ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 – REGULAR MEETING

6:00 pm – Public Session — **Copeland Middle School – Cafeteria**
Immediately into Closed Session — **Copeland Middle School – Faculty Room**
7:30 pm – Public Session — **Copeland Middle School – Cafeteria**

Details for how to access the Public Meeting through remote means will be posted on the district website at www.rocktwp.net. The Public is strongly encouraged to participate. Community members can watch the meeting live online. Members of the public are encouraged to attend in person to provide public comment.

VISION
Rockaway Township Schools…Opening minds, openings worlds, so every child's potential becomes a reality and challenges become opportunities for personal success!

MISSION
To nurture a supportive culture embracing individual diversity that will ensure academic, social and emotional success for all.

2024-2025 BOARD GOALS			
GOAL I	GOAL II	GOAL III	GOAL IV
Ensure continued academic excellence by: a. Supporting and publicizing the newly-implemented and revised curriculum documents and academic programming for all learners. b. Appraising the effectiveness of ELA and Math programming in which achievement is measured through triannual reports that are shared publicly.	Maintain a safe and supportive school district culture by: a. Fostering inclusivity, equity, and a culture of mutual respect for all students and staff. b. Providing the resources to support a school environment conducive to social and emotional health and increased, cohesive service-learning initiatives.	Support operational excellence that is sensitive to the ever-growing needs of an expanding school community by: a. Utilizing community discussion data to communicate and promote the benefits of the Referendum to invest in our learners and enhance functional space. b. Ensuring a consistent approach to the implementation of security across the district. c. Determining and executing next steps for analyzing, designing, and investing in facilities to maximize and enhance functional space.	Promote community outreach and enhanced communications by: a. Building new partnerships and growing existing relationships in order to effectively reach all stakeholders. b. Clearly and effectively communicating the roles and responsibilities of the Board.

2024-2025 DISTRICT GOALS				
GOAL I	GOAL II	GOAL III	GOAL IV	GOAL V
By June 2025, the district will increase the percentages of students meeting or exceeding expectations on the NJSLA in ELA and Mathematics by at least 5% across all grade levels (4-8; grade 3 is baseline) compared to the 2023-2024 school year baseline, through data-based articulation, targeted interventions, and both internal and external professional development.	Provide additional common, and consistent learning experiences in mathematics, literacy, and science to foster increased engagement.	Improve the climate and culture in each school and reduce chronic absenteeism through the implementation of: a. Character Strong SEL Program b. Improved HIB Processes c. We Dine Together at CMS d. PAAWS at CMS e. Unified Sports at CMS f. Climate and Culture Surveys	Reinforce a positive and effective practice of community outreach that is transparent, trusting, and collaborative. (Academy Nights)	Plan and implement a Referendum that will address both capacity and educational needs well into the future of the Rockaway Township School District.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
CLOSED SESSION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
PUBLIC DISCUSSION

I. **COMMUNICATIONS**
II. **APPROVE MINUTES**
III. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
IV. **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
V. **EDUCATION REPORT**
VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
VII. **RECOMMENDED ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**
   A. **Personnel**
   B. **Education**
   C. **Special Education**
   D. **Administration**
   E. **Finance**
VIII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
   A. **Old Business**
   B. **New Business**
IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Call to Order
_____ called the meeting to order at _____pm.

Attendance Roll Call						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Dr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Shields**

Others in Attendance				
Dr. Corbett	Mrs. Slamb	Board Attorney	Visitors	Press

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 provision 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 Daily Record," "The Star Ledger," and 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 materials 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 referenced items.

Pledge of Allegiance			
Motion to waive Pledge until Open session by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to waive Pledge			

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, litigation, acquisition of real property, security, negotiations, receipt of governmental funds, the content of said discussions will be disclosed to the public at such time and extent as is required by law.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into closed session by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to enter closed session			
Closed Session starts at _____ pm.			

Motion to go into closed session by:		**Seconded by:**	

Show of hands to end closed session
Closed Session ends at _____ pm.

Reconvene at _____ pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

During the course of the board meeting, the Rockaway Township Board of Education offers members of the public an opportunity to address issues regarding the operations of the Rockaway Township Public Schools. The Board reminds those individuals who take this opportunity to identify themselves by name and address and to limit their comments to items listed on the agenda and/or items directly related to the operations of the School District. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of others individuals when speaking, Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by the members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in the comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

In accordance with Board Policy 0167, public discussion is limited to fifteen (15) minutes with a three (3) minute limit per member of the public. The Board President shall have the right to modify the length of public discussion, as he/she deems appropriate.

Open First Public Comment			
Motion to open public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to open public comment			

Close First Public Comment			
Motion to close public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to close public comment			

I. COMMUNICATIONS

No new communications since the last Board meeting.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Approve Minutes			
Motion to approve the minutes by:		**Seconded by:**	

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the minutes of September 4, 2024.

Approve Minutes Roll Call						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Dr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Shields**

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

V. EDUCATION REPORT

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VII. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Personnel			
Motion to approve Personnel Items by:		**Seconded by:**	

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 Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	PT Staff Assistant	Amanda Baliga	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	DBO	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
2.	PT Staff Assistant	Lisa Bonora	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
3.	Student Council Advisor	Lauren Crispino	$650.00 Stipend	KDM	24-25 SY		Stipend
4.	PT Staff Assistant	Michele Cristiano	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
5.	PT Staff Assistant	Keisha Griffith	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
6.	PT Staff Assistant	Jill Jones	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
7.	PT Staff Assistant	Maria Leach	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
8.	District Translator	Maria Leach	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	24-25 SY		Spanish
9.	After School Detention Monitor	Deborah Linnell	Per contracted rate or pay	CMS	24-25 SY		
10.	PT Staff Assistant	Kathleen McCabe	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	DBO	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 17.5 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
11.	PT Staff Assistant	Jennifer McCormick	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
12.	PT Staff Assistant	Marla McGrath	$21.35/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	*9/19/24	6/30/25	1:1 per student IEP 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
13.	PT Staff Assistant	Dawn Montesano	$21.75/hr. (Step 2)	BWD	10/1/24	6/30/25	Reinstated 26 hrs./wk. in Preschool Class
14.	PT Staff Assistant	Tiffany Rivera	$22.15/hr. (Step 3)	BWD	9/19/24	6/30/25	Reassignment from 17.5 hrs./wk. to 26 hrs./wk.

15.	Special Education Teacher	Jennifer Thompson	$65,735.00 MA (Step 1) (Prorated)	CMS	10/1/24	2/18/25	Leave Replacement Replacing: Employee 4214
16.	Grade 8 Math Teacher	Penny Zitomer	$80,765.00 MA+45 (Step 14)	CMS	**8/28/24	6/30/25	Horizontal Movement Increased Credits Salary adjustment per CBA
17.	Home Instructors	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	DIST.	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
18.	Test Coordinators	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	DIST.	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
19.	After School Clubs-BWD	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	BWD	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
20.	After School Clubs-CMS	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	CMS	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
21.	After School Clubs-DBO	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	DBO	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
22.	After School Clubs-KDM	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	KDM	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
23.	After School Clubs-Nurses	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	24-25 SY		Per the attached list
24.	After School Activities - Staff Assistants	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	24-25 SY		As needed

B.	Leave of Absence						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	ESL Teacher	5932		CAD	11/25/24 2/3/25 5/5/25	1/31/25 5/2/25 6/30/25	With Pay under FMLA Without Pay under NJFLA Without Pay Return: 25-26 SY
2.	PT Night Custodian	6712		MAINT.	7/12/24 8/19/24	8/16/24 8/23/24	Revised/Returned early With Pay under FMLA Without Pay under FMLA Return: 8/26/24

C.	Resign/Retire						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Termin.**	**Discussion**
1.	Clerk Typist	Celina Carpentiere		CAD		10/11/24	Resign
2.	Bus Driver/ Mech. Helper	Vincent Ferraiuolo		TRANS.		9/5/24	Resign
3.	PT Staff Assistant	Lucila Love		BWD		9/12/24	Resign

D.	Substitute – Approve the following staff as State Certified Substitute and Floater Substitute for the 2024-2025 school year.						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Level**	**Discussion**
1.	Floater Substitute	Taylor Jones	$185.00/day	SB	*9/19/24	6/30/25	
2.	Substitute	Mary Narcise	$175.00/day	DIST.	24-25 SY		Reemployment

E.	Substitutes – New Hires						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Level**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute	Kristin Lewis	$175.00/day	DIST.	24-25 SY	State	Kean University, NJ (BA)
2.	Substitute	Daniel Pojedinec	$175.00/day	DIST.	24-25 SY	State	Centenary University, NJ (MA)
3.	Substitute	Phillip Savarin	$175.00/day	DIST.	24-25 SY	County	Rutgers University, NJ (BA)

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

Roll Call Vote on Personnel Items						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Dr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Shields**

B. Education			
Motion to approve Education recommendations by:		**Seconded by:**	

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves 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 Date(s)	Registration Fee	Travel Cost	Total Estimated Cost
Deborah Cicchino	NJSMA Elementary Music Division Annual Fall Workshop	Mt. Lakes, NJ	October 14, 2024	$68.00	N/A	$60.00
Samantha Fiederer	NJIDA Fall Conference 2024	Virtual	October 19, 2024	$190.00	N/A	$190.00
Christine Hackney	NJIDA Fall Conference 2024	Virtual	October 19, 2024	$190.00	N/A	$190.00
Alyssa Howarth	NJIDA Fall Conference 2024	Virtual	October 19, 2024	$190.00	N/A	$190.00

Natalia Hubisz	NJSCA Conference	Edison, NJ	October 11, 2024	Member will pay	N/A	$0.00
Jennifer Macones	NJSBA Workshop 2024	Atlantic City, NJ	October 22-23, 2024	$550.00 + $200.00 Lodging	$240.00	$990.00
Kaitlin Miller	NJIDA Fall Conference 2024	Virtual	October 19, 2024	$190.00	N/A	$190.00
Dr. Alain Mollinedo	Section 504: Special Ed Litigation	Monroe Township, NJ	October 30, 2024	$150.00	N/A	$150.00
Lynn Mondello	NJIDA Fall Conference 2024	Somerset, NJ	October 18-19, 2024	$325.00	N/A	$325.00
Glennis Patterson	NJSMA Elementary Music Division Annual Fall Workshop	Mt. Lakes, NJ	October 14, 2024	$68.00	N/A	$60.00
Alexis Simpson	Project Adventure	Beverly, MA	October 7-10, 2024	$685.00+ $648.00 Lodging + Meals/Incidentals $64.00/day	$125.96	$1618.96
Elyse Webster	NJIDA Fall Conference 2024	Virtual	October 19, 2024	$190.00	N/A	$190.00
Mary Weilbaecher	NJIDA Fall Conference 2024	Somerset, NJ	October 18, 2024	$225.00	$24.00	$249.00

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following Student Teacher(s) to complete their practicum fieldwork during the 2024-2025 school year, commencing on or about September 19, 2024-June 30, 2025.

Student Teacher	College University	Cooperating Teacher/School
Riley Krzastek	Montclair State University	Gena Hartman/CAD/KDM
Kara Pirtle*	Grand Canyon University	Sandra Bornemann/Kim Rettino

*Pending satisfactory completion of District requirements

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Sarah Rosenberg, a student in the Gifted and Talented program at Morris Knolls High School, to complete her teaching internship with Amy Gallagher at Dennis B. O'Brien School, approximately every other day/90 minutes/day, during the 2024-2025 school year.

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Marissa Perez, a student in the Elementary Education program at Caldwell University, to complete her 6-hour fieldwork experience with Jill Connors at Dennis B. O'Brien School.

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board agrees to rescind Madelyn D'Agostino's request to observe Ivan Kaltman during the 2024-2025 school year (8-14-24, B:3).

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board agrees to rescind Nicole Park's request for a student placement with Samantha Viscuso during the 2024-2025 school year. (9-4-24, B:2)

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Kelly McEvoy to provide presentations for GATE Parent Night events during the 2024-2025 School year, at the contractual rate of $100.00 per event for evening presentations, inclusive of planning and not to exceed 10 events during the 2024-2025 school year. The presentation dates are as follows:

September 30, 2024	December 2, 2024	March 10, 2025	May 12, 2025
October 7, 2024	January 13, 2025	April 7, 2025	June 11, 2025
November 11, 2024	February 10, 2025		

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the revised list of Field Trip locations for the 2024-2025 School Year (as per attached).

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the 09-18-2024 list of field trips (as per attached).

10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Chronic Absenteeism Action Plan for Birchwood School, Katharine D. Malone School, and Stony Brook School for the 2024-2025 school year (as per attached).

Board Discussion

In accordance with Board Policy 0167, public discussion is limited to fifteen (15) minutes with a three (3) minute limit per member of the public. The Board President shall have the right to modify the length of public discussion, as he/she deems appropriate.

Open Public Comment on Education items only *(Ask if Necessary)*			
Motion to open public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to open public comment			

Close Public Comment			
Motion to close public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to close public comment			

Roll Call Vote on Education items						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Dr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Shields**

C. Special Education			
Motion to approve Special Education recommendations by:		**Seconded by:**	

Signed Settled Agreement

1. Motion to approve the signed settlement agreement reference #2025-37893 (as per attached).

Board Discussion

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Open Public Comment on Special Education items only *(Ask if Necessary)*			
Motion to open public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to open public comment			

Close Public Comment			
Motion to close public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to close public comment			

Roll Call Vote on Special Education items						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Dr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Shields**

D. Administration			
Motion to approve Administration recommendations by:		**Seconded by:**	

1. Travel

Motion to approve Dr. Richard R. Corbett to attend the 2024 New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) Annual Conference held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Total associated costs are as follows: (as per attached)

Cost Breakdown	**Amount**

Event Registration	**$550.00**
Accommodation Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel	**October 21, 2024 – October 23, 2024** **$262.00**
Meals and Incidentals	**At the daily rate per GSA Guidelines**
Total	**$812.00**

2. **Travel**
Motion to approve Dr. Alain Mollinedo to attend the 2024 New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) Annual Conference held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Total associated costs are as follows: (as per attached)

Cost Breakdown	**Amount**
Event Registration	**$550.00**
Accommodation Harrah's Resort	**October 22, 2024 – October 24, 2024** **$232.00**
Meals and Incidentals	**At the daily rate per GSA Guidelines**
Total	**$782.00**

3. **Travel**
Motion to approve Ms. Lisa Mezik to attend the 2024 New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) Annual Conference held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Total associated costs are as follows: (as per attached)

Cost Breakdown	**Amount**
Event Registration	**$550.00**
Accommodation Tropicana Casino and Resort	**October 21, 2024 – October 24, 2024** **$360.00**
Meals and Incidentals	**At the daily rate per GSA Guidelines**
Total	**$910.00**

4. **Travel**
Motion to approve Dr. Aaron Tomasini to attend the 2024 New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) Annual Conference held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Total associated costs are as follows: (as per attached)

Cost Breakdown	**Amount**
Event Registration	**$550.00**
Accommodation Tropicana Casino and Resorts	**October 21, 2024 – October 24, 2024** **$360.00**
Meals and Incidentals	**At the daily rate per GSA Guidelines**
Total	**$910.00**

5. **Subscription Busing**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the subscription busing for student I.N. for the 2024-2025 school year attending KDM. One way AM Transport fee is $582.50.

6. NJ DOE Project Submission

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL PLANS, SCHEMATIC PLANS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS, ANY REQUIRED AMENDMENT TO THE LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN (LRFP) AND OTHER RELATED ACTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING ACT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY (the "Board") as follows:

1. The Board President, the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Project Architect, Bond Counsel and other appropriate representatives of the Board (the "Board Representatives") are hereby authorized to submit the educational specifications and plans and the schematic plans for school facilities projects consisting of building expansion, building renovations, building capital improvements, selectively, at all District Schools; Copeland Middle School, Birchwood Elementary School, Catherine A. Dwyer Elementary School, Katherine D. Malone Elementary School, Dennis B. O'Brien Elementary School and Stony Brook Elementary School, including any and all related site work, furnishings, and related work as necessary (the "Projects"), hereby approved in forms prepared by USA Architects (the "Project Architect"), together with such other information as may be required, to the State Department of Education for approval and to make application to the Commissioner of Education for approval of the educational specifications and plans, the schematic plans and the Projects and, if necessary, any required major amendment to the Long-Range Facilities Plan, in accordance with the requirements of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-1 et seq. (P.L. 2000, Ch. 72, effective July 18, 2000, as amended and supplemented) (the "Act") and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2.1(f), 6A:26-2.3, 6A:26-3.1 and 6A:26-3.2. The Board will request debt service aid for eligible project costs.

2. The Board Representatives are hereby further authorized and directed to submit the schematic plans and any other required information to the Planning Board and, if necessary, to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and to any other appropriate agency for review and comment.

3. The Project Architect is hereby authorized and delegated the responsibility to prepare the plans and specifications for the Projects in consultation with and under the supervision of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, who is hereby delegated the responsibility to work with the Project Architect for this purpose on behalf of the Board, and such authorizations and delegations are hereby reconfirmed and ratified, all in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-16.

4. The reference to officers of this school district herein includes the vice president in the absence or unavailability of the president and any assistant, deputy, interim, acting or successor officer authorized to act in the capacity or holding the position of such officer.

5. The Board Representatives are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this resolution and to provide any required notice in a timely manner to prepare for a special school district election.

6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Board Discussion

In accordance with Board Policy 0167, public discussion is limited to fifteen (15) minutes with a three (3) minute limit per member of the public. The Board President shall have the right to modify the length of public discussion, as he/she deems appropriate.

Open Public Comment on Administration Items only *(Ask if Necessary)*			
Motion to open public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to open public comment			

Close Public Comment			
Motion to close public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	

Show of hands to close public comment

Roll Call Vote on Administration items						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Dr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Shields**

E. Finance			
Motion to approve Finance recommendations by:		**Seconded by:**	

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 July 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 July 31, 2024.

   Authorize July 2024 account transfers as submitted.

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 August 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 August 31, 2024.

   Authorize August 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.	August	Student Activities	$2,028.67
B.	August	Summer Enrichment	$20,337.03
C.	August	Cafeteria	$1,070.93
	September	Cafeteria	$30,667.05
D.	August	Summer Saving	$17,462.29
E.	September	District Bills	$3,326,948.69

4. **Grant Acceptance Home Depot**

   Be it resolved that the Rockaway Township Board of Education accepts the Home Depot Foundation grant in the amount of $7,874.00 for the purpose of security supplies for the district.

Board Discussion

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Open Public Comment on Financial items only *(Ask if Necessary)*			
Motion to open public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to open public comment			

Close Public Comment			
Motion to close public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to close public comment			

Roll Call Vote on Finance items						
Mrs. Anderson	**Mrs. Curelaru**	**Ms. McGeary**	**Mrs. Mezik**	**Mrs. Smith**	**Dr. Tomasini**	**Mrs. Shields**

Board Discussion

In accordance with Board Policy 0167, public discussion is limited to fifteen (15) minutes with a three (3) minute limit per member of the public. The Board President shall have the right to modify the length of public discussion, as he/she deems appropriate.

Open Second Public Comment			
Motion to open public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to open public comment			

Close Second Public Comment			
Motion to close public comment by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to close public comment			

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Old Business

B. New Business

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Return to Executive Session *(if needed)*

For the discussion of _____ for approximately _____ minutes.

Motion to go into closed session by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to enter closed session.			
Closed session starts at _____ pm.			

Motion to adjourn closed session by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to end closed session.			

Closed sessions ends at _____ pm.

Meeting Adjournment			
Motion to adjourn meeting by:		**Seconded by:**	
Show of hands to adjourn meeting.			

Meeting adjournment at _____ pm.