# Rockaway Borough Board of Education

**103 E. Main Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866**

## SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

## MINUTES

**Wednesday, July 2, 2025, 6:00 PM**

**Rockaway Borough Board of Education Office**

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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: (Closed to the Public)**

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

Motion to Enter: ***Moved by: Rivieccio Seconded by: Hernandez Voice Vote: 4 of 4 - 6:02 PM***

Motion to Adjourn: ***Moved by: Rivieccio Seconded by: Hernandez Voice Vote: 4 of 4- 7:51 PM***

***Ms. Dorgilles excused herself at 7:15 and returned at 7:40 (during executive session).***

## 1. Call to Order: 6:00 PM

***The public portion of 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 meeting to the public by having the time, date, and location advertised in The Citizen Newspaper on July 2, 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)*

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

**3. <u>Personnel</u>:**

A. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Rockaway Borough Board of Education approves an Agreement with Dr. Giovanni Cusmano to be Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, effective July 7, 2025 through January 31, 2026 or sooner, as approved by the Executive Morris County Superintendent of Schools, as submitted.

B. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept and approve the resignation of **Alyssa Bellafonte**, Math Interventionist, effective June 30, 2025.

C. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept and approve the resignation of **Elizabeth Blake**, World Language teacher, effective June 30, 2025.

**4. <u>Finance</u>:**

A. Be it resolved to approve the S-1701 Transfer Report and to submit the report to the Executive County Superintendent for approval of transfers exceeding 10%.

**5. <u>Policy</u>**

A. Be it resolved to approve the ***Second 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 |

**6. <u>Public Comment</u>: (Agenda & Non-Agenda Items)**
**Please state your name and address, thank you.**

- ***None***

**7. Roll Call Vote:**

- ***Moved by: Rivieccio*** ***Seconded by: Hernandez***
  **4 of 4 Present- Yes**
  **(Ms. Dahl- Absent)**
  **ALL MOTIONS PASS**

**8. <u>Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:</u>**

**Tuesday, July 22, 2025**

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

## 9. Executive Session II (if necessary)- Closed to the Public

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

***Moved by: Rivieccio Seconded by: Hernandez Voice Vote: 4 of 4 Present- Yes***

THE BOARD ANTICIPATES BEING IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES. BOARD ACTION **will not** BE TAKEN AFTER THIS SESSION CONCLUDES.

## 10. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:21 pm.

***Moved by: Rivieccio Seconded by: Hernandez Voice Vote: 4 of 4 Present- Yes***