# Rockaway Borough Board of Education <u>REGULAR MEETING AGENDA</u>

Thursday, June 19, 2025, 7:30 PM

Thomas Jefferson School Cafeteria, 95 E. 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.

#### Executive Session I: 6:30-7:30 pm (Closed to the Public)

Be it Resolved, that the Board enters into an Executive Session (Private) to discuss exempt matters pertaining to personnel, HIB, and negotiations; the nature of which will be made public only when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion to Enter:	Moved by:	Seconded by:	Voice Vote:
Motion to Adjourn:	Moved by:	Seconded by:	Voice Vote:

## 1. Call to Order: 7:30 PM

The public portion of this meeting will be called to order at approximately 7:30 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 meeting to the public by having the time, date, and location advertised in The Citizen Newspaper on January 15, 2025, posted on our website and at town hall. Official action will be taken."

## 2. Board Member Roll Call:

#### Mrs. Faride Hernandez

Elected 2024 to 1st term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2027)

### Mrs. Vanessa Dorgilles

Elected 2024 to 1st term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2027)

### Mr. Brian Rivieccio

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

### Ms. Jennifer Dahl, VP

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

### Mr. Edward Graf, President

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

## Pledge of Allegiance

## 3. <u>Reports & Updates</u>:

## A. Board Committees Reports (as needed):

- 1. Finance/Personnel/Facilities: 6/19
- 2. <u>Curriculum/Special Education</u>:
- 3. <u>Negotiations with RBAA</u>:
- 4. Negotiations with RBEA: 6/5 and 6/12
- 5. <u>Athletic/Activities:</u>
- 6. <u>Policy/Safety/Security/Tech/Strategic Planning/Misc.</u>:

### B. Liaison Reports (as needed):

- 1. NJ School Boards Assoc. Mr. Rivieccio
- 2. Morris County School Boards Assoc. Ms. Dahl
- 3. Rockaway Borough Council Mr. Graf
- 4. Morris County ESC Ms. Dahl
- 5. Rockaway Borough HSA Mr. Graf
- 6. Rockaway Borough Ed. Found. Mrs. Hernandez
- 7. Rockaway Borough Recreation Committee Mrs. Dorgilles

## C. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Grieco

1. Update

### D. Board Secretary's/Business Office Report:

1. <u>Board Correspondence:</u> Received (R) or Sent (S) since our last meeting: N/A

### E. Administration Monthly Reports:

1. Lincoln Principal's Report:

Mrs. Skomial Mr. Samuels

Submitted by:

Mrs. Argenziano

Mr. Klein

Mr. Reyes

- Thomas Jefferson Principal's Report:
  Curr., Inst., and Assessment Director's Report:
- 4. Building & Grounds Supervisor's Report:
- 5. Technology Supervisor's Report:

## F. Any Other Items/Comments for the Good of the Order

## G. Board Review of Agenda Items

## 4. Public Hearing:

Agenda items only: limited to 3 minutes each. <u>Please state your name & address.</u> The President will open the floor for the Board to hear the public and then close the floor. Please direct all dialogue to the President. Board replies are not required.

Mr. Graf & Mrs. Hernandez Ms. Dahl & Mrs. Dorgilles Mr. Graf & Ms. Dahl Mrs. Dorgilles & Mr. Graf Mr. Rivieccio & Mrs. Dorgilles Ad Hoc

# 5. Enrollment & Staffing Report:

Grade Level & School	Students June 30, 2024	Students June 17, 2025	Difference from June 30, 2024	Sections (Classes)	Avg. Class Size	Certificated Staff - Teachers	Non- Certificated Staff
Preschool - Lincoln AM/PM & Full Day	29	26	-3	2	13	1	8
Kindergarten - Lincoln	56	67	+11	3	22	3	3
Grade 1 - Lincoln	59	58	-1	3	19	3	3
Grade 2 - Lincoln	66	62	-4	3	21	3	2
Grade 3 - Lincoln	59	66	+7	3	22	3	2
Other Staff: (Principal 1, Specials 8, Aides 5, PE 1, Guid 1, Nurse 1, Sec 1, Cust 2.5, Caf 7)	-	-	-	-	-	12	15.5
Total Lincoln School:	<u>269</u>	<u>279</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>33.5</u>
Grade 4 - TJ	62	63	+1	3	21	3	-
Grade 5 - TJ	56	65	+9	3	22	3	-
Grade 6 - TJ	45	64	+19	3	21	3	-
Grade 7 - TJ	63	54	-9	3	18	3	-
Grade 8 - TJ	58	65	+7	3	22	3	-
Other Staff: (Principal 1, Specials 16, Aides 9, PE 2, Guid 1,Nurse 1, Sec 2, Cust 2.5, Caf 9)	-	-	-	-	-	21	22.5
Total Thomas Jefferson:	<u>284</u>	<u>311</u>	+27	<u>15</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>22.5</u>
Shared Staff: (Other Certificated Teachers 4.5, & Part-Time Nurses 2)	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	2
Administrative: (Supt, BA, CIA, CST 1, Sec 4, Maint 2, Bus Drivers 2, Bus Aides 2)	-	-	-	-	-	3	11
Special/Reg Ed Out-of-District:	5	8	+3	-	-	-	-
<u>Resident Students:</u>	<u>558</u>	<u>598</u>	<u>+40</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>21</u>	-	-
Charter/Choice Schs Out:	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
Spec. Ed Tuition Incoming:	3	3	0	-	-	-	-
Total Students (593)/ Staff (140) Ratio: 4.25/1	561	601	+40	-	-	66.5	69

## 6. Meeting Minutes:

A. Be it resolved to approve and accept the following meeting **Minutes**:

- 1. May 6, 2025, Regular Meeting and Executive Sessions
- 2. May 21, 2025, Special Meeting and Executive Session

## 7. Finance:

- A. Be it resolved to approve the manifest of **Payrolls and Bills & Claims List**, which is on file in the Business Office:
  - 1. Bills, Claims, and Payrolls List: April 9th May 6th: \$1,146,163.06
  - 2. Bills, Claims, and Payrolls List: May 7th June 19th: \$1,806,790.79
- B. Be it resolved to approve and accept the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the months listed below, as submitted. Be it further resolved, pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A2.3(e), that as of the dates listed on the monthly reports, no budgetary line item(s) have been over-expended in violation of NJAC 6:23-2.11(a).
  - BS Report as of November 30, 2024
  - BS Report as of December 31, 2024
  - BS Report as of January 31, 2025
  - BS Report as of February 28, 2025
  - BS Report as of March 31, 2025
  - BS Report as of April 30, 2025
  - BS Report as of May 31, 2025
- C. Be it resolved to approve and accept the Treasurer of School Monies Financial Reports

for the months listed below, as submitted:

- November 2024
- December 2024
- January 2025
- February 2025
- March 2025
- April 2025
- May 2025
- D. Be it resolved to approve the Budgetary Transfer Reports for the following months, as

submitted:

- November 2024
- December 2024
- January 2025
- February 2025
- March 2025
- April 2025
- May 2025

E. Be it resolved to authorize the Business Administrator to collect and deposit into the Board's General Fund, the following 2025-2026 Schedule of Local Tax Levy Payments to be received from the Rockaway Borough Tax Collector:

			Rockaway Bo	orough Board of E	ducation			
			Tax Payment Schedule 2025-26 School Year					
	Due Date	Current Exp	Debt Serv	Totals	<b>Payment Sched</b>			
	July 1, 2025	899,145.50			899,145.50			
	August 1, 2025	899,145.50			899,145.50			
	September 1, 2025	899,145.50			899,145.50			
	October 1, 2025	899,145.50	21,528.00		920,673.50			
	November 3, 2025	899,145.50			899,145.50			
	December 1, 2025	899,145.50			899,145.50			
	2025 First Half	5,394,873.00	21,528.00	5,416,401.00	5,416,401.00			
	January 1, 2026	899,145.35			899,145.35			
	February 2, 2026	899,145.33			899,145.33			
	March 2, 2026	899,145.33			899,145.33			
	April 1, 2026	899,145.33	115,863.00		1,015,008.33			
	May 1, 2026	899,145.33			899,145.33			
	June 1, 2026	899,145.33			899,145.33			
	2026 Second Half	5,394,872.00	115,863.00	5,510,735.00	5,510,735.00			
	Total Levy 2025-26	10,789,745.00	137,391.00	10,927,136.00	10,927,136.00			

**F.** Be it resolved to appropriate the entire award of Special Education Extraordinary Aid (to be announced & released in early July) for the 2024-2025 school year into the fiscal year 2024-2025 district budget.

G. Be it resolved to enter into a Joint Transportation Agreement with the Rockaway Township Board of Education for "Athletic & Field Trips" as needed for the 2025-2026 school year, as submitted.

H. Be it resolved to enter into a Joint Agreement with the Rockaway Township Board of Education for "Fleet Maintenance" as needed, for the 2025-2026 school year, at an hourly rate of \$90 per hour, as submitted.

I. Be it resolved to approve the following contract renewals for the 2025-2026 school year, pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 as initially awarded by the board of education. These contracts have been and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations, particularly New Jersey Title 18A:18. et. seq, NJAC Chapter 6A:23A, and Federal Procurement Regulations 2CFR Part 200.317 et. Seq.:

Accelerate Learning, Inc.	Kodable SurfsScore, Inc.
ACES	Learning A-Z
Allegro School	Learning Without Tears
AM Consultants	Linklt
AME, Inc.	Literably, Inc.
Amplify	Markovski Landscaping & Tree Service
ASL Interpreter Referral Service, Inc.	McGraw Hill
Atlantic Tomorrows Office	Membean
Balken Risk Management	Message Logix Inc.
Bayada Home Health Care, Inc.	Methfessel & Werbel Law
Benefit Services	Mind Research Institute
Best Choice Home Care, LLC	Mine Hill Board of Education
Blackboard, Inc.	Moby Max
Boom Learning/Omega Labs	Morris Hills Regional Board of Education
Borough of Rockaway	Mountain Lakes Medical
BrainPOP, LLC	Municipal Capital Corporation
Brightly Software	N. Tassielli Disposal, Inc.
Brown & Brown, Inc.	National Security Assurance
Butler Water Corrections	Nearpod, Inc.
CDK Systems	Networks & More
CDW-G	New Era Technology IL, Inc.
Cengage	New Jersey Schools Insurance Group
Central Reach	NJCIE
Class Tag, Inc.	Office of Compliant Admin (COBRA)
Classic Sports Floors	P.G. Chambers School
Clever Prototypes, LLC	Parette Somjen Architects LLC
Constant Contact, Inc.	-
	PaySchools
DataFinch Technologies	Pear Deck, Inc./GoGuardian
Delta T Group – Nursing Subs	Phoenix Advisors
Denis Sheeran	Pitney Bowes
Discovery Education	Pomptonian Food Services
Dover Board of Education	Practice Associates Medical
EdPuzzle	PSNI/Professional Software
Educational Data Services, Inc.	R&L Data Centers, Inc.
Educational Service Commission of Morris County	Realtime
Educational Service Commission of New Jersey	Renaissance Learning
Cooperative Bidding	Rockaway Township School District
Elissa Rael, PT	Rubicon West
E-Rate Consulting	Safe Schools Integrated Pest Management
Family ID, Inc.	Sage Thrive, Inc.
Flemington-Raritan Regional School District	Saint Clare's Behavioral Health
Fluency & Fitness	Santander Bank, NA
Follett School Solutions, Inc.	Savvas/Pearson
Frontline Education (absence software)	Scarinci Hollenbeck
Global Compliance Network	School Alliance Insurance Fund
Guided Readers	Schoolwide Inc.
Handi-Lift, Inc.	Screencastify, LLC
Happy Numbers	Skylands Medical
Happy Numbers Hillmar, LLC	Specialty Answering Service
Hillmar, LLC Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ	
	State of New Jersey – Division of Pensions/Benefits
International Academy of Science	rensions/denenits

IXL Learning J&B Therapy Jeffrey A. Oster Private Investigators Johnson Controls Fire Protection, LLC Johnston Communications (JCT) Jump Ahead Pediatrics K-12 Parent Portal K12USA.COM Karl Environmental Group Keyboard Consultants	Stewart Business Systems Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP Sussex County Regional Cooperative Swank Movie Licensing Teacher Sy Teaching Strategies TCI Trafera, LLC Turnitin, LLC WeVideo, Inc. Wielkotz & Company Westchester Environmental Windsor Learning Center
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## 8. Personnel:

A. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the attached list of Staff Member **Professional Development Workshops & Travel Expenditure Requests** that have been deemed related to and within the scope of the employee's current job responsibilities and will enhance the efficient delivery of student instruction and/or furthers the efficient operation of the school district. Reimbursements listed are in accordance with guidelines established by the Dept. of Treasury, BOE Policy, and in accordance with NJAC 6A:23B-1.1., listed below.

Staff Member	Workshop Title	Workshop Location	Dates	Reg & Fees	Cost to District	Justification for the Trip
Leon Samuels	interNetworking 2025: Reimagining the Next Generation of Technology	Long Branch, NJ	7/24/25	Reg: No Cost Mileage: 138.6 miles \$65.14	\$65.14	Application of AI for teachers and students.
Leon Samuels	Legal One: School Law- Year in Review	Virtual	6/19/25	Reg: No Cost	No cost	Updates on State and Federal Law
Timothy Yobs Michael Klein	Toolbox Tuesday	Kittatinny Regional HS/ Virtual	7/22/25	No Cost		Trainings and CEU

### Professional Development/Travel Expenditure Requests:

- B. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following ESY positions for 2025. The program will be closed on July 4, 2025.
  ESY 2025 Staff Assignments 2
- **C.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to *rescind* an employment offer for **Catharina Cocozza**, as a substitute nurse for the 2024/2025 school year. (previously board approved on 4/8/25)

- **D.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept and approve the resignation of **Daniela Bubba**, paraprofessional, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025.
- **E.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept and approve the resignation of **Julie Stilwell**, lunchroom aide, effective June 30, 2025.
- F. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Substitute Teachers for the 2025/2026 school year at a rate of \$115 per diem.
  25-26 Substitute Teachers
- **G.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Samantha Selikoff as Morning Movement **Extracurricular advisor** for the 2024/2025 school year with a stipend rate of \$937. (position previously approved on August 27, 2024)
- **H.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve an additional duty of translation services, for **Cesar Sepulveda**, custodian, for \$19.46 per session, as needed for the 2025-26 school year.
- I. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Shenel Clark** and **Kathleen New** as Substitute Crossing Guards for 2025-26 school year at an hourly rate of \$17.02, on an as needed basis. Ms. Clark and Ms. New have successfully completed all required background checks.
- **J.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following staff as Substitute Bus Aides for the 2025-26 school year. All background checks have been successfully completed.

Ellen Secallus	Kathleen New
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- K. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Christine Matrisciano, Occupational Therapist, and Sara Schneiderman, Speech Therapist, to participate in Child Study Team meetings during the summer of 2025, if requested by the administration and if needed, at an hourly rate of \$38.91.
- L. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Bryanna Dennison**, Thomas Jefferson School Counselor, and **Brianna Rigas**, Lincoln School Counselor to perform September student set-up services in the summer of 2025, if needed, not to exceed 15 hours, at an hourly rate of \$38.91.
- M. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Denise Jacobus and Linda Savercool, school nurses, to perform September student set-up services in the summer of 2025, if needed, not to exceed 15 hours each, at an hourly rate of \$38.91.
- N. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Neal Healy, as a Floating Substitute Teacher for the district, at a daily rate of \$125.00 for in-person school instruction, effective on or about August 26, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Mr. Healy has already completed the required background checks and sexual misconduct/child abuse disclosures.

- O. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Krista Gore, as a Floating Substitute Teacher for the district, at a daily rate of \$125.00 for in-person school instruction, effective on or about August 26, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Mrs. Gore has already completed the required background checks and sexual misconduct/child abuse disclosures.
- P. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Carlos Orozco, as a Paraprofessional at Thomas Jefferson School beginning on or about August 26, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Mr. Orozco will be paid based on Salary / Aide Guide- Step 1, at the hourly rate of \$17.49/hr. Mr. Orozco has successfully completed all required background checks. (Final hourly rate will be determined when a new CBA is in effect).
- Q. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Kaila West, as a leave of absence School Counselor at Lincoln School beginning on or about August 26, 2025 to December 13, 2025. Ms. West will be paid based on Salary/Guide MA Step 1 at the current 2024/2025 salary rate of \$61,935. Ms. West has successfully completed all required background checks. (Final rate will be determined when a new CBA is in effect).
- **R.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following as Seasonal **Summer Help** staff. They will be employed for no more than 40 hours per week for the summer of 2025 beginning on or about June 18, 2025 (\$15.49/hr).

Anthony Bubba	Thomas Lane	Aiden Marvel	Alex McBride	Leo Savini	Ellen Secallus
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- **S.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve an employment contract for **Lorraine Pleger**, to serve as a school bus/van driver for the 2025/2026 school year, at an hourly rate of \$31.08, for up to 4.5 hours per day, based on 185 school days, pending successful completion of Criminal History background check required by P.L. 1986 c.116 and Sexual Misconduct/Child Abuse Disclosure required by P.L. 2018 c.5. (Final rate will be determined when a new CBA is in effect).
- **T.** Be it resolved, to approve Anthony Grieco as the Affirmative Action Officer, for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year and for the 2025-2026 school year.
- **U.** Be it resolved, to approve the District Affirmative Action team members to conduct the Needs Assessment and to develop the Comprehensive Equity Plan, for the 2025-2026 through 2027/2028 school years (3 years).
  - Michael Onischuk
  - Jamie Argenziano
  - Jennifer Skomial
  - Leon Samuels
  - Anthony Grieco

- V. Be it resolved, to authorize the submission of the Comprehensive Equity Plan for school years: 2025/2026, 2026/2027, and 2027/2028.
- **W.** For reasons of economy and efficiency, and other good cause, the Board is asked to approve the reduction of one (1) FTE teaching position of Media Specialist for the 2025-26 school year.
- X. For reasons of economy and efficiency, and other good cause, the Board is asked to approve the reduction of a (% or 80%) PTE teaching position of Spanish for the 2025-26 school year.
- Y. For reasons of economy and efficiency, and other good cause, the Board is asked to approve the reduction of one FTE teaching position of Reading Specialist for the 2025-26 school year.

## 9. Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment:

**A.** Be it resolved to approve the **Student Field Trip/District Events/Miscellaneous** requests as listed below:

GRADE	TEACHERS	DATE	TIME: DEPART/RETURN	DESTINATION	# of Pupils	# of Staff	Cost Per Pupil	Cost to District	JUSTIFICATION FOR TRIP
MD PALS	Zangara Ralli	6/25/25	9:00/11:35	Fairy Trail/ Millburn, NJ	14	10	\$0	Nurse: Bus driver:	To enhance our social skills curriculum with real world connections and interdisciplinary math skills as well as foster growth in college and career readiness.
MD PALS	Zangara Ralli	7/2/25	9:45/11:00	Pizza Rustica/ Rockaway, NJ	14	10	\$10	Nurse:	To enhance our social skills curriculum with real world connections and interdisciplinary math skills as well as foster growth in college and career readiness.
MD PALS	Zangara Ralli	7/9/25	10:00/11:00	Quick Check/ Rockaway, NJ	14	10	\$0	Nurse:	To enhance our social skills curriculum with real world connections and interdisciplinary math skills as well as foster growth in college and career readiness.
MD PALS	Zangara Ralli	7/16/25	8:45/11:45	Van Saun Park & Splash Pad/ Paramus, NJ	14	10	\$0	Nurse: Bus driver:	To enhance our social skills curriculum with real world connections and interdisciplinary math skills as well as foster growth in college and career readiness.
MD PALS	Zangara Ralli	7/23/25	9:30/11:30	Life Town/ Livingston, NJ	14	10	\$0 Paid by grant	Nurse: Bus driver:	To enhance our social skills curriculum with real world connections and interdisciplinary

### Student Field Trip/District Events/Miscellaneous Requests:

#### **District Events List / Miscellaneous:**

School Activity	Loc./School	Date/Time	Participants	Cost to District	Adm./ Teacher/ Coach/ Advisor
N/A					

## 10. Technology and Buildings & Grounds:

**A.** N/A

## 11. Policy

**A.** Be it resolved to approve the *First Reading* of the following new and/or updated Board Policies (P) and/or Regulations ®, where applicable.

Policy/Reg	Number	Title	Reason for Update
Policy	2421	2411 - SCHOOL COUNSELING (M)	Revised (Title Change)
Regulation	2421	2411 - SCHOOL COUNSELING (M)	Revised

## 12. Consent Agenda:

**A.** Move and Vote on all Agenda Resolutions & Recommendations in One Motion:

Roll Call Vote:	Moved & <u>Seconded By:</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Recuse</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>Present</u>
Mrs. Hernandez						
Mrs. Dorgilles						
Mr. Rivieccio						
Ms. Dahl, VP						

Mr. Graf, President			

# 13. <u>New Business/Any Other Items/Board Comments for the Good of</u> <u>the Order</u>:

14. Public Hearing: Limited to 3 minutes each.

Please state your name & address.

The President will open the floor for the Board to hear the public and then close the floor.

Please direct all dialogue to the President. Board replies are not required.

## 15. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:

### A. <u>Tuesday, July 22, 2025</u>

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

## 16. Executive Session II (if necessary)

Be it Resolved, that the Board enter into Executive Session (Private) for the purpose of discussing \_\_\_\_\_\_, the nature of which will be made public only when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

THE BOARD ANTICIPATES BEING IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY \_\_\_\_\_ MINUTES.

BOARD ACTION \_\_\_\_\_ BE TAKEN AFTER THIS SESSION CONCLUDES.

## 17. 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: