EXECUTIVE SESSION
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The following items were discussed in closed session:

- Agenda - Questions /Changes
- HIB/Suspensions
- Personnel - Prosecutor
- President's Update
- PD Day

Respectfully submitted,

Megan S. Slamb
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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
The New Jersey "Open Public Meetings Act" was passed to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed and acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the "Act", the Rockaway Township Board of Education has caused notice of the date, time and place of said meetings to be published in the "The Daily Record," "The Star-Ledger," and to be posted in all schools in the district, in the Municipal Building of the Township and the Township Library. *Does any Board Member wish to object to the conduct of this meeting for the purpose as stated in the public notice?*

PUBLIC NOTICE
All documentation and material considered by the Board of Education as part of this agenda are available for public review and comment. Members of the public are invited to come to the Board of Education building, off Green Pond Road, during the regular business hours of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, if they wish to inspect any of the reference items.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to waive the Pledge until open session.

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

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.

Motion made by Ms. McGeary, seconded by Ms. Tourne to go into closed session at 6:03 PM.

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

Motion made by Mrs.Mezik, seconded by Mrs. Anderson 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 7:30 PM.

Dr. Tomasini reopened the regular business meeting of the Board with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPELLING BEE RECOGNITION
The full presentation can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-02-12' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-12-11.'

BIRCHWOOD STUDENT RECOGNITION

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Dr. Corbett called for a recess. Recess ended at 8:03pm.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Motion by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru to open Public comment.

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

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A member of the community came up and spoke about not changing the calendar.

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 – 2024-02-12' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-02-12'.

Motion by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Ms. Tourne, to close Public comment.

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

I. COMMUNICATIONS

Kristin Firozvi	After School Care Transportation Issues

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Ms. McGeary, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the minutes of February 12, 2025.

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

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The focus of the SEPAC, held on February 11 Overview of Special Education Programs in Rockaway Township as well as an opportunity to Meet the New Student Services Administrative Team. Our new Assistant Director of Student Services, Rebecca Garcia

The third *Academy Night* occurred on Monday, February 3 at Copeland Middle School. Reading Rocks K - 2 and Superkids. Due to weather conditions, the February 6 Academy Night Reading Rocks (grades 3-5) was canceled.

Good News From our Schools

Throughout February, Birchwood students across all grade levels will celebrate Black History Month, learning about the significant contributions of Black Americans throughout history. The fifth-grade Student Council is organizing a "*Penny Wars*" fundraiser, encouraging all students to participate in a fun donation competition to support Northport, an organization that helps local women in need. Teachers and students are preparing for the NJSLA with great confidence and enthusiasm. Finally, Birchwood is proud to celebrate our participants in the GFWC Spelling Bee, and the fifth-grade members of the safety patrol. February will continue to be a fantastic month at Birchwood Elementary!

The Dwyer Family had a great month of learning and giving back to the community. The MLL consultants continued work with our second, third, and fifth grades in developing strategies for teachers to use within the classroom. These academic discussions have proven beneficial in adding additional teaching tools to each staff member. *Seeds of Service*, which gives back to the community, has been in full swing with police "Go Bags" distributed to our police department. The Rockaway Soup Kitchen was provided soup through our *Soup'er Bowl* collection, and even our little furry friends were taken care of with a collection to support one of our local rescues.

KDM students completed their mid-year iReady Diagnostic and benchmark assessments, and teachers and students are continuing to progress through their curriculum. Teachers and RTI teams will meet this month during data days to monitor student growth. Students participated in the *Great Kindness Challenge Week* where each day featured a different theme, such as "Team Up for Kindness, Let Your Kindness Shine, Kindness Makes the Heart Grow, Power of Kindness, and I Dream of Kindness." Fifth-grade students experienced an exciting field trip to the Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium where they learned about the constellations while participating in some fun and engaging activities. The third-grade class held elections to learn about the American democratic process. The Student Council partnered with the PTA to host a coat drive that successfully procured over 150 coats and jackets of various sizes for our needy neighbors. Looking forward, the KDM Community is excited to host the TREP$ Marketplace which requires students to develop business and marketing plans. They are now ready to put their business acumen to the test with the public and everyone is welcome.

During the week of January 27-31, Stony Brook School also participated in the *Great Kindness Challenge*. Students received a checklist of kind acts and were encouraged to complete as many as possible throughout the week. They also received a daily at-home activity designed to spread kindness within the community. Some of these activities included offering to help set the dinner table or prepare a meal with family, calling a friend or relative just to say hello, cleaning their room or playroom without being asked, reading to a sibling or family member, and creating a drawing or card for someone special. It was a wonderful week, and the expectation is that kindness will continue to be a priority at Stony Brook. Fourth-grade students participated in the annual Math Super Bowl event, demonstrating impressive mastery of multiplication facts. The winning homeroom was announced over the loudspeaker at the end of the day to celebrate their achievement. The "*Soup-er Bowl*" canned food drive was another tremendous success, with nearly 400 cans of soup collected for those in need. Special thanks go to everyone who contributed to this meaningful cause. Finally, academic after-school clubs are set to begin at the end of the month.

These last few weeks at DBO were memorable. The students particularly enjoyed the Masked Dancer Assembly. It was a fantastic experience that brought the DBO school community together in a fun and engaging way. DBO also participated in the Great Kindness Week Challenge as they are committed to spreading kindness throughout the community. The themed days were a great success, filled with creativity, fun, and a shared spirit of compassion that made each day even more special. From thoughtful notes and encouraging words to generous gestures and heartfelt connections, everyone demonstrated the power of kindness in action. The 5th grade student council organized a canned food collection and they were able to reach their goal of collecting 400 canned goods.

For CMS, the Global Kindness Challenge was held January 27-31. Students and staff participated 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. On Monday, January 27th, CMS acknowledged *Holocaust Remembrance Day*. Students were reminded to remember the values of kindness, empathy, and respect for one another. The 8th-grade Snowball (Spring Formal) was a huge success, as many of our 8th-grade students enjoyed a night of dancing, socializing, and cotton candy! On Tuesday, January 28th the 7th-grade class visited the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown to see the Mayhem Poets. The sixth graders are looking forward to their trip to Medieval Times.

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The business office continues to forge ahead with the creation of the 2025-2026 Budget. I believe this year will be challenging and that feeling has been corroborated by the county office and my colleagues in other districts. We have been seeing steady if not staggering increases for many of our fixed costs, and our revenue sources from the state and federal government are uncertain. Most recently I was informed by the County Office that we would see an anticipated reduction in SEMI special education funding of approximately 40-50%. When we received our allocation, I found our reduction was 80%. I am still awaiting a response from our representatives as to why this occurred, and have heard many other districts reporting similar cuts. I do not believe this bodes well for the coming state aid allocations or our federal allocations. I will keep everyone updated on this matter as it develops and we will continue to focus on providing an effective responsible budget that prioritizes student learning.

I want to acknowledge and thank our maintenance and custodial staff under the direction of Mr. Michael Martino for their handling of the recent snow and inclement weather. Thank you for keeping our staff and students safe.

I would also like to thank the maintenance staff for installing two new bottle filling stations at Dwyer. Per Mr. McGovern, they were very much needed, and I'm sure very appreciated.

Also on tonight's agenda under finance, we have the approval of our most recent bills list. To highlight the expenditures on tonight's bills list which make up the total amounts reflected:

- Approximately $45,246 is attributed to various utilities
- Approximately $139,589 is attributed to tuition
- Approximately $48,615 is attributed to Custodial/Maintenance
- Approximately $128,165 is attributed to transportation contracts, mechanical repairs, and department supplies
- Payroll for 1/15 and 1/30 totaled to $3,668,577
- The remaining costs are attributed to a range of smaller categories to include supplies, food service, staff pd and travel,

etc.

V. EDUCATION REPORT

Rockaway Township continues to strengthen its partnership with Montclair State University through the MSUNER (Montclair State University Network for Educational Renewal) Program. This initiative provides professional development opportunities for teachers at all levels, from novice to advanced, and offers the opportunity to earn a Clinical Faculty Certification. This certification enables teachers to serve as cooperating teachers, act as on-site mentors, co-facilitate Montclair State University courses, become adjunct faculty, and apply for various MSUNER grant opportunities. As part of our ongoing collaboration, Rockaway Township has welcomed educators and students from overseas. Most recently, we had the privilege of hosting students and teachers from Busan University, South Korea. I would like to share a message from Montclair State University highlighting their visit:

Dear Vanessa,
I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the outstanding hospitality, time and patience, Catherine A Dwyer Elementary School showed our guests from Busan University, South Korea.
The Busan Clinical Interns especially enjoyed being among the students in their classrooms, observing United States school settings and culture, and being given the opportunity to expand their abilities by interacting with the students.
One outcome of your willingness to share access to Catherine A. Dwyer School is that Busan University is signing a contractual agreement with Montclair State University, Center for Education, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships to continue our cross-cultural relationship. This agreement will bring 20 Busan University teacher education majors to Montclair State every July for four weeks, for what I am calling (at this time), the Collective for English Language and American Cultural Experiences. It is my hope that Catherine A. Dwyer Elementary School teachers and perhaps students if available can be involved in some way, the students will be housed just down the road on the Bloomfield Montclair campus.
Montclair State had a successful visit with Busan University because of your extended support and we "thank you."

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 – 2024-02-12' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-02-12'.

VII. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Personnel

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the following personnel resolutions.

A.	Appointment						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Purple Star Advisor - DBO	Kelly Bezeg	$48.00/hr.	DBO	24-25 SY		Not to exceed 10 sessions
2.	Purple Star Advisor - DBO	Rosa Cabrera	$48.00/hr.	DBO	24-25 SY		Not to exceed 10 sessions
3.	Resource Room Teacher	Thomas Casperson	$200.00 per day	SB	**2/7/25	3/7/25	Long-term substitute (Replacing J Slater)
4.	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Nancy Dattelkramer	$79,515.00 MA+15 (Step 13) (prorated)	CMS	***2/13/25	6/30/25	Step frozen for 25-26 school year Pending physical and fingerprint approval (Replacing P Benavides)
5.	PT Staff Assistant	Eleanor Hoffman	$21.75/hr. (Step 2)	KDM	3/3/25	6/30/25	Reinstate as PT Staff Assistant 17.5 hrs./wk.
6.	ESL Teacher	Jessica Hughes	$61,670.00 BA (Step 1) (prorated)	CAD	*2/24/25	6/30/25	Revised start date Reassignment Leave Replacement Pending issuance of certification (Replacing Employee 5932)
7.	MD Teacher	Jessica Imhof	Salary remains the same	KDM	**2/10/25	4/11/25	Reassignment from Academic Intervention to MD Teacher (Replacing A Ruzicka)
8.	PT Staff Assistant	Maria Leach	Rate of pay remains the same	BWD	**12/2/24	6/30/25	Reassignment from CMS to Preschool Classroom at BWD

9.	Bus Assistant	Alexis Montanez	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	TRANS.	***2/13/25	6/30/25	As needed Training to be Bus Driver Step frozen for 25-26 school year Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
10.	PT Staff Assistant	Dawn Montesano	$21.75/hr. (Step 2)	BWD	3/3/25	6/30/25	Reinstate as PT Staff Assistant in Preschool Classroom 26 hrs./wk.
11.	Special Education Teacher	Michelle Pheonyx	$69,985.00 MA+30 (Step 4) (prorated)	BWD	***2/13/25	6/30/25	Leave Replacement Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval (Replacing Employee 6465)
12.	Summer Enrichment Supervisor	Caryl Sambrato	$3,864.00 per phase	DIST.	3/1/25 7/1/25	6/30/25 8/15/25	Phase I Phase II

B. Appointments Per Attached Lists

	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	After School Clubs – DBO	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	DBO	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
2.	After School Clubs – KDM	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	KDM	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
3.	After School Support Program – SB	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	SB	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
4.	After School Support Program – SB Staff Assistants	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	SB	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
5.	District Mentors	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	DIST.	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
6.	JNHS Field Trip	Per the attached list	$775.00	CMS	3/26/25	3/28/25	Washington D.C. Trip Stipend
7.	Perfect Attendance – Bus Drivers	Per the attached list	$350.00	TRANS.	**9/1/24	1/31/25	Superior Attendance Plan Stipend
8.	Professional Development - Staff Assistants	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	DIST.	**2/12/25	2/12/25	Handle with Care refresher training at 2/12/25 PD Day Not to exceed 3 total hrs.
9.	RTI Team Leaders	Per the attached list	Per the contracted rate	DIST.	24-25 SY		Stipend Not to exceed 10 total hours

C. Leave of Absence

	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Grade 2 Teacher	6833		CAD	2/18/25 3/13/25	3/12/25 6/6/25	Revised with Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA Return: 6/9/25
2.	Grade 5 Inclusion Teacher	4619		DBO	3/11/25	4/1/25	With Pay under FMLA Return: 4/2/25

D. 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	Michelle Kestenbaum	$175.00 per day	DIST.	24-25 SY	County	Pending physical/Mantoux

2.	Substitute – New Hire	Angela Klein	$175.00 per day	DIST.	24-25 SY	County	
3.	Substitute – New Hire	Laura Shannon	$175.00 per day	DIST.	24-25 SY	County	

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. McGeary, 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: #284383 unconfirmed, #284384 unconfirmed, #284385 unconfirmed, #284776 confirmed, #284971 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: #284383 unconfirmed, #284384 unconfirmed, #284385 unconfirmed, #284776 confirmed, #284971 unconfirmed.

HIB Current Investigations:

#284970	#284972	#285073	#285142	#285143	#285259
#285356	#285357	#285453	#285576	#285997	#285998

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 Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Mezik to separate motion number 8 and have it alone.

Roll Call Vote to separate motion #8, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the following education recommendations (1-7).

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**
Ruthann Champagne	The Process of Scheduling	Jamesburg, NJ	February 18, 2025	No Cost	$60.84	$60.84
Samantha Fiederer	What's New In Children's Books	Fairfield, NJ	March 25, 2025	$295.00	N/A	$295.00
Kenneth Fuchs	We the People for Middle School and High School	Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ	April 2, 2025	No Cost	N/A	$0.00
Sarah Gallopo Hill	Teaching Civics with We the People for	Rutgers University,	April 2, 2025	No Cost	N/A	$0.00

	Middle School and High School	Piscataway, NJ				
Erin Macellaro	The Process of Scheduling	Jamesburg, NJ	February 18, 2025	No Cost	$60.84	$60.84
Michael McGovern	School Health: Understanding Legal Obligations to Support Students	Monroe, NJ	February 26, 2025	No Cost	$57.72	$57.72
Cherylyn Paredes	What's New In Children's Books	Fairfield, NJ	March 25, 2025	$295.00	N/A	$295.00
Kathryn Pietrowski	District Homeless Liaison Roundtable	County College of Morris	February 21, 2005	No Cost	$8.00	$8.00
Mandy Thomas	What's New In Children's Books	Fairfield, NJ	March 25, 2025	$295.00	N/A	$295.00
Gregory Zinberg	School Safety/School Climate Teams (SS/SCT): Role and Responsibilities	Virtual	March 24, 2025	No Cost	N/A	$0.00

2. 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/Location**
Marissa Perez	Caldwell University	Rehannah Sattaur

*Pending satisfactory completion of District requirements

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Field Trip requests (as per attached)

4. 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**
Susan Marositz	Title I After School Substitute Secretary	DBO	$22.57/hr	100% Title I
Susan Marositz	Title I After School Substitute Teacher	DBO	$48.00/hr	100% Title I

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the following parent chaperones to attend the NJHS trip to Washington, DC, March 26-28, 2025, pending receipt of satisfactory criminal history background check.

Name:			
Suzette Monteleyola	Dan Nigra	Nina Saponjic-Nigra	Rebecca Unrath

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the implementation of the Purple Star Program at the Dennis B. O'Brien School. This program is designed to support military-connected students and their families and the unique challenges they face due to frequent relocations and deployments. The Purple Star designation is awarded to schools that demonstrate a commitment to serving military students and families by providing an inclusive and supportive environment and enhance the District's reputation as a military-friendly community (as per attached).

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the district calendar for the 2025-2026 school year (as per attached).

No Public comment.
Roll Call Vote on Items 1 – 7 above recommendations, all present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Mezik to approve # 8 of the education recommendations.
No Public comment.

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board agrees to adopt the following revised Rockaway Township School District Curriculum (as per attached).

Roll Call Vote on #8 Mrs. Anderson, Ms. McGeary, Mrs. Mezik, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Tourne, and Dr. Tomasini voted yes, Mrs. Curelaru voted no, motion carried.

D. Administration

Motion made by Ms. McGeary, seconded by Mrs. Curelaru, to approve the following administration recommendations.

1. Student Safety Data System Report Period 1 – 09/01/2024 – 12/31/2024
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the submission of the Student Safety Data System Report Period 1 from 09/01/2024 through 12/31/2024 to the New Jersey Department of Education - Morris County Office (as per attached).

2. Revised Organizational Chart
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the revised Rockaway Township Board of Education Organizational Chart for the 2025-2026 school year (01/22/2025, Administration E:1) (as per attached).

3. Eagle Scout Project
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Eagle Scout Projects of building two new buddy benches, repainting the Kindergarten blacktops with new 4 square, hopscotch, and a sensory path for kids, and constructing a free library station for the newly improved courtyard outdoor classroom for Stony Brook Elementary School by Scout member, Marissa Hunt (as per attached).

4. Equipment Disposal
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the disposal and/or surplus property/obsolete equipment from the IT department (as per attached).

Motion made by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to open public comment on Administration Items only.
Show of hands, all in favor.

The Eagle Scout came up and spoke about her project that she will be doing at Stony Brook.

Motion made by Ms. McGeary, seconded by Ms. Tourne to close public comment on Administration Items.
Show of hands, all in favor.

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

E. Finance
Motion made by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the following finance recommendations.

1. Financials
Be It Resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education approves the Report of the Secretary and Report of Appropriations, and Report of the Treasurer, for the period ending in **January 31, 2025.**

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, 2025.

Authorize January 2025 account transfers as submitted.

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

A.	January	Student Activities	$20,147.00
	February	Student Activities	$21.00
B.	January	After School Activities	$1,451.96
C.	February	District Bills	$4,284,546.09

3. Outstanding Checks List
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		
7346	**6/20/2024**	**$10.85**
7386	**6/20/2024**	**$11.85**
7396	**6/20/2024**	**$7.25**
7402	**6/20/2024**	**$10.50**
Total Cafeteria		**$40.45**
General Custodial Account		
159065	**10/11/2023**	**$483.50**
159150	**10/18/2023**	**$371.28**
Total Custodial		**$854.78**

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 Ms. Tourne 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. 5512 HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING (M)
P. 5516 USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES (M)
P. 5533 STUDENT SMOKING (M)
P. 5701 ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
P. 5710 STUDENT GRIEVANCE
P. 7441 ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
P. 8500 FOOD SERVICES
P. 9320 COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES (M)

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

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

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes.

A member of the community came up and spoke about the Executive Order and asked for Policy 5756 to be rescinded.

A member of the community came up and thanked the Board for keeping Columbus Day on the school calendar.

A member of the community came up and spoke about the projections in enrollment for Rockaway Township and had some questions with regards to the Referendum.

A member of the community came up and spoke asking if a new policy will go into effect about appropriate physical contact.

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

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

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Old Business
Mrs. Mezik- MCSBA that Ms. Peterson our field rep will be retiring and hoping to get her in for some training.
Mrs. Anderson- Copeland Middle School band played for the MCSBA before the meeting. Said they did a great job and thanked them.

New Business

Mrs. Mezik- Wanted to thank the music department at Copeland School for playing before the MCSBA meeting took place.
Ms. Tourne- Wanted to thank the staff and principals at Copeland, KDM, and Stony Brook for opening their doors up to her, Mrs. Mezik, and Dr. Corbett. She is looking forward to touring the other schools to see where improvements can be made.

Dr. Tomasini – Spoke about the Purple Star program that was approved. Thanked DBO for being a great team and how great it will be for military students to be paired up with someone when they come to school.

Mrs. Curelaru- At the Dwyer PTA meeting it was mentioned that at the end of this year the Copeland PTA will need all new members as the students whose parents are on the PTA will be graduating.

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 – 2024-02-12' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2024-02-12'.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Ms. Tourne, meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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