

Rockaway Borough Board of Education

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 5, 2024, 6:00 PM

Whitehouse Administration Building, 103 East Main Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866

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ROCKAWAY BOROUGH SCHOOLS' MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Rockaway Borough School District, a caring and diverse community, is to propel the success of each student by creating an environment that fosters self-confidence and encourages creativity through quality instruction and educational opportunities aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

1. Call to Order: 6:00 PM

This meeting will be called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m., by Mr. Graf, Board President, by reading the following announcement:

"In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, The Rockaway Borough Board of Education has provided adequate notice of this special meeting to the public by having the time, date, and location posted on our website on August 28, posted at Townhall on August 29, and advertised in the Legal Section of the Daily Record Newspaper on September 1, 2024. The purpose of this special meeting is to ratify the 2024-25 collective bargaining agreement with the Rockaway Borough Education Association (RBEA) and any other business that might come before the Board. Official action will be taken."

2. Board Member Roll Call:

Ms. Jennifer Dahl

Elected 2023 to 1st term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2026)

Mr. Brian Riveccio

Elected 2022 to 1st term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2025)

Mr. Jeffrey Tobias

Appointed January 2024 to complete a 3-year unexpired term (to Dec. 31, 2024)

Mrs. Karen Walter, VP

Elected 2021 to 2nd consecutive term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2024)

Mr. Edward Graf, President

Elected 2023 to 1st term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2026)

Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools

Appointed July 2021 Chief School Administrator & Non-Voting Board Member (CSA/Supt)

Mr. William Stepka, SBA/Board Secretary

Appointed Nov 2017 Business Administrator, Secretary of the Board & Non-Voting Board Member (BA)

"Now, please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. . ."

1. Finance

- A.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Rockaway Borough Board of Education *Negotiations Committee*, to approve and accept the “Memorandum of Agreement” (MOA) and to ratify the accompanying “2024-25 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Rockaway Borough Board of Education (RBOE) and the Rockaway Borough Education Association (RBEA)” which covers eligible job positions (certificated teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, and lunch aides) and the individual personnel employed, as submitted, in those positions, which covers one school year: 2024-25, and provides a 3.6% pooled salary increase for all categories.

Moved by:***Seconded by:******Roll Call Vote:***

Ms. Dahl, Mr. Rivieccio, Mr. Tobias, Mrs. Walter, Mr. Graf

2. Other Business Before the Board:

- A.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a renewal contract for the following staff member as a Lunch Aide for the 2024-25 school year. (Hourly rate will be determined once a new CBA is in effect.)

| Name | Current 23-24 Position | Hours per day | Current 23/24 Hourly rate |
|---------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Wolfe, Melody | Lunch Aide | 1 | \$15.13 |

- B.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Eduar Izaguirre** as a substitute Lunch Aide and substitute Secretary for the 2024-25 school year at an hourly rate of \$15.13. Background checks have been completed.

- C.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following extracurricular advisors for the 2024-25 school year:

| Club / Sport | Advisor | Stipend Rate |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Talking Sports | Samantha Selikoff | \$1,004 (corrected from 8/27 agenda) |
| National Junior Honor Society | Bryanna Dennison | \$871 |

- D.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve an employment contract for **Sara Schneiderman**, Speech & Language Therapist, beginning on or about October 3, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Ms. Schneiderman will be paid based on the new 2024-25 Salary/Guide MA-4 at an annual salary rate of \$62,185 @ 80%=\$49,748, pending the Office of Student Protection background check required by P.L. 1986 c.116 and Sexual Misconduct/Child Abuse Disclosure required by P.L. 2018 c.5.

- E.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following teacher for Summer Curriculum Writing at an hourly rate of \$38.91 to be adjusted if applicable, once a new CBA is in effect. All work was completed by August 16, 2024.

| Name | Subject Area | Maximum Hours |
|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Lauren Stein | Gifted & Talented- updated | 5 |

- F.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following Mentor for the 2024-25 school year at a rate of \$1,000, to be paid for by the mentoree: (Mentor fees are as follows: CEAS Cert. \$550 and CE Cert. \$1,000)

| Mentor | New Staff Member |
|----------------|------------------|
| Mihaela Tuluca | Donna Hawkes |

- G.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Buddy for the 2024-25 school year at a rate of \$275, to be paid for by the Board:

| Buddy | New Staff Member |
|----------------|------------------|
| Monica Fleming | Shawn Robertson |

- H.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the field supervision internship for **Leon Samuels**, at Centenary University, for the School Administrator Certificate (GED 770). The internship will comprise a minimum of 150 professional hours. The internship program will run from 8/27/2024 through 12/15/2024.

- I.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Shenel Clark** as a substitute Lunch Aide for the 2024-25 school year at an hourly rate of \$15.13. Background checks have been completed.

- J.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve additional instructional class periods for **Antonia Zangara** (TJ- one per day), **Morgan Abrams** (TJ- one per day), and **Lauren Mitofsky** (TJ- one per day) at an amount of \$52.90 per additional instructional period, for the 2024-25 school year (9/3/24 through 6/30/25), to be paid via timesheet.

- K.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Alyssa Bellafonte** as district Math Coach at an amount of \$52.90 per additional period (one per day), for the 2024-25 school year (9/3/24 through 6/30/25), to be paid via timesheet (To be funded with ESEA- Title I funds).

- L.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve additional instructional class periods for **Laurie McGill** at an amount of \$52.90 per additional period (one per day), for the 2024-25 school year (9/3/24 through 6/30/25), to be paid via timesheet (To be funded with ESEA- Title I funds).

Consent Agenda: All recommended Resolutions A through L:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Dahl, Mr. Rivieccio, Mr. Tobias, Mrs. Walter, Mr. Graf

3. Public Comment

(Please respect the Board, Administration, Staff, Students, and all other Audience Members in attendance.)

Please state your name and address, thank you.

4. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:

A. Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 24, 2024

The public portion of the Meeting will begin at 7:30 pm in the Cafeteria of Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

5. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting is hereby adjourned at _____ pm.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Voice Vote