BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 06, 2026

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 06, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

Ms. McGeary called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

The following current sitting Board members of the Board of Education were present in-person: Mrs. Anderson, Dr. Gorman, Mrs. Brookes, Ms. Richardson, and Ms. McGeary.

Mrs. Mezik and Ms. Tourne were absent

Also present were Dr. Corbett, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Slamb, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Morgese, Board Attorney and no members of 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 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. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Richardson 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, 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.

Motion made by Dr. Gorman, 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. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Richardson that the closed session stands adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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

Ms. McGeary reopened the regular business meeting of the Board with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION
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 – 2026-05-06' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-05-06'.

Motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Richardson to open Public comment.
Show of hands to open Public comment, all present voting yes, motion so carried

Members of the public came forward in support of Principal Dustin Bayer of Copeland Middle School (Jennifer Skolsky, Jacki Baeder, Christine Grasso, Michelle Kestenbaum, Mika Baeder, Asha Abaza, Jamie Lenis, Monica Estrada, Jack Kestenbaum, Rachel Isler, C. George Young, Kelly McEvoy, Rebecca Villareale, Jamie Ripke, Tommy Nicolicchia, William Crispino, Melissa Gaydos, Tucker Kelly, Kris Ohrenick, Stephanie Ziznewski, Kyrsten Thomas, Jessica Yarnall, Riley Batten, Anikon Callie, Amanda Wadleigh, Susan Royek, Christopher Jackson,

Kristin Lewis came forward to discuss her individual personnel issue.

Motion by Dr. Gorman, seconded by Mrs. Brookes, to close Public comment.
Show of hands to open Public comment, all present voting yes, motion so carried.

I. COMMUNICATIONS:

Ten additional communications were added. 1) Pooja Aggarwal – Please Renew CMS Principal Dustin Bayer's contract 2) Cathy Vonk – Principal Bayer 3) Melissa Efremoski – Please reconsider your decision for Mr. BAYER 4) Christine Grasso – Support for Principal Bayer 5) Jamie Ripke – Mr. Bayer 6) Valeria Giardina – Letter of Support for Principal Bayer – Mrs. Giardina 7) Janet Baillif – Letter of Support for Principal Bayer 8) Melissa Gaydos – CMS principal Mr. Bayer 9) Leah Oswanski – Support of Contract Renewal – Dustin Bayer, CMS 10) Gianna Sabeh O'Brien – Principal Bayer

Kristen Lawhorn	5159.2 and Dated Register
Asha Abaza	Principal Bayer
Lauren Reszka	In Support of Mr. Bayer
Gregg Nelson	Keep Dustin Bayer at Copeland
Erin Fontana	Mr. Bayer at Copeland
Monica Estrada	Keep Mr. Bayer at Copeland
Inga Donskaya	Our principal Mr. Bayer
Deanna Plumb	Copeland Middle School
Christina Markowitch	Regarding Principal Bayer
Viviana Gutierrez Jimenez	Disagree with the removal of Mr. Bayer
Christina Siegfried-Farro	Principal Bayer
Shannon Scherr	Staff Support of Dustin Bayer
Jennifer Korman	Mr. Bayer
Heather Batten	Concern Regarding Leadership Decision at Copeland Middle School
Chetna Patel	Support for Principal Bayer
Thomas Nicolicchia	Copeland Middle School
Jennifer Skolsky	The Rockaway Township Board of Education, The Rockaway Township Community Calls on the BOE to Review the Non-Renewal of Principal Bayer's Contract
Sarah Collard	Mr. Bayer
Jeril Nadar	Copeland Principal
Joe and Joann Rebecky	Principal Bayer
Christopher Jackson	Wednesday May 6 Board Meeting Letter in Support of D. B.
Coreen Manicone	Mr. Bayer and Copeland Middle School

II. APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion by Ms. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the minutes of April 15, 2026 and April 22, 2026.

Roll Call Vote on the approval of minutes, all voted yes, motion passed.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- The third and final **PTA General Assembly** for this school year was held on Monday, April 27, with 13 participants. Concerns raised include the use of i-Ready and excessive screen time. The PTA members present suggested a listening session to discuss the issue of i-Ready/screentime, which is under consideration by the Board of Education.
- This school year, the Lions Club offered free vision screenings for students in preschool - grade 1 and students in special education programs. This year, 191 KDM, Birchwood, and Stony Brook students received eye screenings. The Welch Allyn Spot vision screener was used and captures information in just a few seconds after the student views a picture. If a potential problem is identified, a report is sent to the doctor, who contacts the parents.
- Staff from the Morris County Office of Education conducted an interim QSAC review of our district's progress in the areas of Instruction and Program since the initial August 2025 placement. I am pleased to report that since the 76% score received in August 2025, the County's subsequent interim review has our district's Instruction & Programming DPR at

83%, which now identifies Rockaway Township Schools as a "high-performing district." QSAC Placement April 2026

NJQSAC Areas	Initial Placement August 2025	Interim Placement April 2026
Instruction and Program	76%	83%
Fiscal Management	98%	98%
Governance	95%	95%
Operations	92%	92%
Personnel	98%	98%

- The official HIB grades have been released and posted on the district HIB website. In October, we shared the self-assessment scores submitted to the State. The final grades are summarized below.

School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act 2024-2025 District and School Grade Report Rockaway Township School District *** Official Release ***			
District Grade		75/78	
Birchwood	76/78	Catherine A. Dwyer	76/78
Dennis B. O'Brien	75/78	Katharine D. Malone	76/78
Stony Brook	75/78	Copeland	74/78

Part II: ***HIB Update*** - Currently, of the 9 HIB investigations, 3 are confirmed. This evening, 6 HIB investigations are on the agenda for board approval. Of the 6, none are confirmed.

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/BUDGET PRESENTATION 2026-2027:

The Budget Presentation can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-05-06' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-05-06'.

Jamie Ripke and Tucker Kelly came up to ask questions regarding the budge presentation

V. STUDENT SERVICES PRESENTATION:

The Student Services Presentation can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-05-06' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-05-06'.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The full Committee's Report can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-05-06' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-05-06'.

VII. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

A. Personnel

Motion made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Richardson, 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.	Special Education Teacher	Thalia Johnson	$200.00 per day	CMS	**5/4/26	6/30/26	Long-term substitute
2.	PT Staff Assistant	6649	$23.40/hr. (Step 4)	DBO	**4/27/26	6/30/26	Reassignment to PT Staff Assistant
3.	PSD Teacher	Caryl Sambrato	No change.	BWD	**4/27/26	6/30/26	Reassignment to PSD classroom
4.	PT Staff Assistant/Bus Monitor	Deborah Tanner	$23.40/hr. (Step 4)	TRANS.	**5/1/26	6/30/26	Reassignment of hours from 18 hrs. 20 mins./wk. to 22.5 hrs./wk. due to route change
5.	PT Staff Assistant/Bus Monitor	Melanie Valencia Vanegas	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	TRANS.	**5/1/26	6/30/26	Reassignment from Sub Bus Assistant to PT Staff Assistant/Bus Monitor 17.5 hrs./wk. (Replacing Employee 5941)
6.	Contracted Bus Driver	Juan Vargas	$23,894.00 prorated	TRANS.	**5/1/26	6/30/26	Reassignment from Sub Bus Driver to Contracted Bus Driver

B.	Appointment Per Attached Lists						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	2025-2026 CMS Stipends	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay (prorated)	CMS	**4/29/26	5/15/26	6th Section Coverage As assigned
2.	2025-2026 ABA Stipends - KDM	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	KDM	25-26 SY		Autism classroom with ABA training

C.	Leave of Absence						
	Position	**Employee Number**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Purchasing Secretary	4542		CMS	5/13/26 6/8/26	6/5/26 6/26/26	With Pay under FMLA With Pay Return: 6/29/26
2.	Special Education Teacher	4372		CMS	**5/4/26	6/18/26	Extended with Pay under FMLA Return: 1st day of 26-27 SY
3.	Physical Education/ Health Teacher	4761		CMS	**4/20/26	**5/3/26	With Pay under FMLA Return: 5/4/26
4.	MLL Teacher	7117		CAD	5/29/26 6/4/26	6/3/26 6/18/26	With Pay under FMLA Without Pay under FMLA Return: 1st day of 26-27 SY

D.	Resignation/Retirement						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Spanish Teacher	Rosana Badishkanian		CMS		7/1/26	Retirement
2.	Social Studies Teacher	Joyce Harquail		CMS		7/1/26	Retirement
3.	PT Staff Assistant	Shirley Nadar		KDM		**4/30/26	Resignation
4.	Network Technician	Steven Rome		DIST.		5/11/26	Resignation
5.	School Secretary	Judite Wallin		KDM		6/30/26	Retirement

E.	Reemployment - Approve the reemployment and salaries for the following staff for the 2026-2027 school year					
	Nature of Action	**Position**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Date Effective**	**Discussion**
1.	Reemployment	Administrators	Per the contracted salary	DIST.	26/27 SY	Per the attached list
2.	Reemployment	Custodial/Maintenance	Per the contracted salary	MAINT.	26/27 SY	Per the attached list
3.	Reemployment	Miscellaneous Staff	Per the contracted salary	DIST.	26/27 SY	Per the attached list
4.	Reemployment	Secretarial/Clerical	Per the contracted salary	DIST.	26/27 SY	Per the attached list
5.	Reemployment	Staff Assistants	Per the contracted salary	DIST.	26/27 SY	Per the attached list
6.	Reemployment	Teachers	Per the contracted salary	DIST.	26/27 SY	Per the attached list
7.	Reemployment	Technology Department	Per the contracted salary	DIST.	26/27 SY	Per the attached list
8.	Reemployment	Transportation Department	Per the contracted salary	TRANS.	26/27 SY	Per the attached list

F.	Substitute Teachers						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Level**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute Teacher – New Hire	Talia Criso	$175.00 per day	DIST.	25-26 SY	County	Pending physical/Mantoux
2.	Substitute Teacher – New Hire	Alexander Price	$175.00 per day	DIST.	25-26 SY	County	Pending Mantoux

G.	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the revision of the following previously approved motion under Personnel (Motion A-12 and Motion C-7, 4-15-26 agenda).						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute Bus Driver	Juan Vargas	$30.00/hr.	TRANS.	**4/20/26	**4/30/26	Corrected rate of pay and revised effective dates
2.	Special Education Teacher	6759		CMS	**4/24/26	5/15/26	Revised dates of LOA With Pay under FMLA Return: 5/18/26

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

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all voted yes, motion passed.

B. HIB:

Motion made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Richardson, to approve the following HIB determinations

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has provided the Board of Education with reports regarding HIB Incidents:

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#305326 unconfirmed, #305961 unconfirmed, #306146 unconfirmed, #306201 unconfirmed, #306202 unconfirmed, #306204 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:

#305326 unconfirmed, #305961 unconfirmed, #306146 unconfirmed, #306201 unconfirmed, #306202 unconfirmed, #306204 unconfirmed.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations, all voted yes, motion passed.

HIB Current Investigations

305592	306203	306633
306666	306757	306864
307444	307713	307714

HIB Incident Summary: (as per attached)

C. Education:

Motion made by Ms. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Brookes 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	Organization	Workshop Location	Workshop Dates	Registration Fee	Travel/Hotel / Incidentals Cost	Total Cost
Jennifer Saxton	NJIP Summer All-In Conference	All In For Inclusive Ed	Union, NJ	5-28-26	No Cost	$28.24	$28.24

2.Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following student(s) to complete their Clinical I and Clinical II requirements during the 2026-2027 school year

Student Teacher/Intern	College/University	Cooperating Teacher/Location
Jessica Franqueira*	Montclair State University	Tara Hempel/KDM
Wing Yan Hui*	Montclair State University	Sandra Bornemann/DBO
Antonetta Albano *	Montclair State University	Thea Arico/SB
Margaret Drislane*	Montclair State University	Danielle Maute/DBO
Andrew Joskowitz*	Montclair State University	Catherine Briggs/KDM

*Pending satisfactory completion of District requirements

3.Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the stipends/salaries funded with Federal Grants as follows:

Teacher	Grade/Position	Location	Stipend/Salary	% Funded
Christine Ciampi	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hours/week)	CMS	$48.00/hour	100% Title I
Sarah Gallopo-Hill	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hours/week)	CMS	$48.00/hour	100% Title I
Jenna Gonzalez	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hours/week)	CMS	$48.00/hour	100% Title I
Kelly McEvoy	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hours/week)	CMS	$48.00/hour	100% Title I
Lynn Mondello	Title I After School Teacher (up to 2 hours/week)	CMS	$48.00/hour	100% Title I

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the field trip requests (as per attached)

No Public comment.

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

D. Special Education:
Motion made by Ms. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Brookes, to approve the following special education recommendations.

1. **Extended School Year 2025-2026 Transportation**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the extended school year transportation provided by the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the following students as per their IEP needs.

Student Number	Attending School
#00423	Midland School
#00354	Glenview Academy

2. **Advancing Opportunities – Assistive Technology Services Contract**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Advancing Opportunities for services for the 2026-2027 school year (as per attached)

3. **J and B Therapy, LLC**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and J and B Therapy, LLC for services for the 2026-2027 school year (as per attached)

4. **Rescind Itinerant Services Tuition – for SY 2025-2026**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board rescinds the itinerant services tuition contract for the following student for the 2025-2026 school year (10/15/2025, D-1).

Student #	School	Location	Tuition Rate
#01381	Mountain Lakes	Rockaway, Birchwood	**Tuition Rate** $1,900.00 (1) 50 minute session per month $190 (per session)

5. **Out of District Placement Tuition**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the tuition contracts for the following out of district placement students for the 2026-2027 school year:

Student #	School	Location	Tuition Rate
#00354	Glenview Academy	Oak Ridge, NJ	**Tuition Rate** $102,552.88 **Extraordinary Services** $64,660.00
#00704	The Craig School	Mountain Lakes, NJ	**Tuition Rate** $68,250.00

No public comment

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

E. Administration:
Motion made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Brookes to approve the following administration recommendations.

1. **Emergency Evacuation Use Agreement SY 2026-2027**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board authorizes the Emergency Evacuation Use Agreement between Rockaway Township Board of Education and County College of Morris for the 2026-2027 school year. The term of this Agreement shall be from May 6, 2026, through June 30, 2027 (as per attached).
2. **YMCA Use of District Premises/Facilities Agreement SY 2026-2027**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and West Morris Area YMCA for the use of district school premises for the 2026-2027 school year (as per attached).

3. **Education Services Commission of Morris County – Joint Transportation Agreement**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Educational Services Commission of Morris County to provide transportation for students to athletic events, routes and trips for the 2026-2027 school year (as per attached)

4. **Educational Services Commission of Morris County - Shared Services Agreement and Addendum**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the shared services agreement, addendum, and invoice for the bidding and purchasing program between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2026-2027 school year. The term of the agreement shall be from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The Commission shall provide the following professional support services in the amount of $6,972.00 (as per attached).

5. **School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report**
Motion to approve the Spring submission of the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for the 2025-2026 school year (as per attached)

6. **Shared Services Agreement – Special Law Enforcement Officer III**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Shared Service Agreement between Rockaway Township and the Rockaway Township Board of Education for five (5) Special Law Enforcement Officer III for a maximum of 180 days at a per diem rate of $40.70/hr. year 1 (2026-2027 school year) and $41.95/hr. year 2 (2027-2028 school year) (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. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Brookes, to approve the following finance recommendations.

1. **Adopt The Final Budget**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board adopts the Final Budget for School Year 2026-2027.

Rockaway Township Public Schools
Adoption of the Final Budget for School Year 2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED that the budget be approved for the 2026-2027 school year using the 2026-2027 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit to the Executive County Superintendent for approval in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:7F-5 and 18A:7F-6:

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Debt Service	Total
Total Expenditures	$68,514,727	$629,153	$0	$69,143,880
Less Anticipated Revenues	$11,324,093	$629,153	$0	$11,953,246
Local Tax Levy to be Raised	$57,190,634	$0	$0	$57,190,634

ADJUSTMENT FOR ENROLLMENT: $262,236
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of $262,236. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

ADJUSTMENT FOR HEALTHCARE COSTS: $2,680,363
BET IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of $2,680,363. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

MAXIMUM TRAVEL
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of **$93,600** for the 2026-2027 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2025-2026 school year is $93,600, of which, $5,575 has been spent and an additional $4843 is encumbered to date.

TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT
The Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district;

AND, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board;

AND, a board of education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of $150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30);

AND, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 but deemed by the board of education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education includes in the budget travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of $93,600 for all staff and board members for the 2026-2027 school year.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

CAPITAL RESERVE

Capital Reserve Account Withdrawal: $2,323,800

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the budget a Capital Reserve withdrawal in the amount of $2,323,800 for the purpose of roof replacements at Copeland Middle School and Stony Brook Elementary School and a Secure Vestibule Project at Birchwood Elementary School, Catherine Dwyer Elementary School, and Stony Brook Elementary School.

MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Maintenance Reserve Account Withdrawal: $50,000

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the budget a maintenance reserve withdrawal in the amount of $50,000 for the purpose of district-wide repairs and improvements for both aesthetic and functional needs.

2. **Roof Upgrades for CMS and SB**

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by the Superintendent of Schools to the Rockaway Township Board of Education ("Board") to seek a contract for construction services for a Project entitled Roof Upgrades at Various Schools (hereinafter "Project"); and

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

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2026, the Board received the following bids from potential bidders at 11:00 a.m. in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A-1, et seq.;

Bidder	Base Bid
Laumar Roofing	$1,740,500.00
Galia Construction, Inc.	$1,780,000.00
TNT Construction Group, LLC	$1,794,000.00
Safeway Contracting	$2,149,000.00
Northeast Roof Maintenance Inc.	$2,241,500.00
USA General Contractors Corp.	$2,497,771.00

WHEREAS, the apparent low bidder, Laumar Roofing, has submitted a letter indicating that they made an error in the calculations of their bid and they now seek to withdraw same; and

WHEREAS, the apparent second low bidder, Galia Construction, Inc., has submitted a letter indicating that they made an error in the calculations of their bid and they now seek to withdraw same; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bid submitted by third low bidder, TNT Construction Group LLC, together with the bid specifications and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and in consultation with the Design Professionals for the Project, the Board has determined TNT Construction Group LLC, is the lowest responsible bidder for the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby grants Laumar Roofing's request to withdraw its bid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board hereby grants Galia Construction, Inc.'s request to withdraw its bid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board awards the Project to TNT Construction Group, LLC, at a total contract amount, of $1,794,000.

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

G. Policy:
Motion made by Mrs. Brookes, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the following policy/regulations recommendations.

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

Policy 5339.01 Student Sun Protection

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following regulations for adoption (as per attached):

Regulation 6111 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program
Regulation 6220 Budget Preparation
Regulation 1570 Internal Controls

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

SECOND PUBLIC DISCUSSION
The second 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 – 2026-05-06' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-05-06'.

Motion by Ms. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to open Public comment.
Show of hands to open Public comment, all present voting yes, motion so carried

Jacki Baeder came forward to discuss non-renewal of Principal Bayer

Dana Taboadela came forward to thank Mrs. Slamb regarding budge and speak in favor of Dr. Corbett.

Tucker Kelly came forward in support of Principal Bayer

Motion by Mrs. Brookes, seconded by Ms. Richardson, to close Public comment.
Show of hands to open Public comment, all present voting yes, motion so carried

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
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 – 2026-05-06' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2026-05-06'.

Old Business:
none

New Business:
Mrs. Anderson – Family friend works at Veterans Museum and commented on how well behaved and polite Copeland students were on their field trip.
Dr. Gorman – Stony Brook PTA is holding plant sale May 7th and 8th.
Ms. McGeary – Attended Copeland strings and chorus concert and commented on how great it was and is grateful for the arts and all education programs in Rockaway.
Ms. Richardson – Thanked teachers and nurses in district with it being teacher appreciation week and nurses day.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mrs. Brookes seconded by Ms. Richardson, meeting adjourned at 9:34 PM.
Show of hands on above, all present voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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