrative issues, the content of said discussions will be disclosed to the public at such time and extent as is required by law.

No Board Member objected to the conduct of the meeting as advertised.

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mr. Forst to waive pledge until open session.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Smith to go into closed session at 6:03 PM.

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

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Smith that the closed session meeting stands adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:30 PM.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION
Motion by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mr. Forst to open the public session of the meeting.

- Member of the community #1, inquired whether Covid-19 mask mandate will be in effect within the district.
- Member of the community #2, inquired about how the board agenda is being communicated to non-English speaking parents of the community.

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 - 2023-09-06' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting - 2023-09-06.'

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

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

I. COMMUNICATIONS

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

Deborah Linnell CMS Dress Code Concerns

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Shields, seconded by Mrs. Curealru to approve the board retreat minutes of July 29, 2023 and the minutes of August 16, 2023

Roll Call Vote to approve the board retreat minutes of July 29, Mrs. Anderson abstained, all remaining present voting yes, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote to approve the minutes of August 16, 2023, all present voting yes, motion carried.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The New Teacher Orientation and the Convocation were held August 28 & 29, and August 30 & 31, respectively. Both events provided teacher time for professional development and to be reacquainted following the summer months.

Yesterday, I was able to visit each school. During my visits, I saw many smiles coming from the faces of our students and our staff. If I may speak for our district staff, we are happy to see our children are back in school, and the students seem really excited about learning. Thanks to our teachers, who prepared the classrooms, and our custodians who cleaned our buildings, the interior of our schools were clean and ready for the start of a new school year. The asphalt repairs also added to the exterior aesthetics. The heat remained a concern today and we will keep a close eye on Thursday's temperatures. Students remained indoors for lunch and recess yesterday and today.

During my school visits, I stopped in to meet some of our kitchen staff, now employed by Maschio's. So far, I have received only positive reviews regarding food. The new menu options have resulted in many satisfied customers. I am hopeful that the next 179 days is also positive! We will continue to refine the preordering system for our elementary schools.

Transportation is a challenge due to a shortage of drivers. Some routes have been outsourced and we have had to adjust some bus stops. Ultimately, we are able to meet our responsibility to transport all students between home and school. Ms. Slamb will have more to say about transportation in her report.

We are short a vice-principal at CMS. As we begin the process of filling that vacancy, we will compensate by asking qualified teachers to provide discipline support and supervision, primarily for arrival and dismissal.

Last year, the board facilitated one listening session with a focus on HIB. This year, I am asking the board to expand the number of listening sessions so that we can focus on a variety of relevant issues.

Proposed date:	Proposed theme:
Oct. 4	HIB
Dec. 6	Code of Conduct
Feb. 7	Social Media / Cell phone
April 24	Vaping / Substance abuse

These sessions will be advertised as board meetings, and held at in the CMS Library at 6:00 p.m.
I have also scheduled PTA district meetings for our PTA officials on October 25, January, 29 and April 29. These meetings are scheduled for 6 p.m. to be held in central office. In recognition of all the work our local PTAs do for our schools, I am recommending that the board recognize the important work of the PTA at their October 18 board meeting.

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Slamb presented the following report:

The beginning of the school year always brings a great deal of excitement as well as many challenges. I want to take a moment to thank our Buildings and Grounds and custodial staff for all of their hard work preparing our buildings for the return of students and staff. We always strive to create a welcoming environment and I think they did a great job.

Our new food service company, Maschio's, made their debut this week. As with most changes there are some adjustments and growing pains, but the feedback I have received on the food has been extremely positive and we have seen a significant increase in meal purchases. We recognize that the pre-order system needs some refinement, but we should be able to work through those issues quickly.

On tonight's agenda we have put forward a motion to approve USA Architects as the new district Architect of Record. We held a very extensive RFP process and had great participation, receiving submissions from many top tier firms. The Operations Committee held final interviews on August 28th, and felt that USA was the best fit for the district. They come with a very qualified and impressive staff, and many years of experience with NJ school districts. We look forward to that new partnership as we navigate the needs of our facilities.

Finally, Dr. Corbett and I have been addressing several concerns and requests related to Transportation in the weeks leading up to the start of the school year. While we work to accommodate our parents as much as possible, there are certain constraints that cannot be ignored. I am happy to say that at this time we continue to be able to transport all students in the district to and from home as required. However, our reality is that we are in the midst of a historic bus driver shortage that is plaguing not only the state, but the entire country. In 2016 the district employed 45 drivers, we currently have 22 drivers on staff. With 22 drivers we are down 7 from the prior year at which time we were already understaffed. We have an extremely limited list of sub drivers, and most days my Transportation Supervisor, Dispatchers, and Mechanics are filling in the gaps running routes. We have posted multiple times on multiple platforms for new drivers with little to no result. Simultaneously due to the driver shortage, we are seeing historically high costs associated with contracted bus services. During the last budget process, we more than doubled our contract budget for transportation. That budget line is currently in a deficit of $500,000. We have had to consolidate routes, and make stop changes in order to make the system work. We have also had no choice but to cancel several subscription routes that we had the option to provide in previous years. We will continue to work to find creative solutions to these problems, but in the interim we are forced to live within our reality and make the best of a bad situation. I also want to truly thank our transportation department and all of our bus drivers for their dedication and hard work. These conditions are very difficult for them and they have been pushing through and making things work. We are very grateful.

V. CURRICULUM REPORT

The Professional Development Plan presentation by Mr. Gonnella can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting - 2023-09-06' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting - 2023-09-06.'

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Shields – The **Negotiations Committee** is scheduled to meet on September 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Copeland Middle School.

The **Operations Committee** me on August 28, 2023 at 4:00 PM at the Central Office – lower conference room to interview the architectural firms and recommends to award the contract to USA Architects for approval.

The **Operations Committee** is scheduled to meet on October 5, 2023 at 4:30 PM at the Central Office – lower conference room.

Mrs. Smith – The Education Committee met on August 21, 2023 at 10:05 AM until 11:50 AM at the Central Office – lower conference room. In attendance were Dr. Corbett, Mr. Gonnella, Mrs. Mezik, Mrs. Shields and Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Mezik attended virtually. Agenda included the following discussions:

- Professional Development Plan
- New teacher oritentation
- Danielson Framework training
- Panorama education data

The **Education Committee** is scheduled to meet on September 12, 2023 at 4:30 PM at the Central Office – lower conference room.

VII. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Personnel

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mr. Forst to approve the following personnel recommendations.

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

A.	Appointment						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/Before Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.	PT Staff Asst.	Victoria Arace	$20.62 p/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	*9/11/23	6/30/24	17.5 hrs. p/wk. per the student IEP Pending: Physical/Mantoux and Fingerprint approval
2.	Floater Substitute	Donna Arrowood	$185.00 p/day	CAD	9/7/23	6/30/24	Pending: Physical/Mantoux
3.	School Nurse	Barbara Beere	**Prorated** $73,160.00 BA+15 (Step 13)	CMS	*10/17/23	6/30/24	Reassignment from a leave replacement School Nurse
4.	ESL Teacher	Maria Borisuk	$70,250.00 MA (Step 6)	CAD	8/30/23	6/30/24	Reassign from DBO/CAD to CAD
5.	PT Clerk Typist (10 mo.)	Celina Carpentiere	**Prorated** $20,000.00 (Grade II)	CAD	9/7/23	6/30/24	22 hrs. p/wk. Pending: Physical/Mantoux (Replacing: J. Frendo)
6.	Reading Specialist	Raffaella DeMartinis	**Prorated** $75,310.00 MA+30 (Step 9)	CMS	*9/11/23	6/30/24	Pending: Physical/Mantoux and Fingerprint approval (Replacing: A. Nichols)
7.	Bus Driver/Mechanic Helper	Vincent Ferraiuolo	**Prorated** $52,000.00	TRANS.	9/1/23	6/30/24	
8.	ESL Coordinator	Nicole Gillan	$5,000.00	DIST.	23-24 SY		Stipend
9.	ESL Teacher	Odemaris Guzman-Herskovitz	$71,520.00 MA (Step 7)	CMS	8/30/23	6/30/24	Reassign from CAD to CMS (Replacing: H. Ebrahim)
10.		Employee #6839	Base Salary: $41,480.00 + Boiler Lic. $1,250.00 + Night Diff. $800.00 Total Salary: $43,530.00		9/1/23	6/30/24	Reassignment from a Night Custodian at Location 15 to a Night Custodian at Location 25 (Replacing: Employee #6391)
11.	Special Education Multiple	Jessica Imhof	**Prorated** $74,060.00	KDM	*11/13/23	6/30/24	Pending: Physical/Mantoux

	Disabilities Teacher		MA (Step 9)				and Fingerprint approval (Replacing: R. Champagne)
12.	Floater Substitute	Catherine Hadjiloucas	$185.00 p/day	CAD	9/7/23	6/30/24	Pending: Physical
13.	PT Clerk Typist (10 mo.)	Christina Markowitch	**Prorated** $20,000.00 (Grade II)	KDM	*9/11/23	6/30/24	22 hrs. p/wk. (Replacing: M. Gioioso)
14.	PT Staff Asst.	Loretta Mikolay	$20.62 p/hr. (Step 1)	DBO	*9/18/23	6/30/24	17.5 hrs. p/wk. in the LLD Class Pending: Fingerprint approval and other relevant personnel paperwork (New Position)
15.	School Counselor	Kelsey O'Connell	**Prorated** $67,320.00 MA+15 (Step 3)	CMS	*11/13/23	6/30/24	Pending: Fingerprint Approval and other relevant personnel paperwork (Replacing: S. Hicks)
16.	PT Staff Asst.	Geraldine Pallante	$20.62 p/hr. (Step 1)	BW	*9/18/23	6/30/24	26 hrs. 4 days p/wk. in the Pre-K Disabilities Class Pending: Physical/Mantoux and Fingerprint approval
17.	PT Staff Asst.	Lindsay Petric	$20.62 p/hr. (Step 1)	SB	*9/11/23	6/30/24	26. hrs. 4 days p/wk. 1:1 per the student IEP Pending: Fingerprint approval (Replacing: L. Corsini)
18.	Interim Principal	Brian Rawlins	**Prorated** $125,000.00	KDM	8/30/23	6/30/24	(Replacing: S. Wisniewski)
19.		Employee # 6059	**Prorated** Base Salary: $44,215.00 + Boiler Lic. $1,250.00 + Asbestos $1,000.00 Total Prorated Salary: $46,465.00		9/1/23	6/30/24	Reassignment from Location #25 to a Custodian at Location #15 (Replacing: Employee #6839)
20.	PT Staff Asst.	Patricia Slavinski	$21.82 p/hr. (Step 4)	KDM	9/5/23	6/30/24	Increase in hours from 17.5 p/wk. to 22.5 p/wk.
21.	PT Staff Asst.	Kathleen Sellitto	$20.62 p/hr. (Step 1)	CAD	*9/18/23	6/30/24	17.5 hrs. p/wk. in the Resource Class Pending: Fingerprint approval and other relevant personnel paperwork (New Position)

22.	Kindergarten Teacher	Cynthia Trisuzzi	**Prorated** $60,630.00 BA (Step 1)	KDM	8/30/23	12/22/23	Leave Replacement (Replacing: K. Blue)
23.		Employee #6391	**Prorated** Base Salary: $43,465.00 + Head Custodian $2,500.00 + Boiler Lic. $1,250.00 Total Prorated Salary: $47,215.00		9/1/23	6/30/24	Reassignment Location #25 to an Interim Position at Location #25 (Replacing: Employee #6059)
24.	PT Staff Asst.	Barbara Villatoro	$20.62 p/hr. (Step 1)	BW	*9/11/23	6/30/24	26 hrs. 4 days p/wk. in the Pre-K Class Pending: Physical/Mantoux
25.	Music Teacher	Theresa Weniger	**Prorated** $68,945.00 MA+30 (Step 4)	CMS	*9/11/23	6/30/24	Leave Replacement Pending: Physical/Mantoux and Fingerprint approval (Replacing: C. Goryeb)
26.	Floater Substitute	Leslie Wexler	$185.00 p/day	CMS	9/7/23	6/30/24	
27.	PT Staff Asst.	Lisa Wright	$20.62 p/hr. (Step 1)	CAD	*9/11/23	6/30/24	17.5 hrs. p/wk.1:1 per the student IEP Pending: Physical/Mantoux and Fingerprint approval
28.	Bus Monitors/ Staff Asst.	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate of pay	TRANS.	23-24 SY		Increase in hours
29.	Detention Monitors	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate of pay	CMS	23-24 SY		After School
30.	Handle with Care Staff	Per the attached list	$46.00 p/hr.	DIST.	8/31/23		Not to exceed 3 hrs. ea.
31.	Staff Assistants	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate of pay	CAD	23-24 SY		Hourly Adjustment
32.	Teachers	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	CMS	23-24 SY		Morning supervision
33.	Teachers in Charge	Per the attached list	$100.00 p/day	DIST.	23-24 SY		Per Sidebar

B.	Leave of Absence						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/About Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.	Custodian	Carlos Hoyos		MAINT./CMS	8/28/23	9/22/23	Extended Without Pay Return: 9/25/23

2.	Maintenance Worker	Samuel Kong		MAINT.	9/11/23	10/9/23	Extended With Pay under FMLA Return: 10/10/23
3.	School Psychologist	Courtney Stroever		CMS	11/13/23 11/27/23	11/22/23 2/23/24	With Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA Return: 2/26/24

C.	Resign/Retire						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff. (*on/ before)**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	PT Staff Asst.	Safiya Abdulrehman		KDM	9/12/23		Resign
2.	Bus Driver	Joseph DeCagna Jr.		TRANS.	8/31/23		Resign
3.	Bus Driver	Erin Doorly		TRANS.	8/29/23		Rescinded
4.	ESL Teacher	Hanan Ebrahim		CMS	10/2/23		Resign
5.	Maintenance Worker	Vincent Ferraiuolo		MAINT.	8/31/23		Resign
6.	Bus Driver	Timothy Murphy		TRANS	8/28/23		Resign
7.	Vice Principal	Brian Rawlins		CMS	8/29/23		Resign
8.	Special Education Teacher	Jennifer Ruchalski		CMS	10/20/23		Resign
9.	Leave Replacement Kindergarten Teacher	Hayley Shea		KDM	8/29/23		Revised resignation date from on/about 9/29/23
10.	FT Staff Asst.	Cynthia Trisuzzi		KDM	8/29/23		Resign
11.	Principal	Stacey Wisniewski		KDM	8/31/23		Resign
12.	PT Staff Asst.	Melanie Zalewski		KDM	8/31/23		Resign
13.	PT Staff Asst.	Jacqueline Zimmerman		DBO	8/31/23		Resign

D.	Substitute Teacher					
	Position	**Name**	**Level**	**Date Effective**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute	Donna Arrowood	State	9/7/23		Kean University, NJ (BA) (Pending: Physical/Mantoux)
2.	Substitute	Christina Bielski	State	9/7/23		Montclair University, NJ (BA)
3.	Substitute	Catherine Hadjiloucas	State	9/7/23		Bernard M Baruch College, NY (BA) Pending: Physical
4.	Substitute	Julia Hecht	County	9/7/23		William Patterson University, NJ (BA)
5.	Substitute	Susan Hollander	County	9/7/23		William Patterson University, NJ (BA)
6.	Substitute	Dennis Koch	County	9/7/23		Essex County College, NJ (Assoc.)
7.	Substitute	Anindita Mukherjee	County	9/7/23		Presidency College, India (MA)
8.	Substitute	Kathleen Ries	County	9/7/23		Seton Hall University, NJ (BA)
9.	Substitute	Iara Vellaro	County	9/7/23		Montclair University, NJ (BA)

						Pending: Fingerprint approval
10.	Substitute	Mary Anne Weber	State	9/7/23		William Patterson University, NJ (BA)

E.	Bus Drivers – approve the following Contracted Bus Drivers/Salaries for the 2023-2024 school year						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Bus Drivers	Per the attached list		TRANS.	23-24 SY		

F.	Salary Adjustment – Certificated Staff						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Certificated Staff	Per the attached list			8/30/23	6/30/24	Horizontal Movement Increased Credits

G.	Substitutes – Approve the following staff as County and State Certified Substitute Teachers, Substitute Nurses, and Floater Substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute Teachers	Per the attached list		DIST.	23-24 SY		Per the attached list

H.	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following amendment to the previously approved motion under Personnel (Motion A-18, 8-16-23 agenda) Teacher Leaders - approve the following staff as Teacher Leader, for the period of August 30, 2023 – December 22, 2023 per the contractual stipend rate of pay.						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Teacher Leader	Jennifer Kerstner		CMS	8/30/23	12/22/23	To replace S. O'Brien who is on leave.

I.	Positions – Approve the following Positions			
	Name	**Date Effective**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	FT School Nurse at Copeland Middle School	9/5/23		
2.	FT School Counselor at Copeland Middle School	9/5/23		Reassign from SAC

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

B. Education

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

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following Student Teacher(s) to complete their Clinical I and/or Clinical II fieldwork, during the 2023-2024 school year, commencing on or about September 1, 2023.

Student Teacher	College University	Cooperating Teacher/School
Kaitlyn Sklow	Montclair State University	Tara Rinko/CAD

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following Student Teacher(s) to complete her MSW fieldwork during the 2023-2024 school year, commencing on or about September 1, 2023-June 30, 2024.

Student Teacher	College University	Cooperating Teacher/School
Nicole Matos	Rutgers University	Cynthia Harvey/CMS

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board agrees to rescind the following student placements for the 2023-2024 school year.

Student Teacher	College University	Cooperating Teacher/School
Rachel Barton	Montclair State University	Tara Rinko/CAD
Samantha Ash	Centenary University	Kelly Bodnar/KDM

Professional Development Plan (PDP) SY 2023-2024

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Professional Development Plan (PDP) for the 2023-2024 school year *(as per attached)*.

NJ Leader to Leader (NJL2L) Mentoring Program Residency

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Dustin Bayer for the NJ Leader to Leader (NJL2L) Mentoring Program Residency per the Standard School Principal Certificate requirement. The cost to the District will be $1000.00 for year two.

NJPSA Residency Program

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Ruthann Champagne for the NJPSA Residency Program per the Standard School Principal Certificate requirement. Total costs of $850.00 for the registration. The cost to the District will be $1500.00 for year one and $1000.00 for year two.

2021-2022 ARP Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Application

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the submission of the 2021-2022 ARP Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) application and acceptance of the funds as follows *(as per attached):*

ARP Basic	$102,787
ARP Preschool	$8,764

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 Mrs. Shields, to approve the following special education recommendations.

Revised Out of District Placements SY 2023-2024 – Extraordinary Aide

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the revised extraordinary services for the following out of district placement student for the 2023-2024 school year *(as per attached)*:

Student#	School	Location	Tuition Rate
#1013	Shepard School	Kinnelon	Tuition $67,133.34 or $315.18 per diem + **Extraordinary Aide $36,638.13 or $172.01 per diem (from the 06/28/2023 agenda)**

Out of District Placements SY 2023-2024 – Extraordinary Aide/Itinerant Services

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the extraordinary and/or itinerant services for the following out of district placement student for the 2023-2024 school year *(as per attached)*:

Student#	School	Location	Tuition Rate
#112	P.G. Chambers School	Cedar Knolls	Extraordinary Aide $45,570.00 or $217.00 per diem
#1819	Mountain Lakes	Mountain Lakes	Itinerant Services $720.00 for four (4) 50-minute sessions per year or $180.00 per session

Out of District Transportation – SY 2023-2024

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Out of District transportation for the 2023-2024 school year, for the following student as per their IEP.

#141 attending Roots Autism Center

School Clearance Assessment and Substance Evaluation Treatment Contract

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Tri-County Behavioral Care for school clearance assessment and substance evaluation treatment services. The agreement is effective between July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 *(as per attached).*

No Public comment.

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

E. Administration

Motion made by Mr. Forst, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the following administration recommendations.

Appointment of Auxiliary Personnel – Architect of Record

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board appoints USA Architects, Planners and Interior Designers, Ltd. as the district's Architect of Record.

Joint Transportation Agreement – Routes and Rates

2. 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 following routes and rates for the 2023-2024 school year *(as per attached):*

Rockaway Township	Routes	4-43/4p-43p	Yearly Rate $99,399
Rockaway Township	Routes	5-61/ 5p-61p	Yearly Rate $99,399
Rockaway Township	Routes	13-23/13p-63p	Yearly Rate $99,399

Pollution/Mold Liability Renewal Agreement

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the Pollution/Mold Liability Renewal Agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. *(as per attached).*

Site Pollution Incident Legal Liability Select (SPILLS) Renewal Agreement

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the Site Pollution Incident Legal Liability Select (SPILLS) Renewal Agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. *(as per attached).*

Terrorism Insurance Coverage Renewal Agreement

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the Terrorism Insurance Coverage Renewal Agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. *(as per attached).*

Vehicle Rental/Lease Agreement

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the Vehicle Rental/Lease Agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and the Denville Township Schools at a rate of $100.00 per day *(as per attached).*

Anticipated Facility Use – Dual Use

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the submission of applications for the Anticipated Facility Use – Dual Use rooms to the Executive County Superintendent for the 2023-2024 school year for the following classrooms *(as per attached):*

School	Room#	Description	Student: Teacher Ratio
Birchwood E.S.	RM121	Group One: AM/PM Preschool	6 students: 1 teacher
		Group Two: Gen. Ed/Inclusion	6 students: 1 teacher
	RM153	Group One: Library	10 students: 1 teacher
		Group Two: Use of small space for inclusion teacher	2-3 students: 1 teacher
	RM166	Group One: Academic Intervention & PT Inclusion Teacher	5 students:1 teacher
		Group Two: Academic Intervention & PT Inclusion Teacher	4 students:1 teacher
		Group Three: Academic Intervention & PT Inclusion Teacher	4 students:1 teacher

Catherine A. Dwyer E.S.	RM202	Group One: Academic Intervention (K-5)	5 students:1 teacher
		Group Two: Resource Room	5 students:1 teacher
	RM206	Group One: Academic Intervention Shared Teaching Space	5 students:1 teacher
		Group Two: Academic Intervention Shared Teaching Space	5 students:1 teacher
	RM220	Group One: OT/PT/Speech	6 students: 1 teacher
		Group Two: OT/PT/Speech	6 students: 1 teacher
	RM225	Group One: 3rd Grade Resource Room	6 students: 1 teacher
		Group Two: 4th Grade Resource Room	6 students: 1 teacher
	RM226	Group One: English Language Learner – Shared Teaching Space	5 students:1 teacher
		Group Two: English Language Learner – Shared Teaching Space	5 students:1 teacher
Katharine D. Malone E.S.	RM27	Group One: 4th Grade Academic Intervention	< 7 students:1 teacher
		Group Two: 5th Grade Academic Intervention	< 7 students:1 teacher
	RM37	Group One: Academic Intervention	9 students: 1 teacher
		Group Two: Math and ELA **the two groups will not be using the room at the same time*	9 students: 1 teacher
	Library	Group One: Library	10 students: 1 teacher
		Group Two: Academic Intervention	5 students:1 teacher

Anticipated Facility Use – Change of Use

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the submission of applications for the Anticipated Facility Use – Change of Use rooms to the Executive County Superintendent for the 2023-2024 school year for the following classrooms *(as per attached):*

School	Room#	Description	Student: Teacher Ratio
Birchwood E.S.	RM121	Original Use: Full Day Preschool Handicapped	6 students: 1 teacher
		Proposed Use: Dual-Use Purpose – AM/PM Preschool Handicapped and Gen. Ed/Inclusion	12 students: 2 teachers
Catherine A. Dwyer E.S.	RM220	Original Use: Academic Intervention	6 students: 1 teacher
		Proposed Use: 2-3 groups of OT/PT/Speech	12 students: 2-3 teachers
Dennis B. O'Brien E.S.	RM10	Original Use: Previously Dual Use 4th and 5th Pull-Out Resource Room	8-10 students: 2 teachers
		Proposed Use: 4th and 5th Pull-Out Resource Room	8-10 students:1 teacher: 1 staff assistant
	RM11	Original Use: Academic Intervention	5 students:1 teacher
		Proposed Use: LLD Classroom	4-5 students:1 teacher: 1 aide
	RM35	Original Use: Small Office Space	1 teacher
		Proposed Use: Small Group Instruction K-5	1-2 students: 1 teacher
	RM37	Original Use: Previously Dual Use K/1 Pull Out Resource Room and K/1 LLD	6 students: 2 teacher
		Proposed Use: 1st Grade Pull Out Resource Room	6-7 students: 1 teacher: 2 staff assistants
Katharine D. Malone E.S.	RM27	Original Use: Multiple Disabilities	< 7 students:1 teacher
		Proposed Use: Dual Use Resource Room	< 14 students: 2 teachers
	Library	Original Use: Library – Partial Sensory Room	< 5 students: 1 teacher
		Proposed Use: Academic Intervention	< 5 students: 1 teacher

Anticipated Facility Use – Toilet Waiver

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the submission of applications for Anticipated Facility Use – Toilet Waivers to the Executive County Superintendent for the 2023-2024 school year for the following classrooms *(as per attached):*

School	Room#
Birchwood E.S.	RM117, RM119, and RM121
Catherine A. Dwyer E.S.	RM212
Katharine D. Malone E.S.	RM43

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.

Financials

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the Report of the Secretary and Report of Appropriations, and Report of the Treasurer, for the period ending in July 31, 2023.

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this Budget does not include any unapproved appropriations or monies.

   BE IT RESOLVED that the Rockaway Township Board of Education acknowledges that Megan Slamb, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certifies the following statement:

   Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)(3) and (4), I, Megan Slamb, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certify that no budgetary line items accounts are over appropriated nor over expended for the period ending July 31, 2023.

   Authorize July 2023 account transfers as submitted *(as per attached).*

No Public comment.

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

G. Policy

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

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following regulations for adoption:

R 5308	Student Health Records
R 5310	Health Services
R 6115.01	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Allowability of Costs

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

P 0144	Board Member Orientation and Training
P 2419	School Threat Assessment Teams
P 2520	Instructional Supplies (M)
P 3217	Use of Corporal Punishment
P 4217	Use of Corporal Punishment
P 5305	Health Services Personnel
P 5308	Student Health Records (M)
P 5310	Health Services (M)
P 6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (M)
P 6115.04	Federal Funds – Duplication of Benefits
P 6311	Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants
P 7440	School District Security
P 8330	Student Records (M)
P 9100	Public Relations
P 9140	Citizens Advisory Committees (M)
P 9320	Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies

No Public comment.

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

Motion by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mr. Forst to open the public session of the meeting.

- Member of the community #1, recommended that the Board guide the Public throughout the board agenda by mentioning page number and section.

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

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

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Old Business

Mrs. Smith – Shared her excitement about staff resource and parent site presented by Mr. Gonnella. Also thanked Mr. Elder for the updates being made to the district website.

New Business

Mrs. Shields – Requested that Boardmail be sent in its entirety and all respective parties in the email chain in a timely manner.

Mrs. Mezik – Reminded that the Morris County School Board Association will be having their meeting on October 5, 2023 on Trauma Informed Education. In addition, the New Jersey School Board Association will be conducting a workshop from October 23 through October 26, 2023, board members are recommended to attend and confirm registration with Mrs. Slamb.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Megan S. Slamb

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