



BOARD BULLETIN

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SUSAN SALNY

Wanting to raise her children in a diverse community, Susan and her husband Ron chose to call Rockaway Township home 29 years ago; their son and daughter attended Rockaway Township schools. She graduated magna cum laude from Syracuse University with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and received her Master's degree in Special Education from the University of Maryland. Now retired, her experience in the field of education includes positions as classroom teacher, Education Program Specialist for the NJ Department of Education and partner in a professional development company. In the summer months, she is the office administrator at Willow Lake Day Camp. A diehard NY Yankees fan since she was a child, she enjoys her family and friends, watching sports, playing Words with Friends and a good cup of coffee!

TARA MALUSZCZAK

Tara believes in the ability for education to transform lives and proudly serves as a member of the RT Board of Education since June 2012. Tara and her husband Ed have three children, one of whom graduated from the RT School District and two who attend Copeland. She is a graduate of Kean University and received a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and a Master's degree in Behavioral Science. She worked for Tiffany and Company as a Director of Operations and took a hiatus from the paid workforce, to serve as the primary caregiver for her kids. She has had the privilege of helping others through various volunteer opportunities as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, CCD teacher, rec soccer coach, PTA member, and recently as operational support for Project Kind. Tara works part-time, loves running, and spending time with her family.



RACHAEL BROOKES

Rachael has lived in Rockaway Township for 15 years with her husband Randy and their four boys. Two sons attend Copeland Middle School and the other two are in 2nd and 3rd grade at Katharine D. Malone. She graduated from William Paterson University with a degree in English and works as a Director of Marketing specializing in graphic design and branding. In Rachael's spare time when she is not at the field or the rink cheering her boys on she loves to craft, read and hang with their Boston Terrier Ranger while browsing Pinterest for her next DIY adventure.

ROSEMARY CHABALA

Rosemary and her husband of 20 years have lived in Rockaway Township for 16. She has 2 married daughters and 1 son who is a senior at Morris Knolls and the other son is a sophomore at Morris Hills. Rosemary spends a lot of her time volunteering in the community and has recently been appointed to the Rockaway Township Planning Board. She has served on many boards including C.A. Dwyer PTA President and Vice President as well as the Morris Hills HSA Vice President. When she's not working as a Property Manager and has some downtime Rosemary loves to read and scrapbook.



NANCY CHIRICO

A graduate from The Culinary Institute of America Nancy and her husband have lived in Rockaway Township for almost 28 years. Most proud of their two children Jenna, 24 who is a first year Chemistry teacher at Bard High School Early College in Newark and Andrew, 21 who just graduated college and moved to Nashville to work for Tazekis Mediterranean Cafe as a digital marketing strategist. In Nancy's spare time she loves to read, play games with family and friends and watch college football and basketball especially to cheer on Ohio State. GO BUCKS!

NANCY MCCARTHY HELBOURG

Nancy is married and a mom of two, who attend Birchwood and Copeland. She is a Mathematics teacher for the past 20 years, loves playing softball and coaching youth sports. Nancy enjoys cooking, a good cup of coffee, finding the perfect slice of pizza, Geocaching and going on adventures with her family.



LISA MEZIK

Lisa is married to Craig, with a HMO total of five children; the youngest is a fifth grader at Dennis B. O'Brien School. You can find Lisa volunteering at Assumption Church in Morristown, Dennis B. O'Brien PTA, and as a docent for the last three Mansions in May; in addition to walking her large furry beast of a dog, an Alaskan Malamute named Maia. She's a voracious reader, an active member of two book clubs, extremely fond of horses and dogs, a prolific amateur photographer, a summer gardener, a life long tea drinker, and blessed/saddled with an insatiable curiosity.

Meet the Board of Education Members

The Rockaway Township Board of Education is comprised of seven volunteer members who are elected to serve three-year staggered terms.

The Board's responsibilities include:

- Employing and evaluating the superintendent
- Setting and evaluating policy
- Approving curriculum
- Establishing district goals and working to secure public support and understanding of the goals
- Adopting a fiscally sound operating budget

Board members are not responsible for the day-to-day management of the schools. Please address issues and concerns with the most direct and appropriate level of staff. For questions regarding district policy or to communicate with the Board, please send an email to: boardmail@rocktwp.org. Please note that a copy of all correspondence will be sent to all of the Board of Education members, the Superintendent and Board Secretary.

Operations

In February of each year, the Board of Education is presented with a preliminary budget. The district administration, during each Fall, elicits requests from the various departments, school administrators and the Board Operations Committee representing the entire Board. Our business administrator then coordinates all of the information and puts together the preliminary budget which is overseen by the Superintendent. The Board then, during public work sessions, discusses the various items, asks questions, requests additional supporting information and recommends deletions, additions, etc. so that by the end of March a final budget is submitted to the State. As long as the budget has an increase of 2% or less and meets the State requirements, it is approved. Much time and effort is put into this entire process in which we are currently underway.

Education

Curriculum is thriving in Rockaway Township! From new courses to new "techbooks", our students and staff are working with new materials, new programs, exposing them to the challenges necessary for their success in this ever-changing 21st century. Tech books are being piloted in an effort to replace out-dated textbooks. Thanks to a robust and streamlined schedule at the Copeland Middle School, students now have access to new courses that address a variety of interests. TV Studio, S.T.E.A.M, and German are new additions to the curricular line up. Math Strategies and ELA Strategies are courses designed to support learning in these subject areas. The addition of geometry (beginning 2018) and World Language, which is now considered a core subject, have created full alignment with our high school programs.

Committee Assignments

COMMUNITY RELATIONS	EDUCATION	OPERATIONS	POLICY	RTEA NEGOTIATIONS
Rachael Brookes (Chair)	Rosemary Chabala (Chair)	Tara Maluszcak (Chair)	Nancy Chirico (Chair)	Susan Salny (Chair)
Nancy Helbourg	Nancy Chirico	Rachael Brookes	Lisa Mezik	Nancy Chirico
Tara Maluszcak	Nancy Helbourg	Rosemary Chabala	Susan Salny	Rosemary Chabala
Susan Salny (Alternate)	Susan Salny (Alternate)	Lisa Mezik (Alternate)	Nancy Helbourg (Alternate)	

The Board, when necessary, may establish a temporary or "Ad Hoc" committee. Such a committee has a specific objective and is dissolved when its goal is achieved.

PTA Liaisons
 Birchwood • Nancy Chirico
 C.A. Dwyer • Lisa Mezik
 Copeland M.S. • Nancy Helbourg
 Dennis B. O'Brien • Tara Maluszcak
 Stony Brook • Susan Salny
 Katharine D. Malone • Rachael Brookes

Community Liaisons
 Morris County School Board Association • Rachael Brookes
 New Jersey School Board Association • Lisa Mezik
 Rockaway Township Council • Rosemary Chabala
 Substance Abuse Alliance • Tara Maluszcak
 Rockaway Township Education Foundation • Nancy Helbourg
 Special Education Parent Advisory Council • Nancy Chirico
 Morris County Educational Services Commission • Lisa Mezik

Dates to Note

2/7/18 • 7:30pm • Board of Education Meeting • Copeland Cafeteria
 2/21/18 • 7:30pm • Board of Education Meeting • Copeland Cafeteria