REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 14, 2023

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

Mrs. Mezik called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

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

Dr. Tomasini was absent.

Also present were Dr. Corbett, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Higgins, Assistant Superintendent, 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 Mrs Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Smith to waive pledge until open session.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Lukany, seconded by Mr. Forst to go into closed session at 6:06 PM.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Lukany, seconded by Mr. Forst that the closed session meeting stands adjourned at 7:38 PM.

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

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:38 PM.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Corbett invited Mrs. Brandler and students to sing the National Anthem.

PRESENTATION – HONORING RETIREES

Dr. Corbett invited Mrs. Mezik, Board President and Mrs. Smith, Vice President to award retirees with a gift of appreciation for their years of service and dedication to the students of Rockaway Township School District. The full ceremony can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting - 2023-06-14' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting - 2023-06-14.'

10-minute recess, reconvene at 8PM.

PRESENTATION – DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY

Dr. Corbett invited Dr. Richard S. Grip from Statistical Forecasting, LLC to present the demographic study. The full presentation can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting - 2023-06-14' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting - 2023-06-14.'

No Public Comment.

I. COMMUNICATIONS

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

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APPROVE MINUTES

Mrs. Smith noted the following amendment ***'The Special Education Committee met on May 10, 2023.'***

Motion by Mr. Forst, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the minutes of May 17, 2023.

Roll Call Vote to approve the minutes of May 17, 2023 with the amendment, all present voting yes, motion carried.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

On May 23, an interview committee consisting of the Superintendent, Board President, Principal of Stony Brook and the Director of Human Resources convened to interview four candidates for the position of Director of Student Services. The committee identified Dr. Alain Mollinedo as the most qualified candidate. I am recommending Dr. Mollinedo to the full board this evening. He is here with us and I invite our community to meet and welcome him. I congratulate Dr. Mollinedo and look forward to working with him to ensure that Rockaway students receive all the services to which they are entitled.

The administrative building requires interior upgrades which will include spackling, painting and replacement of some sections of the ceiling tiles. To accomplish this, Franklin and his team will require about 10 days of unfettered access from July 10 to July 21. Some central office staff will be working from home as the maintenance crew works on the building. To ensure professionalism during this period, work from home protocols will be established.

Over the past several weeks, the administrative team consisting of me, Anita West, Alfonso Gonnella, Abe Elder and Megan Slamb have met on four occasions to process the results of the strategic planning sessions. At our final meeting, June 1, we identified the major themes that emerged from the strategic planning sessions under the categories of "Academics," "Culture," and "Infrastructure." This final document is on the agenda for approval this evening. After approval, it will be posted on the website and disseminated to the community.

The grade 8 trip to the Hudson River on June 7, was delayed due to a transportation fiasco. Two of the six buses provided for transportation were not appropriate for students. These two inappropriate buses were replaced with two of our own school buses. Besides the delay, no other problems occurred and students enjoyed the day.

----------Good News from Our Schools----------

Birchwood's school year has been filled with a wide range of fantastic programs and activities. Field Day was a tremendous success, and students from pre-K through grade 5 had a blast participating in various outdoor activities. They enjoyed delicious treats, grooved to music played by a DJ, and experienced the thrill of a dunk tank. In addition to Field Day, we had other numerous enjoyable activities throughout the school year, including spirited theme days, visits to the Bronx Zoo and local farms, as well as an enthralling field trip to Brook Hollow and the Morris Museum, just to name a few.

Our fifth-grade students had a memorable time during their end-of-year celebrations. They embarked on a thrilling LEAD Day, and had a fun-filled activity day celebration, which was complemented by an ingenious escape room experience built right inside their classroom. Following the escape room challenge, they headed outdoors for fun hands-on field events. Meanwhile, all grade levels enjoyed their individual field trips, and every classroom celebrated the end of the year with their own unique festivities. Students enjoyed their field trips, and each classroom celebrated the end of the year with special festivities. This year our students have benefited both in academic progress and their social and emotional growth.

Birchwood is extremely grateful to their amazing PTA, parents, and the fifth-grade parent committee who organized many enjoyable activities which students will treasure for years to come.

As this year ends, the DBO community recognizes what has been accomplished and they look forward to continuing this success into the next school year. All the years' activities including the spring concert, art show, pet therapy visits, talent show, baby chicks, 5th grade activities and, field trips supported academic achievement. Our students demonstrated resilience during state standardized testing and the spring benchmark assessments. Once again, the DBO PTA outdid themselves with the first real full scale field day since Covid. Seeing students playing, running, smiling and laughing while enjoying the inflatables, dunk tank and all the other wonderful stations was encouraging and fulfilling. The DBO talent show included Marty McFly and a "Back to the Future" theme. While we thank the current PTA leadership, we also welcome the new PTA board and look forward to a successful school year to come.

Dwyer has been busy with NJSLA testing this month, facilitated by testing coordinator, Mrs. Tara Rinko, who did an exceptional job keeping our building on track and ensuring the best testing conditions were maintained for our students. Teachers noted, with pride, how the third through fifth grades worked extremely hard during the assessment. This month, our PTA has done an outstanding job advocating for their students and providing some wonderful activities. For example, on May 19th, the PTA held an outdoor movie night in which families gathered together on blankets to enjoy the movie "Puss and Boots." The evening included a raffle for four Yankee Baseball tickets. As their elementary school experience concludes, our fifth graders are filled with anticipation as they looked forward to their final days which will included LEAD day at Peterson Field, yearbook celebrations, a visit to the Bronx Zoo and finally an exciting traditional "clap-out" on the last day of school. This year, the Dwyer family has included a new tradition; "Move-Up Day" will give our students the experience to move up to the next grade for a morning where they will meet their teachers and be exposed to the next grade level expectations before arriving in September. The Dwyer Family has also been actively working towards being only the second school in the State of New Jersey to receive accreditation as a Tree Campus. This has been a wonderful educational journey for both students and parents. This year has been an exciting experience that brings pride for all that has been accomplished. In the words of Richard Bach, "The bond that links a true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life! Dwyer, is proud of the individual and group accomplishments of our family. Thank you to the entire Dwyer Family!

KDM has been busy with NJSLA testing and our end-of-the-year assessments. Teachers alongside our intervention team will be analyzing our data to prepare for next year. On May 5, students in grades 3-5 attended a wellness fair which included rotating through five different stations. Prevention is Key set up a stress management station and offered prizes for students. Rutgers Behavioral Health also hosted a station that included art, and other relaxing activities as well as coping techniques. Elite Martial arts provided guided mindfulness activity, and students from Morris Knolls hosted a positive self-affirmation station. It was a great success and the student response was very positive. End of the year activities include field day, LEAD day, and end-of-the-year parties. The PTA has been amazing. We are particularly grateful for their service during teacher appreciation week which provided staff with daily treats. The highlight of the year has been growing together as a community. Thank you to the entire KDM community.

The Stony Brook students and staff have worked hard to make this an exceptional year. Academically, data shows significant growth in both ELA and Math. NJSLA testing was held in May, and we are proud of our students in grades 3-5 for doing their absolute best. Special thanks to our test coordinators and our tech team for ensuring a smooth implementation. Students across all grade levels have been enjoying many outstanding field trips including the Turtle Back Zoo, Sterling Mine Museum, Donaldson Farms, and the Brook Hollow Barnyard. In addition, we held some very successful events such field day, kindergarten and second grade plays, and our annual spring concert and art show. We also held our inaugural Trep$ Marketplace for our young 4th and 5th grade entrepreneurs. Our students' creativity and ambition were on full display, and we plan on continuing this new tradition in the years to come. We have done much to help celebrate the culmination of our 5th graders' experience at SB with events such as the bagel breakfast, ice cream social, and LEAD Day. We are so proud of our 5th grade students and we are confident that they will continue to strive for excellence at Copeland and beyond. As always, we would like to send a heartfelt thanks to our wonderful PTA and all of our parent volunteers who tirelessly support all that we do. The entire Stony Brook staff wishes everyone a wonderful and relaxing summer vacation.

SEPAC recently hosted a successful community resource fair. We appreciate all the volunteers who helped to organize the fair and set up vendors, along with the Copeland custodians for their work setting and cleaning up. It was wonderful to see many families come to learn about various resources available in our area. SEPAC will not have a June meeting. A survey was sent to the community asking for input regarding the types of presentations that would be most beneficial for the upcoming year. The survey will be sent again tomorrow, June 15. It doesn't take more than a minute or two to

complete and your input is greatly appreciated. Ms. Lewis would like to thank the Rockaway Township teachers, staff and community for all the support over the years. It has been a pleasure serving the district!

On June 7, Copeland teachers engaged in grade level articulation meetings which included analyzing data from the Panorama education platform, I-Ready and marking period results. This will enable teachers to begin next year more efficiently. Copeland Middle School is in full swing with end of year activities. Students from all three grade levels enjoyed time with their teachers and each other during their field day at Pederson Field. Our 8th graders danced the afternoon away on the 8th grade cruise. Currently, the 8th grade is looking forward to their social, and most of all, graduation which will take place on June 21.

III. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Slamb presented the following report:

For any 2nd or 5th-grade parents trying to submit residency verification documents for their students, please submit those documents directly at your child's school. We apologize for the technical difficulties we experienced with uploading documents in Genesis. If you need any additional assistance, please contact the business office.

The business office has also had several inquiries regarding 8th-grade lunch balances. The district's Food Service Company will be providing our Business Office with a report of balances following the last day of school, June 21, 2023. All 8th graders with a balance of $5.00 or more will be issued a refund check. These checks will be mailed out sometime at the end of June or early July. We appreciate your patience during this process.

I am pleased to report that after several months of trying to process our SAM.Gov renewal, I have succeeded. The Federal Government now recognizes the district and we are back to normal operations regarding grant applications, reimbursement requests, and the renewal processes. I have been in contact with the County Office during this long process and they were very supportive in this matter.

The Business Office opened the 2023-24 Budget module at the end of May and we are already preparing orders for the coming school year. We are simultaneously working on the financial closeout and final expenditures for 2022-23. I would like to voice my sincere appreciation to my business office staff for handling this transition seamlessly and allowing our schools to begin their orders much sooner than in previous years.

IV. CURRICULUM REPORT

Good evening members of the Board, and hello Rockaway Township.

Academics:

Upcoming Events:

- Some quick Spring Assessment Window Updates:
  - The window closes this Friday, June 16th.
  - Reading District-wide:
    - Increase of 25% to on-grade-level results (from 43% to 68%)
    - Median Growth Percentile of 118% across the district
  - Math District-wide:
    - Increase of 34% to on-grade-level results (from 24% to 58%
    - Median Growth Percentile of 107% across the district
- i-Ready will be available for all students in K-7 this summer for continued practice in myPath.
- Important Upcoming dates:
  - Report Card Release Date: June 21st
  - NJSLA Score Reports: Early August

Community:

Portrait of a Student Presentations were held at the elementary schools throughout the last three weeks. The theme was "Avoiding Summer Slide" and the presentation featured tips and tricks for parents and guardians to help their children retain

much of the hard work they have done this past year so they enter the next school year ready for its challenges. Presentations were shared within the school communities via email. Please reach out to us if you did not receive it.

Professional Development

The June 7th, Professional Day (half-day) featured:

- Vertical articulation among grade levels at the elementary schools
- Caseload Management and assessment analysis in CST
- Building Thinking Classroom Professional development in the CMS Math Department
- RtI Team articulation across the district
- Risk-Assessment Protocol articulation
- Preschool workshop with NJIETA
- ELL Training at CAD with Dr. Naiditch from MSU
- Subject area articulation at CMS

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Shields – The **Negotiations Committee** plans to meet on June 19, 2023 at 7:30PM.

Mrs. Shields – The Operations Committee met on June 12, 2023 at the Central Office – Lower Conference Room. In attendance were Mrs. Shields, Mr. Forst, Mrs. Lukany, Dr. Corbett, and Mrs. Slamb. Items that were discussed included the discussion of the food service company, Maschio's transition into the district, the Transportation Staff Manual, summer projects – partial roof replacement and façade repairs.

Mrs. Smith – The Education Committee met on May 24, 2023 from 4:15 PM – 6:04 PM at the Central Office – Lower Conference Room. In attendance were Dr. Corbett, Mr. Higgins, Mrs. Mezik, Mrs. Smith, and guests Mr. Gonnella and Ms. Meo, Mrs. Lewis and guest presenters. The second meeting was held on June 7, 2023 from 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM at the Central Office – Lower Conference Room. In attendance were Dr. Corbett, Mr. Higgins, Mrs. Mezik, Mrs. Smith and guest presenters. Items that were discussed included summer hours for the curriculum office, mental health provider contract, graduate research project, social studies curriculum. Noted that the presentation was in regards to the Superkids Pilot program. Next scheduled meeting is set for July 12, 2023 at 4:15 PM at the Central Office – Lower Conference Room.

VI. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Personnel

Motion made by Mrs. Lukany, seconded by Mrs. Shields to approve the following personnel recommendations.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends actions on the following personnel:

A.	Appointment						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/About Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.	Head Mechanic	Kenneth Burmeister	$75,000.00	TRANS.	7/1/23	6/30/24	Reassignment from a FT Mechanic
2.	Mechanic	Kenneth Burmeister	$500.00	TRANS.	6/16/23	6/30/23	Stipend
3.	FT Custodian	Nelson Cortes	Base Salary: $41,880.00 + $1,250.00 Boiler Lic. + $800.00 Night Diff. = Total Salary: $43,930.00 (Step 3)	KDM	7/1/23	6/30/24	Salary Adjustment for Boiler License

4.	Language Arts Teacher	Nicole Criscione	$75,330.00 MA (Step 11)	CMS	8/30/23	6/30/24	Pending: Physical/Matoux (Replacing: J. Moffitt)
5.	Temporary Summer Maintenance Worker	Finn Daggy	$17.00 p/hr.	MAINT.	7/1/23	8/31/23	Returning
6.	Temporary Summer Maintenance Worker	Joseph Della Fera	$17.00 p/hr.	MAINT.	7/1/23	8/31/23	
7.	Grade 2 Teacher	Kelly Der Kinderen	$66,695.00 MA (Step 3)	CAD	8/30/23	6/30/24	Reassignment (Replacing: K. Nangle)
8.	Attendance Officer	Gabriele Dipietro	$2,000.00	DIST.	7/1/23	6/30/24	Stipend Pending: Physical/Mantoux and Fingerprint approval (Replacing: M. Scherr)
9.	Temporary Summer Technology Worker	Charles Filippo, Jr.	$17.00 p/hr.	CO	7/1/23	8/31/23	• Not to exceed 275 hrs.
10.	Math Teacher	Alicia Fullerton	$74,060.00 MA (Step 9)	CMS	8/30/23	6/30/24	Pending: Physical/Mantoux and other personnel paperwork (Replacing: Employee # 6818)
11.	Temporary Summer Maintenance Worker	Stephany Garcia	$17.00 p/hr.	MAINT.	7/1/23	8/31/23	Pending: Physical/Mantoux
12.	Temporary Summer Technology Worker	Jenna Gonzalez	$17.00 p/hr.	CO	7/1/23	8/29/23	Returning • Not to exceed 275 hrs.
13.	PT Staff Asst.	Susan Hollander	$20.62 p/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	9/1/23	6/30/24	17.5 hrs. p/wk. 1:1 per the student IEP
14.	Temporary Summer Maintenance Worker	Stephen Lopez	$17.00 p/hr.	MAINT.	7/1/23	8/31/23	Pending: Physical/Mantoux and Fingerprint approval
15.	504 Coordinator	Jennifer Macones	$2,000.00	DIST.	7/1/23	6/30/24	Stipend
16.	Grade 1 Teacher	Madisen Margroff	$60,630.00 BA (Step 1)	CAD	8/30/23	6/30/24	New position
17.	Director of Student Services	Alain Mollinedo	$150,000.00	CO	7/1/23	6/30/24	Pending: Physical/Mantoux and other relevant personnel paperwork (Replacing: M. Lewis)

18.	Grade 4 Math Teacher	Jenna Morgan	$72,790.00 MA (Step 8)	CAD	8/30/23	6/30/24	New Position
19.	Temporary Summer Technology Worker	Fiona Morrissey	$17.00 p/hr.	CO	7/1/23	8/31/23	Returning • Not to exceed 275 hrs.
20.	Academic Intervention Teacher	Michelle Nieves	$81,520.00 MA (Step 18)	BW/KDM	8/30/23	6/30/24	Reassignment from a Grade 4 Teacher at CAD
21.	Language Arts Teacher	Emily Redmond	$60,630.00 BA (Step 1)	CMS	8/30/23	6/30/24	(Replacing: K. Barrows)
22.	Behaviorist	Kimberly Wannemacher	$74,685.00 MA+15 (Step 9)	CMS	8/30/23	6/30/24	New position Pending: Physical/Mantoux, Fingerprint approval, and other relevant personnel paperwork
23.	Academic Intervention Teacher	Kerri Watson	$64,695.00 MA (Step 1)	CAD	8/30/23	6/30/24	Reassignment Pending: Physical/Mantoux and Fingerprint approval (Replacing: N. Gillan)
24.	Anti-Bullying Specialist	Anita West	$5,000.00	DIST.	7/1/23	6/30/24	Stipend
25.	PT Staff Asst.	Ann Whalen	$19.96 p/hr. (Step 1)	BW	6/15/23	6/21/23	26 hrs. 4 days p/wk. in the Pre-K Class Pending: Fingerprint approval (Replacing: J. Schneider)
26.	PT Staff Asst.	Ann Whalen	$20.62 (Step 1)	BW	9/1/23	6/30/24	26 hrs. 4 days p/wk. in the Pre-K Class Pending: Fingerprint approval (Replacing: J. Schneider)
27.	German Teacher	Steven White	Base Salary: $87,120.00 + $14,520.00 ($6^{th}$ Period sidebar) = Total Salary: $101,640.00 MA (Step 21)	CMS	8/30/23	6/30/24	Salary Adjustment per the 6^{th} period sidebar
28.	Afterschool Program	Per the attached		KDM	22-23 SY	22-23SY	Pay to Play
29.	Curriculum/ Technology Summer Hours	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate	DIST.	7/1/23	8/29/23	• Technology • Curriculum
30.	ESY Teachers/ Substitutes	Per the attached list	$46.00 p/hr.	SB	7/5/23	8/2/23	• Not to exceed 75 hrs.
31.	ESY/Safety Town Nurse	Wendy Madonia	Per the contracted rate of pay	SB	7/5/23	8/2/23	• Not to exceed 90 hrs.

32.	ESY Staff Assistant	Per the attached list	$21.82 p/hr.	SB	7/5/23	8/2/23	• Not to exceed 75 hrs.
33.	ESY Therapists	Per the attached	$46.00 p/hr.	DIST.	7/5/23	8/2/23	• Not to exceed 75 hrs.
34.	NJHS Staff	Per the attached list	$775.00 ea. (Stipend)	CMS	Per the attached	Per the attached	NJHS Washington D.C.
35.	Kindergarten Meet and Greet Staff	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	Per the attached	Per the attached	• Teachers • Staff Assistants • Nurses
36.	Nurses	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate	DIST.	7/3/23	8/31/23	• Preparation of the 23-24 school year.
37.	Small Fry Staff Asst.	Tia Levinson	$21.82 p/hr.	DIST.	7/5/23 7/10/23	7/26/23	• Not to exceed 35 hrs. Pending: Physical/Mantoux and Fingerprint approval
38.	Summer Enrichment ESL Staff Asst.	Rosario Camarena	$21.82 p/hr.	DIST.	6/22/23	9/1/23	• Not to exceed 32 hrs.
39.	Summer Enrichment Nurse	Jennifer Storer	Per the contracted rate of pay	CMS	7/6/23	7/27/23	• Not to exceed 45 hrs.
40.	Summer Enrichment Nurse	Karen Jordano	Per the contracted rate of pay	CMS	7/6/23	7/27/23	• Not to exceed 45 hrs.
41.	RTI Teacher Leaders	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate	DIST.	22-23 SY	22-23 SY	Stipend
42.	Teacher Leaders	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate	DIST.	22-23 SY	22-23 SY	Stipend

B.	Leave of Absence						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/About Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.		Employee 5330			5/30/23	6/30/23	**Extended** Without Pay (Return: 8/30/23)
2.		Employee 5369			6/19/23	6/30/23	**Extended** With Pay (Return: 8/30/23)
3.	Preschool Disabilities Teacher	Jacqueline Fried		BW	4/17/23 8/30/23	6/21/23 11/22/23	**Revised** With Pay Without Pay under NJFLA 12 weeks (Return: 11/27/23)
4.	Music Teacher	Casey Goryeb		CMS	9/7/23 11/6/23 11/20/23	11/3/23 11/17/23 2/16/24	With Pay Without Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA

							(Return: 2/20/24)
5.	PT Staff Asst.	Lisa Anne Hillegass		KDM	6/6/23	6/21/23	With Pay (Return: 23-24 school year)
6.	Custodian	Carlos Hoyos		MAINT./CMS	5/22/23	7/7/23	**Extended** With Pay (Return: 7/10/23)
7.	Grade 2 Teacher	Erin Predmore		BW	8/30/23	10/5/23	With Pay under FMLA (Return: 10/6/23)
8.	Art Teacher	Jamie Reilly		KDM	9/26/23 10/23/23 11/27/23 2/26/24	10/20/23 11/22/23 2/23/24 6/19/24	With Pay Without Pay under NJ FMLA 12 weeks Without Pay under NJFLA Without Pay (Return: First day of 24-25 school year)

C.	Resign/Retire						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	PT Staff Asst.	Carol Baker		TRANS.	6/22/23		Resign
2.	Language Arts Teacher	Kelly Barrows		CMS	7/1/23		Resign
3.	Grade 6 Teacher	Gianna Fazzini		CMS	7/1/23		Resign
4.	Leave Replacement Physical Ed./Health Teacher	Jeffrey Herring		CMS	6/22/23		Resign
5.	PT Staff Asst.	Nancy Hestevold		DBO	6/22/23		Resign
6.	Student Assistance Counselor	Sasha Hicks		CMS	7/1/23		Resign
7.	Special Education Grade 6 Teacher	Heather Porcelli		CMS	7/1/23		Resign
8.	PT Staff Asst.	Nicole Schellinck		BW	6/22/23		Resign
9.	Attendance Officer	Matthew Scherr		DIST.	7/1/23		Resign

D.	Reassignment - approve the reassignments for the following staff, for the 2023-2024 school year							
	Nature of Action	**Position**	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Internal Transfers	Staff	Per the attached	N/A	DIST.	23-24 SY		Per the attached list
2.	Reassignment	Staff	Per the attached	N/A	DIST.	23-24 SY		Per the attached list

E.	Job Description				
	Category	**Name**	**Date Effective**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	A-2	Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction & Professional Development	7/1/23		Deactivate
2.	A-8	Director of Curriculum and Instruction & Professional Development	7/1/23		New
3.	E-1	Director of Student Services	7/1/23		Revised/Reclassified

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

B. HIB Determination

Motion made by Mrs. Shields, seconded by Mrs. Lukany to approve the following HIB determination recommendations.

HIB Resolution

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of schools has provided the Board of Education with reports regarding HIB incidents: #9707 unconfirmed, 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:

#9707 unconfirmed

1. HIB current investigations: #9668, #9920, #10035, #10045, #10087, #10124, #10126 and #10127

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

C. Education

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

Field Trips for Approval

1. Motion to approve the 06-14-2023 list of field trips *(as per attached).*
2. Motion to approve the following Student Teachers, to complete their Clinical I and/or Clinical II fieldwork, during the 2023-2024 school year commencing September 2023:

Student Teacher	College University	Cooperating Teacher/School
Brina Felicioni	Montclair State University	Danielle Massaro/C.A. Dwyer
Brian Sutherland*	Montclair State University	Dianne Ciak/SB
Taylor Rippon*	Montclair State University	Lisa Guzzo/KDM
Leila Conway	Montclair State University	Marisa Gardner/SB
Johana Cruz*	Montclair State University	Claudine Porracchio/SB
Samantha Ash*	Montclair State University	Sonya Patel/BW
Rachel Barton*	Montclair State University	Tara Rinko/CAD
Alexis Simpson*	Montclair State University	Scott Nordland/BW

**Pending Fingerprinting/Background check and Mantoux test results*

3. Motion to approve the following Student Teachers, to complete their Level II OT fieldwork, during the Fall 2023 semester commencing September 25, 2023 through December 22, 2023.

Student Teacher	College University	Cooperating Teacher/School
Angelica Garcia	Mercy College	Dr. Pia Bose/KDM

**Pending Fingerprinting/Background check and Mantoux test results*

CPR Recertification

4. Motion to approve the following employees for CPR Recertification during the 2022-2023 school year. The cost to the District will be $10.00 per employee *(for the cost of the e-card).*

Teacher	School	Teacher	School
Alice Flemming	Transportation	Jennifer Gruener	CAD
Patricia Ruble	KDM	Paula Hanright	KDM
Tara Hempel	KDM	John Titus	SB
MaryBeth Hartnett	SB	Christine Beatrice	SB
Jacquelina Messina	BW	Cesar Romero	Maintenance
Amy Hoffnagle	BW	Cessia Castro	Transportation

Grade 6 Social Studies Curriculum

5. Motion to adopt the revised 6th Grade Grade Social Studies Curriculum that is aligned to the 2020 NJSLS for Social Studies *(as per attached).*

Grade 7 Social Studies Curriculum

6. Motion to adopt the revised 7th Grade Grade Social Studies Curriculum that is aligned to the 2020 NJSLS for Social Studies *(as per attached).*

Grade 8 Social Studies Curriculum

7. Motion to adopt the revised 8th Grade Grade Social Studies Curriculum that is aligned to the 2020 NJSLS for Social Studies *(as per attached).*

8. Motion to approve the Graduate Research Project for Miss Gabriella Drake at the Catherine A. Dwyer School to be conducted beginning June 15, 2023. *(as per attached).*

No Public comment.

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

D. Special Education

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

Out of District Placements – SY 2023-2024

1. Motion to authorize the tuition contract for the following in-district placement student for the 2023-2024 school year:

Student#	School	Location	Tuition Rate
#11	P.G. Chambers	Cedar Knolls	Tuition Cost $98,828.10 (210 billable days) or $470.61 per diem
#22	Windsor Learning Center	Pompton Lakes	Tuition Cost $72,870.00 (210 billable days) or $347.00 per diem
#41	Shepard School	Kinnelon	Tuition Cost $57,677.94 (183 billable days) or $315.18 per diem
#45	Windsor Learning Center	Pompton Lakes	Tuition Cost $72,870.00 (210 billable days) or $347.00 per diem
#112	P.G. Chambers	Cedar Knolls	Tuition Cost $98,828.10 (210 billable days) or $470.61 per diem

#132	Sage Alliance School	Mahwah	Tuition Cost $71,656.00 (10-month program) or $398.08 per diem
#325	P.G. Chambers	Cedar Knolls	Tuition Cost $98,828.10 (210 billable days) or $470.61 per diem
#1223	Newgrange School	Pennington	Tuition Costs $58,361.12 (184 billable days) or $317.18 per diem + Extraordinary Aide $57,040.00 or $310.00 per diem
#1515	Windsor Learning Center	Pompton Lakes	Tuition Cost $72,870.00 (210 billable days) or $347.00 per diem

Out of District Placements – ESY 2023-2024

2. Motion to authorize the tuition contract for the following in-district placement student for the 2023-2024 extended school year:

Student#	School	Location	Tuition Rate
#37	Lake Drive Wildwood School	Mountain Lakes	Tuition Cost $8,420.00
#132	Sage Alliance School	Mahwah	Tuition Cost $4,576.00
#1223	Newgrange School	Pennington	Tuition Cost $9,515.40 (30 billable days) or $317.18 per diem + Extraordinary Aide $9,300.00 or $310.00 per diem

Out of District Transportation – SY 2023-2024

3. Motion to approve the Out-of-District for the 2023-2024 school year, for the following students as per their IEP.

#22 attending Windsor Learning Center
#1523 attending Cornerstone Day School

4. Motion to authorize a contract between J and B Therapy, LLC and the Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide services to the District and/or special education students, for the 2023-2024 school year, on an as needed basis *(as per attached).*

5. Motion to authorize a contract between LearnWell and Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide tutoring services on as needed basis at a rate of $50.50 per hour for up to 10 hours per week for the 2023-2024 school year *(as per attached).* The term of the agreement shall be from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

6. Motion to authorize a contract between Saint Clare's Hospital and Rockaway Township Board of Education for Home/Bedside Instruction Services on an as needed basis for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of $55.00 per hour for one hour a day *(as per attached).*

7. Motion to authorize a contract between United Therapy Solutions and Rockaway Township Board of Education to provide the following related services, on an as needed basis, for the 2023-2024 school year *(as per attached).*

8. Motion to authorize a contract between Learning Tree Multicultural/Multilingual Evaluation and Consulting, Inc. and Rockaway Township Board of Education to conduct bi-lingual evaluations, on an as needed basis for the 2023-2024 school year *(as per attached).*

Therapeutic Support Services

9. Motion to appoint RBHS University Behavioral Health Care for Therapeutic Support Services in an amount not to exceed $374,400.00 for the 2023-2024 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. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Shields to approve the following administration recommendations.

Mrs. Slamb noted an amendment on ***Item E-9, to remove the paragraph noting 'Computing Meals'*** as it is not applicable to the district's contract.

2023 NJSIG Safety Grant

1. **WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (NJSIG) is a school board insurance group** authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage and risk management services for its members:

   WHEREAS, the Rockaway Township Board of Education, herein referred to as the 'Educational Institution', is a member of NJSIG; and,

   WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSIG Policy 3710, the goal of the Safety Grant Program is to provide members the necessary resources to complete risk reduction projects and improve the safety of the population NJSIG members serve.

   NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:
   - The Educational Institution applies for a safety grant through the NJSIG Safety Grant Program for the 2023-2024 fiscal year in the amount of **$9,100.00** for the purposes of safety, and hereto
   - The Business Administrator or their designee is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to apply for and receive a safety grant award.

Danielson Framework for Teaching

2. Motion to approve the use of the Danielson Framework for Teaching as the teacher evaluation rubric for the 2023-2024 school year.

NJ Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning

3. Motion to approve the use of the New Jersey Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning as the principal and vice principal evaluation rubric for the 2023-2024 school year.

Customer Service Agreement - UniFirst

4. Motion to authorize the Customer Service Agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and UniFirst for rental garments and/or other items specified in the agreement for the 2023-2024 school year *(as per attached).*

Memorandum of Agreement – Kean Educational Affiliation Network

5. Motion to authorize the Memorandum of Agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Kean University in collaboration to assist members in achieving their educational goals in career related disciplines for the 2023-2024 school year *(as per attached).*

Professional Support/ Non-Public Services Agreements SY 2023-2024

6. Motion to authorize the Professional Support/ Non-Public Services Agreements between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2023-2024 school year. The term of the agreement shall be from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The Commission shall provide the following professional support services *(as per attached):*

   - Professional Support Services
   - Non-Public Nursing
   - Non-Public Technology
   - Non-Public Textbook
   - Non-Public Security Aid
   - Chapter 192/193

District Five-Year Strategic Plan (2023-2028)

7. Motion to approve the Rockaway Township Board of Education's Five-Year Strategic Plan 2023-2028 *(as per attached).*

School Security Drill Statement of Assurance

8. Motion to approve the submission of the Annual School Security Drill Statement Assurance to the New Jersey Department of Education – Morris County – Executive Superintendent *(as per attached).*

Food Services Management Company (FSMC) Contract Award to Maschio's Food Services, Inc

9. Motion to amend the previously approved motion (Under Administration Motion E-3 in the 05/17/2023 agenda) as follows:

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by the Superintendent of Schools to the Rockaway Township Board of Education ("Board") to seek a contract for services for the Food Service Management Company (FSMC) (hereinafter "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project was properly advertised to prospective bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 the Board received the following proposals from **four (4)** bidders, Chartwells, Maschio's Food Services, Inc., Pomptonian Food Service, and Southwest Foodservice Excellence (SFE) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq.;

WHEREAS, upon review of the proposals submitted together with the RFP specifications and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., the Board has determined that Maschio's Food Services, Inc. is the most responsible bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rockaway Township Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator hereby awards and approves the Food Services Management Company (FSMC) Contract to Maschio's Food Services, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year.

Administrative/ Management Fee: Maschio's Food Services, Inc. shall charge School Food Authority a thirty-five thousand dollars and zero cents **$35,000.00** management fee during the 2023-2024 academic year. Maschio's Food Services, Inc. Management fee represents its overhead expenses necessary to operate the food service including, but not limited to: area and zone supervision; general support provided by Maschio's Food Services, Inc. corporate offices, including without limitation, accounting, purchasing, tax, legal, research, auditing and other related administrative functions.

Conditional Guaranteed Return (Unlimited): Maschio's Food Services, Inc. guarantees that the return to the SFA from the Food Service Program for the school year will be five hundred and seventy dollars and zero cents **$570.00 with no cap.** If the annual operating statement shows a return less than five hundred and seventy dollars and zero cents **$570.00 with no cap,** Maschio's Food Services, Inc. will pay the difference between the actual and the guaranteed amount.

Total Cost of Contract $677,566.52.

NJSIG Indemnity and Trust Agreement Resolution to Join / Renew Membership

10. Motion to approve the Indemnity and Trust Agreement Resolution to Join / Renew Membership between Rockaway Township Board of Education and New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (NJSIG) for the 2023-2024 school year *(as per attached).*

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq., enables boards of education to join with other boards of education in school board insurance trusts for the purpose of forming self-insurance pools;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group ("NJSIG") is a joint insurance fund authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage and risk management services for its members;

WHEREAS, the Rockaway Township Board of Education, herein after referred to as the "Educational Institution," has resolved to apply for and/or renew its membership with NJSIG;

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution certifies that it has not defaulted on a claim, and has not been cancelled for non-payment of insurance premium for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the date of its application to NJSIG;

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution desires to secure protection, services, and savings relating to insurance and self-insurance for itself and its departments and employees; and,

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution finds that the best and most efficient way of securing this protection and services is by cooperating with other boards of education in the State of New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1) This agreement is made by and between NJSIG and the Educational Institution;

2) The Educational Institution joins with other boards of education in organizing and becoming members of NJSIG pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-3(a), for a period of three years, beginning on July 1, 2023, and ending July 1, 2026 at 12:01 a.m.;

3) In consideration of membership in NJSIG, the Educational Institution agrees that for those types of coverage in which it participates, the Educational Institution shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liabilities of each and every member of NJSIG to such agreement arising from their participation in NJSIG. By execution hereof the full faith and credit of the Educational Institution is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to NJSIG in accordance with the bylaws thereof, the plan of risk management, this Agreement and any applicable statute or regulation;

4) The Educational Institution and NJSIG agree that NJSIG shall hold all monies paid by the Educational Institution to NJSIG as fiduciaries for the benefit of NJSIG claimants all in accordance with applicable statutes and/or regulations;

5) NJSIG shall establish and maintain Trust Accounts in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. and such other statutes and regulations as may be applicable;

6) By adoption and signing of this resolution, the Educational Institution is hereby joining NJSIG in accordance with the terms of this Indemnity and Trust Agreement and Resolution to Join / Renew Membership, effective the date indicated below, for the types of insurance as indicated in the Insurance Binder issued by NJSIG;

7) The Educational Institution hereby ratifies and affirms the bylaws and other organizational and operational documents of NJSIG, and as from time to time amended by NJSIG and/or the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking and Insurance, in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations as if each and every one of said documents were re-executed contemporaneously herewith;

8) The Educational Institution agrees to be a participating member of NJSIG for the period herein provided for and to comply with all of the rules and regulations and obligations associated with said membership, including, but not limited to the NJSIG's Plan of Risk Management;

9) The Educational Institution under its obligations as a member of NJSIG agrees to allow for safety inspections of its properties, to pay contributions in a timely fashion and to comply with the bylaws and standards of participation of NJSIG including the plan of risk management;

10) If NJSIG, in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement, shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the Educational Institution agrees to reimburse NJSIG for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand;

11) The Business Administrator is hereby authorized in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., to execute such contracts and documentation with NJSIG as is necessary to effectuate this resolution; and,

12) The Business Administrator is directed to send a certified copy of this Indemnity and Trust Agreement and Resolution to Join / Renew Membership to NJSIG.

Equipment Disposal

11. **WHEREAS** the following property is not needed for school purposes; there exists a need for all available space at the various schools; and the NJ Public School Contracts Law, 18A: -45, requires a resolution authorizing the disposal/sale of surplus property. Motion to authorize disposal of obsolete IT equipment *(as per attached).*

No Public comment.

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

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

No Public comment.

Dr. Corbett invited Mr. Mollinedo, appointed Director of Student Services for the 2023-2024 school year, to introduce himself.

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

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

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Old News

Mrs. Curelaru – Noted duplicate boxes on page 3 and 4 of the agenda. Welcomed Mr. Mollinedo to the district. Mrs. Curelaru thanked Mrs. Lukany and Mr. Higgins for their service to the district.

Mr. Forst – Provided an update on the Boy Scout Eagle Project proposed by student Andrew Scott. They have installed three (3) gaga pits, the fourth and fifth installation is underway. Mr. Forst thanked Mrs. Lukany and Mr. Higgins for their service to the district.

Mrs. Smith - Thanked Mrs. Lukany and Mr. Higgins for their service to the district.

Mrs. Mezik – Thanked Mrs. Lukany and Mr. Higgins for their service to the district.

Mrs. Shields – Thanked the Transportation Department for their active response in making the 8th Grade Field Trip to the Hudson River possible in light of a transportation fiasco from an outside vendor. In addition, on May 31, 2023, Mr. Forst and Mrs. Shields attended the Celebrity Dinner for the Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance celebrating their 25th year anniversary. Noted that Mayor Jackson honored Leslie Wexler with the Iron Spirit Award, celebrating his dedication to the program.

New Business

Mrs. Lukany – Announced her resignation from the Board. Thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the students and staff of the Rockaway Township School District.

The full commentary and discussion can be can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting - 2023-06-14' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting - 2023-06-14.'

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru to go into closed session at 9:30 PM to discuss legal matters and Superintendent evaluation for approximately two (2) hours.

Motion by Mrs. Lukany, seconded by Mrs. Smith to adjourn close session at 11:15 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Megan S. Slamb

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