EXECUTIVE SESSION
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DECEMBER 11, 2024

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Dr. Tomasini was absent.

Also present were Dr. Corbett, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Slamb, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Morgese, 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 – S.B. and D.T.
- Residency Update
- Referendum - Legal

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 Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru to waive the Pledge until open session.

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

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

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

Motion made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru that the closed session stands adjourned at 7:31 PM.

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

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:31 PM.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AUDIT PRESENTATION – ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANICAL REPORT (ACFR)
The full presentation by Man Lee, Nisivoccia LLP, can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-12-11' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-12-11.'

BOARD MEMBER PRESENTATION
The full presentation can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting - 2024-12-11' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting - 2024-12-11.'

SERVICE/TENTURE PIN RECOGNITION
The full ceremony can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting - 2024-12-11' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting - 2024-12-11.'

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Motion by Ms. McGeary, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru 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 the Referendum and why her questions were not answered from November 13, 2024 board meeting.

A member of the community came up and spoke about Policy 5756.

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 – 2024-12-11' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-12-11'.

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

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

I. COMMUNICATIONS

Susan Salny	**Thank you Tanya!**

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Ms. McGeary to approve the minutes of November 13, 2024.

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

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The ***PTA General Assembly*** was held on Monday, November 18, 2024. It was a "full house" with every school represented. Topics included district oversight for purchases made by the PTAs for schools. Previously, such oversight was not enforced, leading to issues/concerns regarding liability and coordination with district curriculum, maintenance, and building policies. A revised Policy 7230 will ensure proper oversight and consistency around the district.

SEPAC met on November 19, 2024, with Dr. Mollinedo, Mrs. Pietrowski, and Dr. Macones presenting on "*Understanding the Differences: IEP vs. 504 Plan.*" The meeting was both virtual and in-person with about eight people attending. Feedback was very positive. The next SEPAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.

Once again, *Family Math Night,* held on November 20, 2024, was a great success. The cafeteria was packed, the presentation and activities were very well received and Maschio's did a great job with the food.

I would like to share an email I received from a teacher last Monday, December 9, which I believe truly exemplifies H.E.A.R.T:

Dear Dr Corbett,

I am writing to share a wonderful example of our students' community engagement and volunteerism. Yesterday, December 8th, a small group of young boys from Rockaway Twp. Schools (Brody Dorer, Callen Dorer, Austin Moceikis, Leo Parra, and Davis Allen) graciously volunteered their time at Mt. Arlington Senior Living.

The boys hosted a delightful "Candy Bingo" event for the residents, bringing joy, laughter, and a sense of connection to the seniors. Their enthusiasm, kindness, and respectful demeanor were truly commendable, and they represented our school and community in an exceptional manner.

This event not only brightened the day for the senior residents but also provided the students with an invaluable opportunity to foster empathy, leadership, and community spirit. It was inspiring to witness young individuals taking the initiative to give back and make a positive impact.

Thank you for your attention.

Warm regards,

Heather Allen

Good News From our Schools

Birchwood is proud to share how students and families join efforts to support others and celebrate the season. The student council is running its annual Pajama Drive to benefit "Kindness for Christopher," and 1

the PTA is collecting gently used coats for "Project Kind." These projects remind us of the true spirit of the holidays—giving back and showing kindness to others. The winter concert was held on Tuesday, December 10. The band, fifth-grade chorus, and string ensemble worked hard to put on a fabulous performance. As the year wraps up, Birchwood celebrates the success

of its science club and Bulldog Blazers Running Club. Looking ahead to January, Birchwood is thrilled to launch two brand-new after-school options: the LEGO Club for our builders and creators, and the Drama Club for students who love performing. It's going to be a great start to the new year!

This past month, Dwyer focused on giving and preparing for the holiday season, beginning with the Thanksgiving food drive and currently the *Giving Tree* where families donate toys, and collect hats, scarves, and gloves for the less fortunate members of the community. The festive holiday concert makes the season complete. Both staff and students joined in and proudly displayed their ugly sweaters for all to enjoy! The Dwyer Family wishes everyone happiness and peace.

KDM continues to have an increased focus on its instructional practices, specifically in mathematics and RtI (Response to Intervention). KDM teachers are assessing their iReady data and developing strategies to enhance instruction. Additionally, the RtI team is streamlining their approaches and focusing on supporting teachers for Tier 1 interventions and enhancing Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions. Congratulations to the KDM students who earned the opportunity to represent the school at the upcoming Annual Spelling Bee. Fourth graders, Srinika Katragadda and Eloise Smith and Fifth graders, Isabel Chang and Asha Patel, will represent KDM in the district-wide competition in February. The Rotary Club of the Rockaways visited the Third Grade and gifted them with dictionaries. While students are growing their minds, they are also growing their hearts. To date over 135 positive office referrals were submitted to the front office in recognition of students demonstrating H.E.A.R.T. Classroom-based character education lessons continue at KDM. This month, the theme is Responsibility. The KDM Student Council, in partnership with the PTA, collected over 1,500 pounds of food for the Food Closet. KDM is now fully in the Holiday spirit as the KDM PTA is collecting gifts for the annual *Giving Tree*. The community is also looking forward to the annual Winter Concert, on Thursday, December 12th. Performing groups include 4th and 5th Grade Bands, String Ensemble, and 5th Grade Chorus. Students can look forward to 11 after-school winter clubs, including Tech Story Animation, Sign Language, and Exercise Club.

The Stony Brook community is focused on giving through wonderful initiatives such as The Giving Tree and their Annual Coat Drive. These efforts have been made possible by the incredible support of the Stony Brook PTA, dedicated parent volunteers, Stony Brook Staff, and the Student Council. The school is also preparing for the Winter Concert, scheduled for December 18, where students will showcase their talents for all to enjoy. The TREP$ Marketplace being held this evening, is an opportunity for students to showcase their entrepreneurial skills.

The Copeland Middle School Winter Concert Series kicked off on Wednesday, December 4th with the Chorus and Strings students performing at Morris Knolls High School; our Band students performed on Monday, December 10th at Morris Hills High School. Congratulations to all our talented music students and staff members who did a phenomenal job representing CMS. The Boys and Girls Basketball seasons are officially underway. Both teams have been practicing hard and will play three games in December. Two new student leadership initiatives have begun at CMS. *We Dine Together* meets every Monday during lunch hours, and *Lead 4 Change* will begin meeting after school during the week of January 6th.

This past school month at DBO was packed with energy, excitement, and plenty of learning. Highlights included the Holiday Shop and the Gingerbread Gala. The creativity on display, from beautifully decorated gingerbread houses to the laughter and joy that filled the room and the delicious hot chocolate and cookies, were impressive. Alongside all the festive fun, DBO dove into engaging lessons and activities that kept everyone curious and motivated. It was a memorable month that blended learning with some holiday fun.

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

I want to thank Man Lee and her team for their work in completing our June 2024 audit. We are very pleased with the outcome, and grateful to remain in a strong financial position. I want to thank my team in the Business Office for all of their hard work and diligence throughout the year, which makes it possible for us to achieve such positive outcomes. They are truly stellar in their individual roles, and make up an all-star team.

We are very near completion of the district roofing projects. Birchwood is being scheduled for its warranty inspection. Once the contractor addresses one final item, Copeland will be ready for the warranty inspection as well. KDM has faced delays due to the delivery of the metal roof components and weather conditions. We expect this to be completed within the next two weeks. The roof will then move to punch list status.

In the past two weeks we had a malfunction in one of the water pumps at KDM. After review by our team of specialists, the pump was able to be repaired and the water restored to potable status. Our team is working on some redundancies and backup options to avoid this type of shutdown in the future.

Also at KDM we completed a significant repair to the underground oil storage tank at KDM after a small leak was identified. We appreciate our Maintenance team for identifying the issue quickly and calling in the appropriate vendors to correct it. Thankfully, this leak and the associated repair did not pose a safety threat to the building, staff, or students.

As Dr. Corbett noted, I attended the PTA General Assembly on Monday, November 18th. I reviewed several concerns the administration had related to donations being made to the district. Due to lack of previous oversight, we found ourselves in a position which created liability for the district and did not align with the district activities and policies. We took the time to hear the concerns brought by our PTAs and tried to communicate the logic behind our decision-making. As a result of that meeting, on tonight's agenda we have put forward a new policy that will offer better guidance in the future and more accurately represents district practices. Furthermore, Dr. Corbett and I have been coordinating with district administration to ensure compliance across all schools equally. These changes are also being made with full support from the County Superintendent and Business Administrator. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we make this change and correct these practices.

Finally, I just want to take this opportunity to thank Tanya and Larissa for their service to this school district. It was been an absolute pleasure working with both of you the past few years. Being a board member is a time consuming and often thankless job, and those who choose to donate their time to it, do so in the spirit of giving back to their community, but most importantly to the children of their community. I don't believe there is a more worthy cause. These two ladies are class acts, and we were lucky to have them.

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 – 2024-12-11' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-12-11'.

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 – 2024-12-11' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-12-11'.

VII. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Personnel

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

A.	Position	Name	Salary	Location	Start Date Eff.	Date Termin.	Discussion
1.	Grade 5 LLD Teacher	Sarah Aronow	No change in step or salary	DBO	1/2/25	6/30/25	Reassignment from Grade 2 Resource to Grade 5 LLD (Replacing S Farinella)
2.	Study Skills Teacher	Maria Baker	$65,920.00 BA+30 (Step 4) (prorated)	CMS	**12/2/24	6/30/25	Leave Replacement Pending physical/Mantoux (Replacing Employee 6366)
3.	Academic Intervention Teacher	Allison Bresney	$61,670.00 BA (Step 1) (prorated)	SB	1/2/2025	6/30/25	(Replacing G Parisi)
4.	FT Special Education Teacher	Austin Caldwell	$61,670.00 BA (Step 1) (prorated)	SB	***1/2/2025	6/30/25	Reassignment from PT Phys.Ed/Health to FT Special Education, pending issuance of certificate
5.	Substitute Secretary	Christine Elston	$25.00/hr.	CO	**12/6/24	6/30/25	As needed
6.	Floater Substitute Teacher	Celina Frazzano	$185.00/day	SB	12/12/25	6/30/25	Pending physical/Mantoux
7.	PT Staff Assistant	Rosa Hitchner	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	CAD	1/2/25	6/30/25	Resource Room, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
8.	District Translator	Rosa Hitchner	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	24-25 SY		Spanish
9.	Grade 2 Resource Teacher	Jaime Inglesino	$200.00/day	DBO	1/2/25		Long-term Substitute Pending physical/Mantoux (Replacing S Aronow)

10.	Grade 2 Resource Teacher	Jaime Inglesino	$62,920.00 BA+30 (Step 1) (prorated)	DBO	***1/2/25	6/30/25	Pending certification (Replacing S Aronow)
11.	PT Staff Assistant	Carolyn McGuire	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	BWD	12/12/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP, Preschool 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical
12.	ELA Teacher	Dawn Montesano	$61,670.00 BA (Step 1) (prorated)	CMS	**12/2/24	2/28/25	Leave Replacement (Replacing Employee 6924)
13.	PT Staff Assistant	Maria Niro	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	DBO	***12/12/24	6/30/25	LLD classroom, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux
14.	PT Staff Assistant	Diana Palmieri-Arvidson	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	SB	12/12/24	6/30/25	26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux (Replacing A Olsen)
15.	PT Academic Intervention Teacher	Yolanda Pietrowicz	$58,032.00 MA (Step 7) (prorated)	DBO	**12/2/24	6/30/25	0.8 FTE (Replacing C Paradiso)
16.	Grade 2 Teacher	Rebecca Sanderson	$200.00/day	DBO	1/2/25		Long-term Substitute (Replacing Employee 5638)
17.	Grade 2 Teacher	Rebecca Sanderson	$61,670.00 BA (Step 1) (prorated)	DBO	***1/2/25	4/25/25	Leave Replacement Pending certification (Replacing Employee 5638)
18.	PT Staff Assistant	Phillip Savarin	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	12/12/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk.

B. Appointments Per Attached Lists

	Position	Name	Salary	Location	Start Date Eff.	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	After School Clubs - KDM	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	KDM	24-25 SY		Winter Pay to Play Clubs
2.	After School Programs - CMS	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	CMS	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
3.	Professional Development Presenters	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	DIST.	24-25 SY		Per the attached list

C. Leave of Absence

	Position	Name	Salary	Location	Start Date Eff.	Date Termin.	Discussion
1.	Clerk Typist	5615		BWD	**11/11/24	1/14/25	With Pay under FMLA Return: 1/15/25
2.	Supervisor of Facilities and Safety Mgmt.	4304		MAINT.	**11/11/24 **12/9/24	12/6/24 1/3/25	Extended with Pay under FMLA With Pay Return: 1/6/25
3.	Grade 2 Teacher	5638		DBO	**11/18/24 1/24/25 1/27/25	1/23/25 1/24/25 4/25/25	Revised with Pay under FMLA Without Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA Return: 4/28/25
4.	Spanish Teacher	6248		CMS	**11/25/24 **12/2/24 12/18/24 (.5)	11/30/24 12/18/24 (.5) 6/30/25	Extended without Pay With Pay Without Pay Return: 25-26 SY
5.	Staff Assistant/Bus Monitor	5941		TRANS.	**11/11/24 1/23/25	1/22/25 4/4/25	Extended with Pay Without Pay Return: 4/7/25
6.	Special Education Teacher	4254		BWD	**11/18/24	1/31/25	Extended with Pay
7.	FT Night Custodian	6758		MAINT.	**12/9/24	1/3/25	Extended Without Pay Return: 1/6/25

8.	Bus Driver	6733		TRANS.	1/8/25 2/21/25	2/20/25 5/9/25	With Pay Without Pay Return: 5/12/25
9.	Academic Intervention Teacher	6929		CAD	**9/30/24 **11/4/24 **12/9/24	11/1/24 12/6/24 3/7/25	Revised with Pay under FMLA Without Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA Return: 3/10/25

D.	Resign/Retire						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Patricia Benavides		CMS		1/24/25	Resign
2.	PT Staff Assistant	Michelle Bosi		BWD		12/19/24	Resign
3.	PT Staff Assistant	Eleanor Hoffman		KDM		**11/27/24	Resign
4.	Special Education Teacher	Dawn Marchese		BWD		2/1/25	Retire
5.		6928		DIST.		2/26/25	Resign
6.	PT Staff Assistant	Dawn Montesano		BWD		**11/27/24	Resign to accept a position in district
7.	PT Staff Assistant	Valeria Rodriguez		DBO		**11/13/24	Resign

E.	Substitutes – Approve the following staff as new hires, rehires, and renewals for the 2024-2025 school year.						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Level**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute – New Hire	Celina Frazzano	$175.00 per day	DIST.	24-25 SY	County	The College of NJ, NJ (BA) Pending physical/Mantoux
2.	Substitute – Rehire	Jaime Inglesino	$175.00 per day	DIST.	24-25 SY	County	Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ (BA)
3.	Substitute – New Hire	Megan Kopec	$175.00 per day	DIST.	24-25 SY	County	Bloomsburg University, PA (BA) Pending physical/Mantoux
4.	Substitute – New Hire	Carolyn McGuire	$175.00 per day	DIST.	24-25 SY	County	Seton Hall University, NJ (JD) Pending physical

F.	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following revisions to the previously approved motion under Personnel (Motion B-2, 11-13-24 agenda), curriculum writers for the 2024/2025 school year.						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Level**	**Discussion**
1.	Curriculum Writers	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	DIST.	24-25 SY		Per the attached list

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

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

B. HIB Determination

Motion made by Ms. MeGeary, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru, to approve the following HIB determination.

HIB Resolution

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has provided the Board of Education with reports regarding HIB Incidents: #269296 confirmed, #269492 unconfirmed, #269498 unconfirmed, #270464 unconfirmed, #270860 confirmed, #270986 unconfirmed, #270987 unconfirmed, #271001 confirmed, #271075 unconfirmed, #271219 confirmed, #271221 unconfirmed, #271244 unconfirmed which were conducted following these complaints; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education was advised of any consequences and/or remedial measures related to these matters as well as the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the results of these investigations; and

THEREFORE, BE IT resolved that the Board of Education votes to affirm the Superintendent's recommendation on HIB cases:

#269296 confirmed, #269492 unconfirmed, #269498 unconfirmed, #270464 unconfirmed, #270860 confirmed, #270986 unconfirmed, #270987 unconfirmed, #271001 confirmed, #271075 unconfirmed, #271219 confirmed, #271221 unconfirmed, #271244 unconfirmed.

HIB Current Investigations:

#271408	#271500	#271501	#271611
#271791	#271794	#271946	#272273
#272274	#272429	#272619	#272620
#272625	#273295		

HIB Incident Summary: (as per attached)

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

C. Education

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

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

Employee	Workshop Title	Workshop Location	Workshop Dates	Registration Fee	Travel/Hotel/ Incidentals Cost	Total Cost
Dr. Alain Mollinedo	Developing a Common Language for your ESL and Special Education Teams	Monroe, NJ	December 13, 2024	$150.00	N/A	$150.00
Kelly-Ann Bodnar	Behavioral Threat Assessment Training	Virtual	December 19, 2024	No Cost	N/A	$0.00
Luba Chesky	SLP's: Practical Therapy Techniques for Persistent & Resistant Speech Sound Errors	Virtual	January 30, 2025	$295.00	N/A	$295.00

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the amendment to the previously approved motion (9-18-24, Education B:1) for the travel costs associated with the following employee.

Employee	Workshop Title	Workshop Location	Workshop Dates	Registration Fee	Travel/Hotel/Incidentals Cost	Total Cost
Alexis Simpson	Project Adventure	Beverly, MA	October 7-10, 2024	$685.00+	Lodging $648 +Meals/Incidentals $64.00/day	**$257.75**

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following Student Teacher(s) to complete their fieldwork requirements during the Spring 2025 semester and/or the Fall 2025 Semester.

Student Teacher	College/University	Cooperating Teacher(s)/Location(s)
Maggie Alder*	MSU	Katherine Rasmussen/BW
Madison Dooreman*	MSU	Brianna Thomas/BW
Eashani Patel	Rutgers	Erin Meineke/TaraWach/ BW/DBO/SB/CMS
Kaitlin Peterson	MSU	Amy Semeniuk/BW
Jack Quinoa*	MSU	Cherry Wnek/DBO

*Pending satisfactory completion of District requirements

4. Upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Field Trips (as per attached).

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

Employee	Grade/Position	Location	Stipend/Salary	% Funded
Sarah Aronow	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hrs./week for 21 weeks)	DBO	$48.00/hr.	100% Title I
Judite Wallin	Title I After School Secretary(up to 2 hrs./week for 21 weeks)	KDM	$22.57/hr.	100% Title I

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board concurs with the approval for the following employees as presenters for Family Math Night on November 20, 2024 at a rate of $100.00 for one evening presentation.

Employee	Location
Susan Callahan	CMS
Jenna Gonzalez	CMS

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the support of the Care Center of New Jersey (CCNJ) located at Christ Church, to provide "farm to school" nutrition awareness and education to students of the Rockaway Township School District (as per attached).

8. Upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following staff as presenters at Academy Night to be held up to 5 times during the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of $100.00 per night contracted rate of pay.

Employee	Location
Sharon Cohen	District CST
Nicole Kaplan	CAD
Michelle Nieves	Birchwood

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

D. Special Education
Motion made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru to approve the following education recommendations.

1. Itinerant Service Tuition – for SY 2024-2025
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the itinerant service tuition contract for the following student for the 2024-2025 school year.

Student #	School/Providing Service	Location of Service	Annual Tuition Rate
10301	NJCBVI	Pillar School	Tuition Cost $2,420.00

2. Bethany Killian Speech Therapy LLC Contract – SY 2024-2025
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Bethany Killian Speech Therapy LLC to provide services to the District and/or special education students for the 2024-2025 school year on an as needed basis (as per attached).

3. Maylin Rodriquez Contract – SY 2024-2025
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Maylin Rodriguez to provide services to the District and/or special education students for the 2024-2025 school year on an as needed basis (as per attached).

No public comment

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

E. Administration
Motion made by Ms. McGeary, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the following administration recommendations.

1. Eagle Scout Project – Birchwood Garden Boxes
Motion to concurrently approve the Eagle Scout Project to install Garden Boxes for Birchwood Elementary School by Scout member, Kimberly Gambrell, for the 2024-2025 School Year (as per attached).

2. Supervisor of Facilities and Safety Mgmt. Orientation
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Michael Martino, incoming Supervisor of Facilities and Safety Mgmt., to conduct preliminary walk-throughs for the purposes of orientation prior to his January 2, 2024 start date, without compensation, during the week of December 23, 2024.

3. Sidebar Agreement
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the agreement between the Rockaway Township Board of Education and the Rockaway Township Education Association to rectify an overpayment to Employee 6194 (as per attached).

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

F. Finance
Motion made by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the following finance recommendations.

1. Financials

Be It Resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the Final Report of the Secretary and the Final Report of the Treasurer, for the period ending in June 30, 2024.

Be It Resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the Revised Report of the Treasurer, for the periods ending July 31, 2024, August 31, 2024, September 30, 2024, and October 31, 2024.

2. 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 November 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 November 30, 2024.

Authorize November 2024 account transfers as submitted.

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

A.	November	Student Activities	$1,919.34
	December	Student Activities	$80.00
B.	November	After School Activities	$1,427.10
C.	November	Cafeteria	$96,166.05
D.	November	District Bills	$4,810,219.07

4. Donation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board gratefully accepts the following donation from the Stony Brook School PTA for the purchase of microphones and receivers in the amount of $2,184.00 (as per attached).

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

F. Policy

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

1. Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approve the following policy for first read:

P 7230 GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS

2. Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approve the following policies for second read:

P 0141 BOARD MEMBER NUMBER AND TERM
P 1530 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
P 2200 CURRICULUM CONTENT (M)
P 2423 BILINGUAL EDUCATION
P 2428.1 STANDARDS-BASED INSTRUCTIONAL PRIORITIES
P 2431.4 PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF SPORTS-RELATED CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES
P 3160 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION (M)
P 4160 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION (M)
P 5200 ATTENDANCE (M)
P 5337 SERVICE ANIMALS
P 5350 STUDENT SUICIDE PREVENTION
P 8420 EMERGENCY AND CRISIS SITUATIONS (M)
P 8467 FIREARMS AND WEAPONS (M)
P 9181 VOLUNTEER ATHLETIC COACHES AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY ADVISORS/ASSISTANTS

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

Motion by Mrs.Curelaru, seconded by Ms. McGeary, 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 spoke and thanked Mrs. Shields for all her work.

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

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

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Old Business

Mrs. Smith- Heard that family Math night went very well and thanked them for having it.

New Business

Mrs. Anderson- She attended the Husdon County School Boards meeting and since the newspapers are shutting down come January what are we going to use as another outlet for posting?
Mrs. Curelaru- Spoke about how a student had a lunch issue. Also thanked Mrs. Smith for everything.
Mrs. Mezik- Thanked everyone and talked about the different committees the Board has.

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 – 2024-12-11' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-12-11'.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru, meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan S. Slamb

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary