REGULAR MEETING
ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 15, 2025

The Rockaway Township Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Copeland Middle School, Lake Shore Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey.

Dr. Tomasini called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The following members of the Board of Education were present in-person: Mrs. Anderson, Ms. McGeary, Mrs. Mezik, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Tourne and Dr. Tomasini.

Mrs. Curelaru arrived at 6:14PM.

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 Mrs. Mezik, 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 6:01 PM.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Ms. McGeary that the closed session stands adjourned at 7:36 PM.

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

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:36 PM.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PTA RECOGNITION

The full ceremony can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2025-10-15' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2025-10-15.'

A 10-minute recess was called.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Motion by Mrs. Mezik, seconded by Ms. McGeary to open Public comment.

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

A member of the public commented regarding a communication that was not on the agenda. The bell to bell grant was added to the communication as a walk on for the meeting.

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 –

The fifth communication was a walk on to the agenda and will be amended. Motion made by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Ms. Tourne, to approve the following personnel recommendations.

Brian Wittig via Alignable	Referrals
Brian Wittig via Alignable	Reminder: Referrals Invite
Francesca Angela Nordin	Free Con't Ed Cert/Prof Development 1 ½ hour 10/13/25 9AM
Francesca Angela Nordin	Fwd:
Dana Taboadela	Bell to Bell Grant

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the minutes of September 17, 2025.

Roll Call Vote on all above recommendations.
Mrs. Curelaru, Mrs. McGeary, Mrs. Mezik, Ms. Richardson and Dr. Tomasini voted yes.
Mrs. Anderson and Ms. Tourne abstained.
Motion carried.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The full Superintendent report can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2025-10-15' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2025-10-15.'

Back-to-School Nights held at Copeland, Stony Brook, and DBO were all very well attended, and parents seem excited to start the new school year. This evening, the Board will approve Ms. Margaret Price as the new Assistant to the Business Administrator. Welcome Maggie. We are happy to have you as the newest member of our team. The Student Services department is excited for the 2025-2026 school year ahead. Due to the success of the New Jersey Inclusion Project at DBO last year, we have been invited to continue working with them for another year. As a district, we remain committed to inclusive education and have increased inclusion opportunities throughout the district by adding classes in various schools. SEPAC is off to a great start with information tables at each Back-to-School Night. SEPAC will be offering three parent support meetings for the first time this year and will participate in the Morris County Parent Training Series. You can visit the district website for updated flyers and links to the events. As of today, at 3 pm, the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) scores are available to parents in grades 4-8 on the Genesis Parent Portal. Student preliminary data is already uploaded to the *LinkIt* parent portal. The ISR (Individual Score Report) in Genesis will provide parents with a comprehensive look at their child's performance. We understand that receiving test scores can be an anxious moment for both students and parents. Please remember that these scores are just one part of your child's academic journey, and they do not define your child's worth or potential. We are here to support and guide your child every step of the way.

Good News from our Schools

At **DBO**, students have had a great start to the school year. The *Caught Being Good* initiative is in full swing. It is exciting to see students earn coins for making positive choices and contributing to the community. These small moments of recognition add up to a big impact in building a positive school culture.

Each month, DBO will be hosting school-wide assemblies to celebrate and reward students for demonstrating inclusivity, responsibility, respect, and kindness. These gatherings will not only recognize students' efforts but also continue to build pride and a positive community across all grade levels.

In addition, *Prevention is Key* is working with 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade students, providing valuable lessons on decision-making, peer relationships, and healthy choices. These are important skills that will benefit students both in and out of the classroom.

Character Strong lessons have begun, with at least three lessons planned per class per month. These lessons will help students with their social-emotional needs and tools.

Finally, the i-Ready fall diagnostic assessments are nearly complete. These assessments help teachers understand each child's strengths and areas for growth, allowing instruction to be tailored to meet the needs of every learner.

Dwyer has started the year with excitement as our community welcomes new staff and students. Back-to-School Night was a wonderful success, beginning with a parent *Meet & Greet* hosted by the PTA. The coffee and cookies were the perfect kickoff before parents headed off to visit classrooms and meet teachers. The staff worked hard to beautify the building, creating a space that is both warm and welcoming for families, while remaining a daily source of pride and joy for students. The fun has already begun with the *Crazy Hair*! Spirit Day. Mr. McGovern even surprised the students with an impromptu sing-along. Of course, it's not just fun and games, since students are now buckling down for their beginning-of-year assessments. At Dwyer, there truly are no walls and no limits to what we can accomplish and do for our students!

Stony Brook is off to an exceptional start for the school year, with students and staff arriving on the first day energized and ready to go. Classroom teachers and the intervention team have already begun administering benchmark assessments for all students in grades K–5, with the data helping to guide instruction as the year moves forward. Character education remains a central focus through initiatives such as *PBSIS* and *Prevention is Key*.

The school community is grateful to the PTA for making the start of the new year extra special by providing a whiteboard for the outdoor classroom, along with a new digital piano. These additions will support both learning and enrichment opportunities for students throughout the year.

We are looking forward to the Stony Brook Family Picnic, scheduled for Friday, September 19. It is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together, and the school looks forward to seeing everyone there!

Students and staff at **Birchwood** participated in Patriot Day on 9/11, proudly wearing Red, White, and Blue. The intervention team and classroom teachers are teaching and administering Acadience and i-Ready benchmarks in grades K-5. Teachers will use this data to inform instruction and support student transitions to new academic levels. Ms. Patel is hosting RTI meetings to ensure teachers monitor student progress, and she is delivering *Character Strong* lessons in classrooms. Mrs. Rivera is hosting grade-level meetings to mentor and coach teachers one grade level at a time. The PTA has already planned a Kindergarten Social for September 26. Back-to-school night is scheduled for September 30; presentations will be in multiple languages for their parents, similar to the Newsletter, which is now provided in both English and Spanish.

KDM teachers have worked diligently to prepare their classrooms and create a warm and welcoming space conducive to learning and growth. Students are currently engaged in iReady Diagnostic Assessments and familiarizing themselves with their new classrooms, teachers, and schedules. We are also looking forward to our district-wide initiative coordinated through Rise Up Rockaway, Socks in a Box, where KDM students and staff will donate socks to our most vulnerable neighbors in need. The KDM PTA is raising funds while gearing up for the annual Walk-A-Thon. This Friday, the KDM community is gathering for Candy Bar Bingo, a fun family event we look forward to every year. KDM is looking forward to a great year ahead.

During the first week at **Copeland Middle School**, the staff focused on helping the students adjust to school life, setting the tone for a supportive and successful year ahead. There was an impressive turnout at the Back-to-School Nights, with parents and guardians showing strong support for their students and the school community. Our cross-country team hit the ground running with practices underway, and had their first meet on Monday, September 15th. We are excited to announce that information about after-school clubs and activities will be available on our website the week of September 22nd. The CMS community is looking forward to a great year!

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The full Business Administrator's report can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2025-10-15' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2025-10-15.'

V. PRESENTATION HIB SELF ASSESSMENT

The full presentation can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2025-10-15' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2025-10-15'.

VI. EDUCATION REPORT – NJSLA PRESENTATION

The full presentation can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2025-10-15' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2025-10-15'.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The full Committee reports can be viewed on the Rockaway Township Board of Education's YouTube Channel, Rockaway Streamer under 'Board of Education Meeting – 2025-10-15' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2025-10-15'.

VIII. RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Personnel

Motion made by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Ms. Tourne, 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.	PT Staff Assistant	Mary Adeeb	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	SB	***10/16/25	6/30/26	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending fingerprint approval
2.	District Translator	Mary Adeeb	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		Arabic
3.	Handle with Care Trainer	Scott Buckley	Per contracted rate of pay	DIST.	25-26 SY		$60.00 per hour if given during school day; $120.00 per hour if given outside school day; inclusive of preparation and planning
4.	PT Staff Assistant	Jayne Cleary	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	***10/16/25	6/30/26	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval (Replacing K Griffith)
5.	District Translator	Nicole DeSousa	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		Spanish
6.	PT Staff Assistant	Subhashini Gurram	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	BWD	***11/1/25	6/30/26	Kindergarten, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux, fingerprint approval, and other personnel paperwork (Replacing M Leach)
7.	PT Staff Assistant	Razia Haroon	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	BWD	***10/16/25	6/30/26	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
8.	District Mentor	Kristen Hemmer	$550.00	CAD	25-26 SY		Stipend
9.	Teacher in Charge	Veronica Jallad	$100.00 per diem	BWD	25-26 SY		As assigned
10.	Academic Intervention Teacher	Debbi Katcher	$200.00 per day	KDM	**9/29/25	10/17/25	Long-term substitute (Replacing Employee 6948)
11.	PT Staff Assistant	Sai Lakshmi Kyatham	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	BWD	***10/16/25	6/30/26	PreK, 1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux, fingerprint approval, and other personnel paperwork
12.	PT Staff Assistant	Martha Loaiza-Boyer	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	KDM	***10/29/25	6/30/26	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval
13.	District Translator	Martha Loaiza-Boyer	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		Spanish
14.	PT Staff Assistant	Monika Pirog	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	***10/16/25	6/30/26	1:1 per student IEP, 17.5 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux and fingerprint approval

15.	District Translator	Monika Pirog	$48.00/hr.	DIST.	25-26 SY		Polish
16.	Special Education Resource Teacher	Rachel Reed	$69,195.00 (MA+60 Step 1)	SB	10/16/25	6/30/26	Reassignment from Leave Replacement to FT teacher (Replacing C Deighan)
17.	PT Staff Assistant	Brittany Reitzel	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	BWD	***10/16/25	6/30/26	PreK, 1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. Pending physical/Mantoux, fingerprint approval, and other personnel paperwork
18.	PT Staff Assistant	Lori Sackett	$23.40/hr. (Step 4)	CMS	10/16/25	6/30/26	Reassignment of hours from 17.5 per week to 26 hours per week
19.	Kindergarten Teacher	Cynthia Trisuzzi	$62,630.00 (BA Step 1) prorated	SB	10/20/25	6/30/26	Leave Replacement (Replacing Employee 5911)
20.	Handle with Care Trainer	Cherie Verzi	Per contracted rate of pay	DIST.	25-26 SY		$60.00 per hour if given during school day; $120.00 per hour if given outside school day; inclusive of preparation and planning
21.	Interim PT Music Teacher	Theresa Weniger	$42,567.00 MA+30 (Step 4) prorated	CMS	11/3/25	1/31/26	Extended 0.6 FTE
22.	PT Staff Assistant	Briannah Whitaker	$22.18/hr. (Step 1)	CMS	***10/16/25	6/30/26	1:1 per student IEP, 26 hrs./wk. (Replacing P Savarin)

B. Appointments Per Attached Lists

	Position	Name	Salary	Location	Start Date Eff.	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	2025-2026 Horizontal Movement	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	Per the attached list	25-26 SY		Movement on guide per the attached list
2.	2025-2026 BWD After School Clubs	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	BWD	25-26 SY		Pay-to-Play Clubs per attached list
3.	2025-2026 CMS Stipend Positions	Per the attached list	Per contracted rate of pay	CMS	25-26 SY		Per the attached list

C. Leave of Absence

	Position	Employee Number	Salary	Location	Start Date Eff.	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	Bus Driver	4348		TRANS.	11/5/25	11/21/25	With Pay under FMLA Return: 11/24/25
2.	Academic Intervention Teacher	6948		KDM	**9/22/25	10/17/25	With Pay under FMLA Return: 10/20/25
3.	FT Staff Assistant	6570		KDM	**9/4/25	9/26/25	With Pay Return: 9/29/25

D. Resignation/Retirement

	Position	Name	Salary	Location	Start Date Eff.	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	Kindergarten Teacher	Anna De Sario		BWD		2/1/26	Retirement
2.	LMS/STEAM Teacher	Leah VanScoy		KDM		11/30/25	Retirement
3.	FT Staff Assistant	Cynthia Trisuzzi		SB		10/19/25	Resignation in order to accept leave replacement position in district

E.	Substitute Nurse/Teachers						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Level**	**Discussion**
1.	Substitute Nurse - New Hire	Valerie Morris	$225.00 per day	DIST.	25-26 SY	County	Pending Mantoux
2.	Substitute Teacher - New Hire	Per the attached list	$175.00 per day	DIST.	25-26 SY	Per the attached list	Per the attached list

F.	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves revision of the following leave replacement assignment previously approved motion under Personnel (Motion A-5, 9-3-25 agenda).						
	Position	**Name**	**Salary**	**Location**	**Start Date Eff.**	**Date Term.**	**Discussion**
1.	Grade 5 Teacher	Christina Bielski	$64,630.00 BA (Step 3) prorated	KDM	**9/22/25	6/30/26	Revision in Leave Replacement position and dates (Replacing Employee #6784)

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

HIB Current Investigations:

# 295445	# 295531	# 295446	# 295580
# 295662	# 295579	# 295801	# 296203
# 295897	# 295899	# 295915	# 296198
# 296203	# 296254	# 296420	# 297191

HIB Incident Summary (as per attached)

C. Education

Motion made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Ms. McGeary 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**
Ruthann Champagne	HIB Training	Strauss Esmay	Toms River, NJ	12-03-25	$165.00	$88.36	$253.36
Sharon Cohen	Woodcock Johnson V Training	William Paterson University	Wayne, NJ	10-23-25	$400.00	$11.66	$411.66
Lauren Crispino	Next Generation Science Standards	PRISM/MSU	Bloomfield, NJ	11-13-25	$200.00	$11.76	211.76
Susan Elling	Next Generation Science Standards	PRISM/MSU	Bloomfield, NJ	11-13-25	$200.00	N/A	$200.00
Nancy Dattelkramer	Woodcock Johnson V Training	William Paterson University	Wayne, NJ	10-23-25	$400.00	$11.66	$411.66

Christine Hackney	AM Session: Using Diagnostic Assessments to Enhance Small Group & Individual Reading Interventions; PM Session: Veni, Vici Vocabulary Virtual Instruction sessions-Saturday Online	NJ International Dyslexia Association	Franklin Township, NJ Virtual	10-17-25 10-18-25	$250.00 $100.00	$0.00	$250.00 + $100.00 Total: $350.00
Michael McGovern	HIB Training	Strauss Esmay	Toms River, NJ	12-03-25	$165.00	$82.44	$247.44
Caitlin Molloy	Adapted Health & PE Conference	NJ Assoc. of Health, PE, Rec. & Dance	New Brunswick, NJ	11-10-25	$175.00	N/A	$175.00
Jennifer Saxton	Woodcock Johnson V Training	William Paterson University	Wayne, NJ	10-23-25	$400.00	$11.66	$411.66
Jennifer Saxton	CST & Related Services: Least Restrictive Environment & the IEP Process	NJ Inclusion Project	Virtual	10-21-25	No Cost	N/A	$0.00
Jennifer Saxton	IEP Writing & Progress Monitoring	NJ Inclusion Project	Virtual	12-02-25	No Cost	N/A	$0.00
Jennifer Saxton	Special Education and Specially Designed Instruction	NJ Inclusion Project	Virtual	01-13-26	No Cost	N/A	$0.00
Denice Taxiarchou	Woodcock Johnson V Training	William Paterson University	Wayne, NJ	10-23-25	$400.00	$11.66	$411.66
John Titus	Next Generation Science Standards	PRISM/MSU	Bloomfield, NJ	11-13-25	$200.00	$27.58	$227.58
Joy Van Wingerden	Strengthen Phonics Instruction in any K-2 Reading Program	Bureau of Education & Research	Virtual	11-12-25	$295.00	N/A	$295.00
Larissa Verhagen	Woodcock Johnson V Training	William Paterson University	Wayne, NJ	10-23-25	$400.00	$11.66	$411.66
Elyse Webster	Virtual Instruction sessions-Saturday Online	NJ International Dyslexia Association	Virtual	10-18-25	$250.00	N/A	$250.00
Mary Weilbaecher	AM Session: Using Diagnostic Assessments to Enhance Small Group & Individual Reading Interventions; PM	NJ International Dyslexia Association	Franklin Township, NJ	10-17-25	$250.00	N/A	$250.00

	Session: Veni, Vici Vocabulary						
Charles G. Young	HIB Training	Strauss Esmay	Toms River, NJ	12-08-25	$165.00	$88.36	$253.36

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following employees for CPR Certification on October 20, 2025. The cost to the District will be $10.00/employee for the cost of the American Heart Association e-card.

Employee	Location	Employee	Location
Kenneth Baker	CAD	John James	CMS
Kelly Bezeg	DBO	Erin Macellaro	CMS
Heather Brienza	CMS	Danielle Massaro	CAD
Dominique Brock	CMS	Kristin Novembre	DBO
Nestor Conforti	SB	Susan Ritz	CMS
Charles Filippo	CMS	Ashley Ruzika	KDM
Alice Fleming	Transportation	William Swenty	CMS
Lawrence Frank	CMS	Tara Van Orden	CAD
Tara Hempel	KDM	Enrique Vinas	KDM

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following employees for CPR Certification on November 19, 2025. The cost to the District will be $10.00/employee for the cost of the American Heart Association e-card.

Employee	Location	Employee	Location
Kathleen Adams	CMS	Diane Haza	CAD
Dustin Bayer	CMS	Natalia Hubisz	DBO
Austin Caldwell	SB	Jennifer Klak	CMS
Ruthann Champagne	CMS	Claudimira Lombardi	KDM
Richard Corbett	CO	Jean Marie O'Toole	Transportation
Allison Creeden	KDM	Lisa Phillips	CMS
Lauren Crispino	KDM	Alison Piano	SB
Cynthia Fama	Transportation	Lori Sackett	CMS
Meredith Gallazo	SB	Bria Spotts	CMS
Gena Hartman	KDM	Deborah Tanner	Transportation

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following student(s) to complete their field experience requirements during the Spring 2026 Semester.

Student Teacher	College/University	Cooperating Teacher/School
Hafsa Khan*	Fairleigh Dickenson University	Donna Zarriello/CMS
Krissoula Tzouvaras	Montclair State University	Alison Piano/SB

*Pending satisfactory completion of District requirements

5. 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 Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 Semesters.

Student Teacher	College/University	Cooperating Teacher/School
Alejandra Barrientos*	Ramapo College	Kristen Hemmer/CAD

*Pending satisfactory completion of District requirements

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following student(s) to complete their observation hours during the 2025/2026 school year.

Student Teacher	College/University	Cooperating Teacher/School
Melanie Carlos	Montclair State University	Judith Aron/CAD
Vincent Dinnocenzo	Montclair State University	Glennis Patterson/KDM
Eve Gada	Montclair State University	Tara Rinko/CAD
Gianna Belanger	Montclair State University	Madison Ustupski/CAD
Victoria Takach	Montclair State University	Eve Pizzano/SB
Kara Pirtle	Grand Canyon University	Stacy Murphy/CMS
Nicholas Gaynier	County College of Morris	John Mazzarella/DBO

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the revised field trip list for the 2025-2026 school year (as per attached).

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following field trips (as per attached).

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Peyton Johnson as a volunteer Assistant Basketball Coach at Copeland Middle School during the 2025-2026 school year.

No Public comment.

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

D. Special Education
Motion made by Ms. McGeary, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to approve the following administration recommendations.

1. **Itinerant Services Tuition – SY 2025-2026**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the itinerant services tuition contract for the following students for the 2025-2026 school year:

Student #	School/Providing Service	Location of Service	Tuition Rate
# **01381**	Mountain Lakes	Rockaway, Birchwood	**Tuition Rate** $1,900.00 (1) 50-minute session per month. $190.00 per session
# **10441**	Mountain Lakes	Rockaway, Birchwood	**Tuition Rate** $7,220.00 (1) 50-minute sessions per week. $190.00 per session

2. **LearnWell – Service Agreement**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and LearnWell to provide services to the District and/or special education students, for the 2025-2026 school year on an as needed basis (as per attached).

3. **CCBH Center for Children's Behavioral Health – Service Agreement**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the contact between Rockaway Township Board of Education and CCHB Center for Children's Behavioral Health, to provide Home Instruction Services for $99.00 per hour/per student to the District and/or special education students, for the 2025-2026 school year, on an as needed basis (as per attached).

4. **Prestige Education Consultants, LLC Service Agreement – SY 2025-2026**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Prestige Education Consultants, LLC to provide Bilingual Evaluations for the 2025-2026 school year (as per attached).

No Public comment.

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

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

1. **YMCA Use of District Premises/Facilities Agreement**
   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 2025-2026 school year (as per attached).

2. **Contract for Technical Services – Repairs/Maintenance and 2025 Course Inspection for Copeland's Challenge Course**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the contract between Rockaway Township Board of Education and Project Adventure, Inc. for the challenge course-related technical services which includes repairs and/or Maintenance and the 2025 course inspection. The total cost to district is $5,718.09 (as per attached).

3. **Rescind M.V. Subscription Busing**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board rescinds the subscription busing for student M.V. effective 10-01-2025 (09-17-2025, Administration C:12).

4. **Subscription Busing**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the subscription busing for Student E.D. for the 2025-2026 school year. One-way Transport fee for $588.50.

5. **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).

6. **Donation**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board gratefully accepts the following donation from Regina Adamson for a trombone to the Stony Brook music room.

7. **HIB Self-Assessment**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented by Mrs. Anita West, and authorizes the Superintendent to submit the same to New Jersey Department of Education (as per attached).

No public comment.

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

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

1. **Bills**
   Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. The Board authorizes payment of the following as approved by the Finance committee:

A.	September	After Schools Activities	$1,010.00
B.	October	Student Activities	$230.00
C.	September	State Unemployment	$1,103.52
*D.	July	State Unemployment	$4,168.85
E.	October	District Bills	$4,626,001.96

*Revised amount from the 08/13/2025 meeting.

No public comment.

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

G. Policy
Motion made by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Ms. Tourne, to approve the following policy recommendation.

1. Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board approves the following policies for first read:

P 0173 DUTIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTANT
P 0174 LEGAL SERVICES
P 0177 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (M)
P 1570 INTERNAL CONTROLS (M)
P 1620 ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS
P 6111 SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDICAID INITIATIVE (SEMI) PROGRAM (M)
P 6220 BUDGET PREPARATION (M)
P 0143 BOARD MEMBER ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT
P 2422 STATUTORY CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS (M)
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No public comment.

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

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

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes.

A member of the community spoke about data from the NJSLA presentation asking if we can track from 6th grade to 8th grade and see the progress of each student.

RTEA co president came up and spoke about the events coming up. November 18th is pick up for pizza kits. December 11th is gingerbread making at Copeland school.

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

No old business to be discussed.

New Business

Mrs. Anderson wanted to thank the cross country coaches for all they did.

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 – 2025-10-15' or by clicking this link: 'Board of Education Meeting – 2025-10-15'.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mrs. Curelaru, seconded by Ms. Tourne, meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Show of hands on above, all present voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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