REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 14, 2024

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a mini reorganization and regular meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

Mrs. Shields called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

The following members of the Board of Education were present in-person: Mrs. Anderson, Ms. McGeary, Mrs. Mezik, Mrs. Shields and Mrs. Smith.

Dr. Tomasini attended at 7:35 PM via Zoom.

Mrs. Anderson and Ms. McGeary were absent.

Also present were Dr. Corbett, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Slamb, Business Administrator, and Ms. Morgese, Board Attorney, and no members of Press.

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. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to waive pledge until open session.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Smith to go into closed session at 5:32 PM.

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

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Anderson that the closed session meeting stands adjourned at 7:35 PM.

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

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STONY BROOK STUDENT RECOGNITION

The full ceremony can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-2-14' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-2-14'.

SPELLING BEE RECOGNITION

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

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

No public comment.

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

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

I. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board did not receive any correspondence since the last regular meeting.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the minutes of January 31, 2024 and February 7, 2024 Listening Session.

Roll Call Vote to approve the minutes of January 31, 2024 and February 7, 2024 Listening Session., Dr. Tomasini abstained, all present remaining voting yes, motion carried.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- I initiated the preliminary referendum listening tour at the Stony Brook PTA meeting Thursday evening (2/1/2024). Since then, I have met with the communities at the Copeland, KDM and Dwyer PTA meetings. I am grateful to the PTAs for providing me with some time to present our concerns regarding the increasing population of students. My presentation is based on the version presented to the Board by Dr. Grip. Following my presentation, I have asked the principals to offer their perspective on the implications of the increase in student population. The communities I've presented to so far have been very receptive.

- To begin the work of providing the board of education and our community with referendum options, our architects (USA) have begun school surveys which will include interviews with each principal.

- In the sweeping overhaul of sixty (60) curricula this academic year to ensure 21st Century relevance and compliance, and with the overarching aim of achieving a consistent stylistic uniformity for the sake of seamless continuity, Mr. Gonnella presented the idea of creating a Curriculum Revision Team to the Education Committee as part of the plan for curriculum revision. The committee, recognizing the need for a meticulous review process, agreed that establishing a dedicated curriculum revision team is in the district's best interests. This team will serve as an additional layer of scrutiny, aligning formats, eliminating grammatical or spelling errors, and verifying the functionality of all links.

- I encourage everyone to have a peak at our updated website videos, which I think are quite impressive.

- We have scheduled a listening session on Policy 5756 for March 26, at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

- The listening session held on February 7 had few participants. In fact, not counting the board and administration, two people attended in-person and three virtually. The next listening session, scheduled for April 24, deals with vaping and substance abuse. To promote greater community participation, Ms. Shields and others have suggested that the listening session include a presenter with expertise on the subject. I am asking Mr. Bayer and his team to recommend a presenter.

- The Director of Student Services, in collaboration with our school counselors is planning activities for the upcoming Social Emotional Learning (SEL) day scheduled for March 8, 2024. Dr. Mollinedo will attend PTA meetings to provide improved parent-administration collaboration and encourage SEPAC participation. The Department of Student Services continues to provide technical assistance to members of the Child Study Team regarding SEMI creating more efficient ways to ensure district compliance. Collaborative efforts between the New Jersey Department of Special Education (OSE), the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education, and Montclair State University Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health (CAECMH) continue. With monthly training, our hope is to increase knowledge of inclusive practices across the district.

- So far this school year, we have had two delayed openings, one early dismissal and, as of yesterday two emergency closing due to snow.

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

The **Birchwood** Bulldogs are fully engaged in service learning, as their Student Council launched the second fundraiser. This time, the focus was on supporting two important local organizations, "The North Porch" and "Project Kind." Birchwood believes in the power of giving back to the community. In addition to service-learning initiatives, students were immersed in celebrating Black History Month and the Chinese New Year. Cultural diversity is celebrated through

hands-on writing and art projects. And, the Bulldogs celebrated the 100th day of school on February 15th. Meanwhile, Birchwood staff is analyzing midyear benchmarks to tailor instruction and support for each student, ensuring their academic success. The Birchwood Bulldogs also participated in Jump Rope for Heart this February, promoting health and wellness while supporting a great cause. During this month, Birchwood focused on acceptance, kindness, and contributing to our community.

DBO kicked off February with HEART Day which included a motivational assembly where all grades wore their specific grade color. This month DBO second graders provided the whole school a lesson on Empathy. Black History Month and the Chinese New Year was celebrated in the classroom and with extra art lessons. The PTA did a great job sponsoring the DBO *Valentine's Kindness* event. DBO is looking forward to seeing their first graders read to their pet therapy dogs. The staff have been focused on analyzing the winter benchmark data to provide instruction that benefits all students. Finally, Random Acts of Kindness Week will be celebrated with the Morris Knolls Varsity Club coming to read to students on March 1st. Social Emotional Learning Day (SEL) is scheduled for March 8 and the Book Fair will be held March 5-7. Students will be displaying all their talents at the March 15 talent show. Lastly, we congratulate Ms. Cox on the birth of her first child.

The **Dwyer** Family continued its community service projects in February by collecting soup cans for the "Soup'er" Bowl. The soup collected will go to a local community soup kitchen. There was an impressive amount of soup collected. Dwyer strives to instill in students a sense of community and the responsibilities that go along with being a good citizen. Whenever called upon, Dwyer responds in a big way to serving the Rockaway Township community. To get into the Super Bowl mood, Dwyer took an opinion poll which correctly identified the winner of the big game. The more important staff poll asked the number of Taylor Swift sightings. The winning staff member was recognized at the faculty meeting. Super Bowl Sunday kicked off with a pancake breakfast at Applebee's sponsored by the PTA. Academically, staff has been diligently analyzing the mid-year benchmarks and providing targeted instruction. Students have been working on these assessments with fidelity and grit. Lastly, the MLL department department is having a busy month screening and welcoming eleven new students in the first twelve days of February.

KDM continues to ensure academic growth by guiding each grade level as they develop strategies by using the most recent I Ready diagnostics to inform instruction in preparation for NJSLA testing. Additionally, RTI teams are addressing students who would benefit from additional support based on the data derived from the winter diagnostic results. Recently, third grade students hosted mock elections. They welcomed Councilman Howard Kritz and Mayor Joe Jackson to speak about local government. KDM continued their monthly Pride assemblies with a lesson on *Empathy*. During this time, students were provided certificates for *Positive Office Referrals*. To date, over 310 *Positive Office Referrals* recognized students for their various acts of H.E.A.R.T. Our KDM PTA treated students to the Bubble Show and a Lion Dance Assembly to celebrate the Chinese New Year. KDM students celebrated becoming 100 days smarter with various lessons and activities in honor of the 100th day of school. Students are currently working on a PTA fundraiser by creating original artwork and stickers as part of a custom catalog of keepsakes.

Stony Brook's Student Council has been hard at work as the fourth and fifth grade representatives assume a leadership role in helping all grades learn the Stony Brook HEART Song in preparation for the Valentine's Day Assembly. The *Leaders in Training* have done a great job in this initiative. The Student Council's next philanthropic goal will be organizing a Schoolwide "Stuff the Bus" campaign to collect food and deliver it to the Rockaway Township Food Pantry. The fourth-grade students participated in the annual Math Super Bowl showcasing their mastery of multiplication facts. The 'Soup-er Bowl' *can* drive was a huge success and we collected nearly 300 cans of soup for the needy. Special thanks to all who helped contribute to such a good cause. Stony Brook School has been recertified as a *2024 New Jersey State School of Character*. This achievement is a testament to the unwavering commitment of an exceptional staff and the vibrant, positive culture that defines Stony Brook. Thank you to all staff, students, and parents for their ongoing support and contributions to creating an environment where character development is prioritized.

At **CMS**, the second marking period is officially in the books and report cards have been posted to the Genesis parent portal. Throughout the week of January 22-26, CMS students and staff participated in the Global Kindness Challenge Week by performing as many acts of kindness as possible and showing that we all play a part in creating a bully-free, safe and caring school environment. The CMS staff continued to build upon our theme of "Building our Community" through

our monthly team-building activities. The School Counseling Office has been busy preparing 8th grade students for their transition to high school and all of the opportunities that lie ahead. We are looking forward to an outstanding second half of the school year!

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- USA Architects is continuing their work on our long range facility plan, and have already begun working with Building Principals to review their specific needs and gain insight to their challenges in terms of space, facility use, and general functionality.

- We continue to push forward with planning for the 2024-25 Budget. The district is facing some significant challenges this cycle to include the loss of COVID/ESSER funding, increasing personnel costs, increasing health benefit costs, and renewal rates set as high as 6% for certain fixed costs. We are striving to make the best use of our available funds to ensure the positive progress of the district and to continue to offer our students the range of programs and activities that the community has come to expect from this district. We are still awaiting the release of state aid numbers which is expected to be provided in the next few weeks. The preliminary budget will be included on March's agenda for submission to the county for review per statute.

- To highlight the expenditures on tonight's bills, list which make up the total amounts reflected:
  - Approximately $75,500 is attributed to various utilities
  - Approximately $188,400 is attributed to tuition
  - Approximately $111,250 is attributed to Security costs
  - Approximately $83,400 is attributed to the final payment for the DBO Windows project
  - Approximately $99,000 is attributed to transportation contracts not inclusive of mechanical repairs or department supplies
  - Payroll for 1/15 and 1/31 totaled to $3,483,882
  - The remaining costs are attributed to a range of smaller categories to include aide in lieu, supplies, maintenance, food service, staff pd and travel, etc.

- Finally, as this is my last Board Meeting prior to my maternity leave, I want to take a moment to thank the Board of Education, Administration, and my wonderful office staff for all of their support. I am so grateful to work for such a great district and I look forward to returning in the fall.

V. CURRICULUM REPORT

The Curriculum Report presented by Mr. Gonnella can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-2-14' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-2-14'.

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 – 2024-2-14' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-2-14'.

VII. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Personnel

Motion made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Tomasini 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.	Substitute Bus Driver	Rafael Arevalo-Saravia	$26.00 p/hr.	TRANS.	2/15/24	6/30/24	Reassignment As assigned
2.	NJHS Field Trip – School Nurse	Barbara Beere	$775.00 (Stipend)	CMS	3/25/24	3/27/24	Washington D.C. Trip
3.	Interim Social Worker	Christina Gonzalez-Antignani	**Prorated** $64,695.00 MA (Step 1)	CMS	2/26/24	3/28/24	**Extended** Leave Replacement School Psychologist

							(Pending hire of School Psychologist)
4.	Maintenance Worker - Handyman	Javier Molina Trejo	**Prorated** **$46,422.00 (Step 3)	MAINT.	3/1/24	6/30/24	Pending: Physical and fingerprint approval (Replacing: V. Ferraiuolo)
5.	PT Staff Asst.	Valeria Rodriguez	**$20.62 p/hr. (Step 1)	DBO	3/4/24	6/30/24	26 hrs. 4 days p/wk. per the student IEP Pending: Physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
6.	PT Staff Asst.	Kelly Scarpone	**$20.62 p/hr. (Step 1)	CAD	2/15/24	6/30/24	26 hrs. 5 days p/wk. in the Kindergarten Class Pending: Physical/Mantoux (Replacing: M. Lukis)
7.	Floater Substitute	Jennifer Thompson	$185.00 p/day	CMS	2/15/24	6/30/24	3x per week
8.	Leave Replacement – Kindergarten Teacher	Carolyn Willis	**Prorated** $61,630.00 BA (Step 2)	KDM	3/1/24	9/27/24	(Replacing: Employee 5730)
9.	Admin. Asst. to the Business Admin.	Anne Yacavino	**Prorated** **$65,000.00	CO	3/25/24	6/30/24	(Replacing: Z. Binti Abdullah)
10.	After School Clubs	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	CMS	23-24 SY		Pay to Play
11.	After School Clubs	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	KDM	23-24 SY		Pay to Play
12.	Curriculum Writers	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	DIST.	23-24 SY		Per the attached
13.	Home Instructors	Per the attached list	$46.00 p/hr.	DIST.	23/24 SY		Per the attached
14.	Middle School Spring Sports Programs	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	CMS	3/15/24	6/15/2024	Per the attached

***Salary/Step frozen for the 24/25 school year*

B.	Leave of Absence						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date *On/About Eff.**	**Date Termin. *On/Before**	**Discussion**
1.	PT Staff Asst.	6815		KDM	1/12/24 2/13/24 2/20/24 5/20/24	2/12/24 2/16/24 5/17/24 6/30/24	**Revised** With Pay Without Pay Without Pay under NJFLA Without Pay Return: 24/25 SY
2.	Resource Teacher	6382		SB	3/25/24 5/6/24 9/30/24	5/3/24 9/27/24 10/11/24	With Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA Without Pay Return: 10/14/24

3.	Kindergarten Teacher	5730		KDM	3/1/24 5/6/24	5/3/24 9/27/24	With Pay under FMLA Without pay under NJFLA Return: 9/30/24
4.	PT Staff Asst.	5825		CMS	1/31/24	3/11/24	With Pay Return: 3/12/24
5.	Grade 4 Teacher	4956		SB	5/27/24	10/18/24	Without Pay under NJFLA Return: 10/21/24

C. Resign/Retire

	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Eff. (*on/before)**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	PT Staff Asst.	Carolyn Willis		SB	2/29/24		Resign
2.	Admin Asst. to the Director of Student Services	Anne Yacavino		CO	3/22/24		Resign

D. Substitute Teacher

	Position	**Name**	**Level**	**Start Date *On/Before Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute	Jaylynn Cardona	County	2/15/24	6/30/24	Rutgers University, NJ (BA)
2.	Substitute	Danielle Ferrara	County	2/15/24	6/30/24	Naropa University, CO (MA) (Pending: Physical)
3.	Substitute	Valeria Rodriguez	County	*2/20/24	6/30/24	Montclair State University, NJ (BA) (Pending: Physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval)

E. Staff Assistant Reassignment – Approve the following staff reassignments for the 2023-2024 school year

	Position	Name	Salary	Location	Date Eff.	Date Termin.	Discussion
1.	Staff Assistants	Per the attached list			23-24 SY		Per the attached list

F. Perfect Attendance

	Nature of Action	Position	Name	Salary	Location	Date Eff.	Date Termin.	Discussion
1.	Perfect Attendance	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	$350.00 (Stipend)		9/1/23	1/31/24	• Bus Driver
2.	Perfect Attendance	Per the attached list	Per the attached list	$175.00 (Stipend)		9/1/23	1/31/24	• Bus Driver (less than 2.5 hrs. p/day)

G. Job Descriptions

	Category	**Name**	**Date Effective**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	D-8	Middle School Teacher	2/15/24		Revised
2.	D-9	District Educational Support Technologist		2/15/24	Abolish

3.	D-12	Reading Specialist	2/15/24		Revised
4.	D-13	Summer School Director		2/15/24	Abolish
5.	D-14	Summer Enrichment Supervisor	2/15/24		Revised
6.	D-15	District Articulator		2/15/24	Abolish
7.	D-16	Middle School Head Teacher		2/15/24	Abolish
8.	D-17	Elementary School Head Teacher		2/15/24	Abolish
9.	D-18	English Language Learner Program Coordinator		2/15/24	Abolish
10.	D-20	Instructional Coach/District General and Special Education Support Technologist		2/15/24	Abolish
11.	D-21	Elementary Enrichment Teacher Articulator		2/15/24	Abolish
12.	D-22	Academic Intervention Teacher	2/15/24		Revised
13.	D-23	Project Read Trainer		2/15/24	Abolish

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

B. HIB Determination

HIB Resolution

1. **Whereas,** the Superintendent of schools has provided the Board of Education with reports regarding HIB incidents: #10587 Confirmed, #10616 Unconfirmed, #10617 Unconfirmed, #10620 Unconfirmed, #10624 Unconfirmed, #10644 Confirmed, #10650 Confirmed, #10663 Confirmed, #10665 Confirmed, #10696 Unconfirmed, #10697 Unconfirmed, #10710 Unconfirmed, #10712 Unconfirmed, #10714 Unconfirmed, #10717 Confirmed and #10718 Unconfirmed

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:

#10587 Confirmed, #10616 Unconfirmed, #10617 Unconfirmed, #10620 Unconfirmed, #10624 Unconfirmed, #10644 Confirmed, #10650 Confirmed, #10663 Confirmed, #10665 Confirmed, #10696 Unconfirmed, #10697 Unconfirmed, #10710 Unconfirmed, #10712 Unconfirmed, #10714 Unconfirmed, #10717 Confirmed and #10718 Unconfirmed

HIB Current Investigations: #10767, #10772, #10778, #10779, #10781, #10786 and #10789

HIB Incident Summary

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

C. Education

Motion made by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the following education recommendations.

Requested Field Trips for Approval

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board concurs with the 02-14-2024 list of field trips *(as per attached).*

Academic Calendar SY 2024-2025

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the district academic calendar for the 2024-2025 school year *(as per attached).*

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

Employee	Workshop Title	Workshop Location	Workshop Date(s)	Registration Fee	Travel Cost	Total Estimated Cost
DeCandia, Rosa	NJSSNA Spring 2024 Conference	New Brunswick, NJ	March 16-17, 2024	$199.00	$0.00	$199.00

No public comment.

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

D. Special Education

There are no items for Board approval.

E. Administration

Motion made by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the following administration recommendations.

Student Safety Data System Report Period 1 - 09/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the submission of the Student Safety Data System Report Period 1 from 09/01/2023 through 12/31/2023 to the New Jersey Department of Education – Morris County Office *(as per attached).*

Donation

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board accepts the following donations from Mr. and Mrs. Pellot to Birchwood Elementary School.

Donated Items	Quantity
Sit to Stand Height Adjustable Desk / Color: White	2
Desk Chairs / Grey	4
High Stool / Tall Reception Chair / Color: Grey	1
Upholstered Bench Seat / Color: Grey	1
Guest Chairs / Color: Grey	8
Marker Board	1

Vehicle Disposal – Maintenance Vehicle

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the sale of the following obsolete maintenance vehicles *(as per attached).*

Year	Make & Model	License Plate	VIN #
1999	Ford Van	MG31809	1FTSE34LIXHA42804
2003	Dodge Caravan	23890MG	1D4GP25353168706
2006	Girard Bus	323890MG	1GBJG31U551156060
2007	GMC Top Kick	MG75324	1GDE5C3257F408079

No public comment.

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

F. Finance

Motion made by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Mrs. Anderson 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 January 31, 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 January 31, 2024.

Authorize January 2024 account transfers as submitted.

Bills

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

A.	January	Student Activities	$6,940.85
	February	Student Activities	$787.51
B.	January	After School Programs	$460.00
C.	January	State Unemployment Bill	$9,399.46
	February	State Unemployment Bill	$1,856.83
D.	February	District Bills	$4,798,362.97

Outstanding Checks List

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following checks to be removed from the outstanding checks list.

Check #	Date	Amount
Cafeteria Account		
7236	6/22/2023	$11.25
7238	6/22/2023	$5.50
7244	6/22/2023	$17.42
7264	6/22/2023	$6.70
7287	6/22/2023	$14.60
7288	6/22/2023	$22.80
7296	6/22/2023	$12.35
7297	6/22/2023	$10.25
Total		**$100.87**

Contract for Challenge Course-Related Technical Services – Project Adventure

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Contract for Technical Services between Project Adventure, Inc. and Rockaway Township Board of Education. Challenge course-related technical services will be conducted at Copeland Middle School. Total costs to the district is $9,191.95 *(as per attached).*

Proposed District-Wide Comprehensive Facilities Study and LRFP Update Contract – USA Architects

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Proposal for Professional Services Contract between USA Architects and Rockaway Township Board of Education. Wherein, USA Architects will provide professional architectural and engineering services in connection with delivering a comprehensive facilities study and update to the district's long-range facility plan (LRFP) at a proposed fee of $38,800.00 *(as per attached).*

Proposed Roof Replacement Contract – USA Architects

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Proposal for Professional Services Contract between USA Architects and Rockaway Township Board of Education. Wherein, USA Architects will provide professional architectural and engineering services in connection with the 2024 roof replacement work at Birchwood E.S., Katharine D. Malone E.S. and Copeland M.S. at a proposed fixed fee of $124,800.00 *(as per attached).*

Change Order #001 for the Window Replacement Project at Dennis B. O'Brien E.S

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Change Order #001 in the amount of $14,542.50 for the contract with Panoramic Window and Door Systems, Inc. to replace windows at the Dennis. B. O'Brien E.S. The total cost of contract including the Change Order will now be $1,383,542.50 *(as per attached).*

Final Payment Application to for the Window Replacement Project at Dennis B. O'Brien E.S

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes payment application #6 in the amount of $83,474.50 for Window Replacement Project at Dennis B. O'Brien E.S *(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. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the following policy recommendations.

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following policies for first read *(as per attached):*

P 2415.50	Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following policies for second read *(as per attached):*

P 2415.04	Title I – District Wide Parent and Family
P 6471	School District Travel

No public comment.

Motion by Mrs. Curelaru to pull Policy P 2415.50 Title I School Parent and Family Engagement for first read.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations to exclude Policy P 2415.50 Title I School Parent and Family Engagement for first read and all else remaining the same, all present voting yes, motion carried.

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

No public comment.

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Anderson 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 – Discussed the Listening Session on cellphone usage and ways to help students navigate safe cellphone usage.
Mrs. Anderson – Suggested that push notifications/emails be sent to the public about listening sessions.

New Business

Mrs. Mezik – Shared experience attending the Morris County School Board Association is scheduled on February 8, 2024.
Reminded the board members and public that the 'Unsung Heroes' event that will take place on March 20, 2024.
Reminded the board members and public that the 'Nancy Helbourg Memorial Recognition Ceremony' that will take place on May 2, 2024.

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 – 2024-2-14' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-2-14'.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dr. Tomasini, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to go into closed session to discuss legal matters for approximately 30 minutes.

Closed session to start at 8:54 PM.

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Mezik to adjourn meeting at 9:30 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Smith
H. Ronald Smith
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary