

Rockaway Borough Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, July 22, 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 Riviuccio

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. Reports & Updates:

A. Board Committees Reports (as needed):

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| 1. <u>Finance/Personnel/Facilities:</u> 7/18 | <i>Mr. Graf & Mrs. Hernandez</i> |
| 2. <u>Curriculum/Special Education:</u> 7/15 | <i>Ms. Dahl & Mrs. Dorgilles</i> |
| 3. <u>Negotiations with RBAA:</u> 7/14 | <i>Mr. Graf & Ms. Dahl</i> |
| 4. <u>Negotiations with RBEA:</u> | <i>Mrs. Dorgilles & Mr. Graf</i> |
| 5. <u>Athletic/Activities:</u> | <i>Mr. Riviuccio & Mrs. Dorgilles</i> |
| 6. <u>Policy/Safety/Security/Tech/Strategic Planning/Misc.:</u> | <i>Ad Hoc</i> |

B. Liaison Reports (as needed):

1. NJ School Boards Assoc. - Mr. Riviuccio
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. District Update

D. Board Secretary's/Business Office Report:

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

E. Administration Monthly Reports:

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| 1. Lincoln Principal's Report: | <u>Submitted by:</u>
<i>Mrs. Skomial</i> |
| 2. Thomas Jefferson Principal's Report: | <i>Mr. Samuels</i> |
| 3. Curr., Inst., and Assessment Director's Report: | <i>Mrs. Argenziano</i> |
| 4. Building & Grounds Supervisor's Report: | <i>Mr. Klein</i> |
| 5. Technology Supervisor's Report: | <i>Mr. Reyes</i> |

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. 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.

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:	269	279	+10	14	20	25	33.5
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:	284	311	+27	15	21	36	22.5
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	-	-	-	-
Resident Students:	558	597	+39	29	21	-	-
Charter/Choice Schs Out:	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
Spec. Ed Tuition Incoming:	3	3	0	-	-	-	-
Total Students (593)/ Staff (140) Ratio: 4.25/1	561	600	+39	-	-	66.5	69

6. Meeting Minutes:

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

1. June 22, 2025, Board of Education Meeting- Regular and Executive Sessions
2. July 2, 2025, Special Meeting Board of Education Meeting- Regular and Executive Sessions

7. Finance:

A. Be it resolved to approve the manifest of **Payrolls and Bills & Claims Lists**, which are on file in the Business Office:

1. Bills, Claims, and Payrolls List: June 20th-June 30th

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.

Professional Development/Travel Expenditure Requests:

Staff Member	Workshop Title	Workshop Location	Dates	Reg & Fees	Cost to District	Justification for the Trip
Linda Savercool	34th Annual School Health Conference	The Palace @ Somerset Park, Somerset NJ	10/22/25	\$240 Mileage: \$38.07		Learning the most up to date information for the following: Legal Issues and Student Health Emergency Preparedness: Legal Requirements of the School nurse for Field Trips: How to keep our schools and students healthy and learning how to support immigrant children & families.

B. Be it resolved to approve the completion of the evaluation for the Superintendent of Schools, as per NJ Rev Stat § 18A:17-20.3 (2013). The evaluation was discussed in executive session on July 22, 2025, and completed and signed on **June 30, 2025**.

C. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following **REVISED ESY** positions for 2025. The program will be closed on July 4, 2025. [REVISED ESY](#)

D. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept and approve the resignation of **Michael Jones**, Physical Education teacher, effective September 19, 2025 or sooner.

- E. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept and approve the resignation of **Samantha Pizzi**, paraprofessional at Lincoln School, effective **July 1, 2025**.
- F. Be it resolved to appoint Dr. Giovanni Cusmano, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for the district, as he has completed the mandatory training and is in possession of a valid State of NJ issued QPA Certificate, according to the rules and regulations of P.L. 1999 c.440; and the Qualified Purchasing Agent is authorized to award contracts up to the bid threshold of \$53,000 and establish the quote threshold at \$7,950 as governed by the State of New Jersey pursuant to NJSA 18A:18A, et. seq.
- G. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Timothy Havlusch, as the Treasurer of School Monies, for the 2025-2026 school year, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, at a salary of \$5,000.00.
- H. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Casey Layne**, Physical Education Teacher at Lincoln School, beginning August 27, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Mr. Layne will be paid based on Salary/Guide BA-9, at the current 24/25 rate of \$64,865, 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).

9. Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment:

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

Student Field Trip/District Events/Miscellaneous Requests: N/A

GRADE	TEACHERS	DATE	TIME: DEPART/RETURN	DESTINATION	# of Pupils	# of Staff	Cost Per Pupil	Cost to District	JUSTIFICATION FOR TRIP
MD	Zangara Ralli	7/30/25	9:30 / 11:30	5 Star Swim	14	10	N/A	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.

B.

District Events List / Miscellaneous: N/A

School Activity	Loc./School	Date/Time	Participants	Cost to District	Adm./ Teacher/ Coach/ Advisor
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10. Technology and Buildings & Grounds:

- A. N/A

11. **Policy and NJDOE**

- A. Be it resolved to approve the First Reading of the following new and/or updated Board Policies (P) and/or Regulations ®, where applicable:
N/A
- B. Be it resolved to approve the annual submission of the Security Drills Statement of Assurance for the 2024-25 school year.

12. **Consent Agenda:**

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

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

13. **New Business/Any Other Items/Board Comments for the Good of the Order:**

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. **Tuesday, August 26, 2025**
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: