

Toms River, New Jersey, January 21, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools took place at High School North, 1245 Old Freehold Road, Toms River, on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 5:30 P.M.

Board President Mrs. Ashley Lamb read the following Opening Statement:

“Good Evening, Welcome to a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools.”

“This meeting was announced to the public through a notice published in the Asbury Park Press on December 24, 2025 and The Star Ledger on December 22, 2025, which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

A roll call of attendance indicated the following Board Members were present: Mrs. Maria Matarazzo, Mr. Joseph Jubert, Mrs. Lisa Contessa, Ms. Kathy Eagan, Mr. Kevin Kidney, and Mrs. Ashley Lamb.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Citta, Assistant Superintendent Dimeo, Assistant Superintendent Thomas, Business Administrator Doering, Board Secretary Saxton, and Board Attorney Burns.

Mrs. Katie Coyne was absent.

Mrs. Paolo Pascarella was absent.

Mr. James Capone was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:32 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Kidney, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the following Executive Session Resolution be approved:

Resolved, that the Board of Education, at this time, move to a closed session to be held in High School North Executive Session Meeting Room, 1245 Old Freehold Road, Toms River, New Jersey, for the purpose of:

Executive Session – To *Include* – HIB Appeal # 64665; RICE # 17255, # 16790, # 16623, # 15375; Personnel; Legal Litigation; Harassment,

Intimidation and Bullying Report; Fire & Security Drill Report; Suspension Report; Other. Subject to change as outlined under the Open Public Meetings Act.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Kidney, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Board return to Regular Session at 6:30 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Mrs. Ashley Lamb led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Michael Citta welcomed and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Superintendent Citta acknowledged Board Recognition Appreciation Month and thanked the Board of Education for their time and dedication.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Student Representatives from all three high schools updated Board on the academic and athletic successes taking place at their respective schools, as well as events taking place and fund raising activities.

Makayla Milanak, High School East
Alessia LoBello, High School North
Makayla Manzi, High School South

STUDENT/STAFF AWARDS

The list of student, staff and volunteer award recipients is attached to the minutes, along with a video presentation recognizing the Toms River Education Foundation Support for our Unified Sports Program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee – Mrs. Contessa

The Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools met on January 14, 2026 at High School North Media Center, Toms River, New Jersey from 5:30 P.M. to 5:50 P.M. The meeting was streamed for public viewing. Committee Chair, Lisa Contessa, read the following opening statement:

“Good evening, welcome to the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools. Notice of this meeting was published in the Asbury Park Press on December 24, 2025 and the Star Ledger on December 22, 2025, which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

In addition to the Committee Chair, in attendance were Board members- Jimmy Capone, Kathy Eagan, Joseph Jubert, Ashley Lamb and Marisa Matarazzo, Superintendent- Michael Citta, Assistant Superintendents- Cara DiMeo and Pat Thomas, Business Administrator- Bill Doering, Board Secretary- Wendy Saxton and Board Attorney- William Burns. The meeting was open to the public and an opportunity for in-person public comment was provided after the last committee meeting of the evening.

As we do every month, the committee reviewed the expenditures listed in the Purchasing Agenda, which was emailed to the Board, and posted in the Board’s Google Docs folder, prior to the Budget and Finance Committee meeting. The Purchasing Agenda also included items of zero value, bids, change orders and resolutions. Purchasing Agenda questions by various individual Board members were answered by Mr. Doering and other members of the administration. The Purchasing Agenda for this month is in the amount of \$16,195,586.15 for the 2025-26 school year. The Budget & Finance Committee is recommending the approval of the Purchasing Agenda by the full Board.

The committee was then presented with District lease, sponsorship and other rental agreements totaling \$16,500 for the month of January 2026 (2025-26 cumulative total is \$449,410) and these are also recommended for approval at the regular board meeting.

The committee was provided with the NJ Department of Education 2026-27 budget and election calendar. The tentative 2026-27 budget is due by March 19, 2026, so the tentative budget resolution will be on the March 19, 2026 Board meeting agenda. It was noted that we still have a budget hole on the revenue side of \$1 million due to receiving a one-time state revenue called Tax Levy Incentive Aid in 2025-26. We are currently building the budget assuming status quo with our operation, although reallocations may be proposed. We are also currently building the budget with the assumption that state aid will remain flat, although if the ‘guardrails’ are removed we may see an increase in our state aid. The committee then decided on a meeting date of April 1, 2026 for the annual Citizens Budget Advisory Committee meeting (5:30 P.M. at High School North Media Center).

Board Attorney Burns updated the committee regarding the requirements of S-4654, which involves the new rules for the posting of legal notices. All districts are required to post all legal notices on their website as of March 1, 2026, and provide a link to the New Jersey Secretary of State’s public notice webpage. For the 2026 year, the district must advertise the district’s legal notices link and the state’s public notice webpage link twice per month. There are also archiving requirements and other provisions to be adhere to.

Finally, Board Attorney Burns provided every Board member with a School Ethics Act packet in advance of the presentation he will be making at the February 2026 regular Board meeting.

Building & Grounds Committee – Mr. Jubert

The Building & Grounds Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on January 14, 2026, starting directly after the curriculum committee meeting.

Mr. Jubert read the following opening statement: “Good evening and welcome to the Building & Grounds Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools. Notice of this meeting was announced to the public through a notice published in the Star-Ledger on December 22, 2025 and, the Asbury Park Press on December 24, 2025, and the District website on December 24th, which constituted at least 48 hours' notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

In attendance were board members Ashley Lamb, James Capone, Kathy Eagan, Joe Jubert, Marisa Matarazzo, Lisa Contessa, Superintendent Mike Citta, Business Administrator William Doering, Assistant Superintendents Pat Thomas & Cara DiMeo, and Director of Infrastructure and Operations Bryan Madigan. The meeting was open to the public. An opportunity for public comment was provided.

NEW PROJECTS

Mr. Citta began by noting that the district has begun an exterior LED lighting project at Silver Bay Elementary School through the JCP&L rebate program, in partnership with Cooper Electric. The parking lot light fixtures and outdoor lighting are being replaced at a total cost of a \$1 per fixture, with installation being completed by district staff. The project will improve lighting and safety in parking areas, continue at other schools, and be districtwide. In addition, the district has submitted a playground grant application for Pine Beach Elementary School, with support from the mayor and council. If awarded, the grant will allow for new playground equipment to be added for students.

OLD PROJECTS

Mr. Citta began by providing an update on the progress throughout the district for December. During December, the Facilities and Maintenance Department received 485 work orders and completed 532, reflecting continued progress in reducing open work orders. The majority of requests were HVAC-related due to colder temperatures. However, the severity of issues has decreased, with most concerns involving controls, timing, airflow, or minor mechanical adjustments rather than major system failures. The maintenance team has also begun re-roofing the baseball and softball dugouts at High School East, with plans to move on to the remaining secondary schools. Mr. Citta provided an update on the engineering and design work for upcoming summer capital projects — including switchgear replacement and boiler replacement at Intermediate North and is ready to go out to bid. If bids come back as anticipated, the projects will remain on schedule for summer completion.

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Eagan

The Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on January 14, 2026, within a virtual live-streamed meeting on the internet, beginning at 5:30 PM.

Committee Member, Kathy Eagan, read the following opening statement: “Good evening and welcome to the Curriculum Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools. Notice of this meeting was announced to the public through a notice published in the Asbury Park Press on December 24, 2025 and The Star Ledger on December 22, 2025 which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

In attendance were Board President Ashley Lamb, board members Joe Jubert, Jimmy Capone, Maria Matarazzo, Kathy Eagan, Lisa Contessa and Superintendent Mike Citta, Assistant Superintendents Cara DiMeo, & Pat Thomas, Business Administrator William Doering and Board Secretary Wendy Saxton were in attendance, as well. The meeting was live streamed to the public and an opportunity for public comment was provided.

Mrs. DiMeo opened the meeting and introduced secondary curriculum, Director, Adrienne Gold Mrs. Gold presented to the board on the proposed future educator pathway and the AP Spanish pathway for the 26–27 school year. Questions and comments ensued from the board regarding the educator pathway and complimented the curriculum team’s creativity, and thinking outside of the box for creating a pipeline of future educators.

Personnel Committee – Mr. Kidney

A Personnel Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools took place at the High School North, Guidance Office, 1245 Old Freehold Rd., Toms River, New Jersey on January 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. This meeting is not publicly advertised as the committee reviews personnel information which includes names of individual staff members as well as possible new staff members. In attendance were committee members, Lisa Contessa, Kathy Eagan, Ashley Lamb, Board President. Also in attendance were Pat Thomas, Assistant Superintendent, Michael Citta, Superintendent and William Burns Esq.

The meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by Ashley Lamb, Michael Citta, Superintendent, discussed with the members, extracurricular, new hires and rice notices at the board meeting on Wednesday January 21, 2026.

The committee adjourned at 5:15p.m.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS AND PRESS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (*limited to 3 minutes as per Board Policy # 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings, the first public session will be limited to a total of 30 minutes*)

There were none.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH IN NEW JERSEY FOR JANUARY 2026 (ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Approval of Acceptance of Resolution for School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey for January 2026 (Attached) be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Lamb

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Coyne, Pascarella, Capone

APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2027 PUPIL CALENDAR

A motion was made by Mr. Jubert, seconded by Mrs. Lamb and carried that the Approval of the 2026-2027 Pupil Calendar be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Contessa, Eagan, Lamb

Noes: Kidney

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Coyne, Pascarella, Capone

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF SECOND READING OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES/REGULATIONS AND BYLAWS AS LISTED IN THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Approval of the Second Reading of the Following Policies/Regulations and Bylaws as listed in the Agenda be approved.

{ Code = (M) Mandated; (R) Recommended }

- P 0174 - Legal Services (M) (Revised)
- TABLED - P 2422 – Statutory Curricular Requirements (M) (Revised)
- P 6111 - Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program (M) (Revised)
- R 6111 - Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program (M) (Revised)
- P 2530 - Resource Materials (Revised)
- R 2530 - Resource Materials (Revised)
- P 2535 - Library Materials (M) (New)
- R 2535 - Library Materials (M) (New)
- P 9130 - Public Complaints (Revised)
- R 9130 - Public Complaints (Revised)

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Lamb

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Coyne, Pascarella, Capone

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS #14 THROUGH #19 AS LISTED IN THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Ms. Eagan and carried that the Approval of the Agenda Items #14 through #19 as listed in the Agenda be approved.

14. Approval of the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report

15. Approval of District Facility Lease, Sponsorship and other Rental Agreements (Attached)

16. Approval of the Fire & Security Drill Report

17. Approval of Minutes: (Regular and/or Executive, where applicable)

*December 17, 2025
January 7, 2026*

18. Approval of Bills:

General	\$	12,579,527.28
Cafeteria	\$	176,349.09
Payroll (Gross) December 5, 2025	\$	6,278,089.76
(Gross) December 19, 2025	\$	6,282,289.65

19. Board Secretary's Agenda

School Year 2025-2026

Purchases – Pages 1 through 23 - \$16,195,586.15

Award of Bids	Contract Extensions
Jointures	Permission to Advertise
Student Transportation	

On roll call following the vote:

*Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Lamb
Noes: None*

Recused: None

Abstained: Jubert – South Toms River Sewage Authority

Absent: Coyne, Pascarella, Capone

APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:22.1.11(c), I, Wendy Saxton, Board Secretary, certify that as of November 2025 no budgetary line items account has obligations and payments (contracted orders) which exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8-1, that the district’s accounts have been reconciled and are in balance.

Through the adoption of this resolution, we the Toms River Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:22-2.11(c), certify that as of November 2025 after a review of the Secretary’s monthly report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the Business Administrator and other appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:22-2.11 (c) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s needs.

A motion was made by Mr. Kidney, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Approval and Certification of the November 2025 Secretary’s Monthly Financial Reports be approved:

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Lamb

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Coyne, Pascarella, Capone

PERSONNEL AGENDA (# 1-18) + ADDENDUM (# 19-27)

A motion was made by Mr. Kidney, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Personnel Agenda (# 1-18) + Addendum (# 19-27) be approved:

PERSONNEL ITEMS 1-18

CERTIFICATED STAFF 1-8:

1. Recommended for Employment:

{Code = (R) Replacement; (TR) Temporary Replacement; (New) New Position}

A.	<u>Katelyn E. Reilly</u> HSE Science	(R) 1/22/2026* - 6/30/2026	\$ 57,525.00 (Prorated)
B.	<u>Laurie A. Vukan</u> IE Language Arts Gr. 7	1/22/2026- 6/30/2026	62,125.00 (Prorated)

**start date subject to issuance of teaching certification*

2. Recommended Change of Contract Start Date:

A.	<u>Elena R. Couldrey</u> IS BCBA	1/20/2026
B.	<u>Kaitlin Holmes</u> ND Grade 1	2/23/2026
C.	<u>Carly R. Scallon</u> HSE Media Specialist	1/6/2026

3. Recommended Degree Changes/Salary Adjustments effective 9/1/2025 - 6/30/2026:

A.	<u>Heather R. Nourry</u> IN LDTC	<u>From:</u> BA	<u>To:</u> MA	\$ +3,200
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4. Recommended Salary Adjustments:

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A.	<u>Cynthia L. O'Donnell</u> HSE Social Studies	+12,277.50 (Prorated)
	2/28/2026 - 4/17/2026 (teaching one extra period per day)	
B.	<u>Stacie M. Hoffman</u> HSN Business	+12,277.50 (Prorated)
	1/12/2026 – 6/30/2026 (teaching one extra period per day)	
C.	<u>Dawn E. Gawalis</u> ED Literacy Instructional Coach	+10,000.00 (Prorated) (Grant Funded)
	1/22/2026 - 6/30/2026 (Elementary Literacy Instructional Facilitator Stipend)	
D.	<u>Krishna M. Giammarco</u> ND Grade 4	+10,000.00 (Prorated) (Grant Funded)
	1/22/2026 - 6/30/2026 (Elementary Math Instructional Facilitator Stipend)	

5. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

A.	<u>Employee #12653</u> CG Vocal Music	Medical	1/5/2026 - 2/24/2026
B.	<u>Employee #17571</u> IS Instrumental Music	Family	12/16/2025
C.	<u>Employee #14621</u> JAC Basic Skills	Medical	12/24/2025 - 3/22/2026
D.	<u>Employee #16064</u> STR School Nurse	Medical	1/17/2026 - 4/14/2026
E.	<u>Employee #17468</u> HA Speech Lang Spec.	Family	1/21/2026 - 4/23/2026 (revised leave dates)
F.	<u>Employee #15694</u>	Family	3/7/2026 - 5/1/2026

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	JAC Speech Lang Spec.	Ext.	
G.	<u>Employee #16918</u> WS Grade 2	Family	3/27/2026 - 6/30/2026
H.	<u>Employee #15006</u> HSE Social Studies	Family Ext	2/27/2026 - 4/17/2026
I.	<u>Employee #16900</u> ED Guidance	Family	1/9/2026
J.	<u>Employee #14413</u> ED Grade 2	Family	2/17/2026 – 3/6/2026
K.	<u>Employee #17020</u> STR Grade 1	Family	1/12/2026
L.	<u>Employee #10262</u> HSS Sped RR	Family Ext.	1/17/2026 - 2/20/2026
M.	<u>Employee #13863</u> HSE Art	Family Medical	1/14/2026 - 4/17/2026 (p.m.) 4/18/2026 - 6/30/2026

6. Retirements:

A.	<u>Lynn Brattan</u> HA Grade 2	7/1/2026
B.	<u>Anne Christine Brubaker</u> SB Grade 3	7/1/2026
C.	<u>Kimberly J. Lychock</u> SB Sped RR	7/1/2026
D.	<u>Robin A. Marra</u> WAL ESL	7/1/2026

- E. Lynda D. McGovern 7/1/2026
SB Grade 4
- F. Lillian E. Stulich 7/1/2026
IE Social Studies Gr. 6
- G. Amy Tasker 7/1/2026
WAL Sped RR

7. Resignation:

- A. Sarah M. Vollenbroek 1/5/2026
HA Vocal Music

8. Return to Work from Suspension with Pay:

- A. Employee #17255 1/13/2026

STAFF FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS 9:

9. Title I Approvals: (Attached)

- A. Recommend approval for the attached list of employees to receive payment under Title I Funds for the school year commencing 9/1/2025 - 6/30/2026.

SUPPORT STAFF 10-16:

10. Human Resources/Benefits Department:

A. Retirement:

- Dawn M. Radetich 7/1/2026
AES/Senior Human
Resources Generalist

B. Resignation:

- Carolyn M. Lavin 2/6/2026

Administrative Executive
Secretary

11. Special Education Paraprofessionals:

A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #17570</u> WAL Tier 2 Paraprofessional	Family	1/12/2026 – 2/6/2026
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<u>Employee #17611</u> IS Tier 2 Paraprofessional	Family	1/12/2026 – 4/2/2026
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B. Resignations:

<u>Natali M. Gourley</u> WASH Tier 2 Paraprofessional	1/17/2026
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<u>Sayward H. Swaney</u> IS Tier 2 Paraprofessional	1/15/2026
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12. Cafeteria/Playground Aides:

A. Recommended for employment:
{Code = (R) Replacement}

<u>Phyllis A. Albruzzese-Smith</u> Silver Bay	(R) 12/18/2025 – 6/30/2026	\$ 7,095.21 (Prorated)
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<u>Dana Romano</u> South Toms River	(R) 1/22/2026 – 6/30/2026	7,095.21 (Prorated)
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13. Custodial Department:

A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #17285</u>	Family	2/2/2026 – 4/30/2026
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HSN Custodian

Employee #13307 Family 1/5/2026 – 3/9/2026
WD Custodian (rescind leave request)

- B. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$17.82 per hour:

Effective Dates

Domenico Dulisse 11/20/2025
Gerard Christensen 1/2/2026

- C. Suspension without pay:

Employee #15375 1/8/2026 - 1/9/2026

- D. Suspension with pay:

Employee #15375 1/12/2026 & 1/13/2026

- E. Resignations:

Paul J. Malland 1/28/2026
CG Night Custodian

14. Facilities Department:

- A. Retirement:

David Minnich 6/1/2026
Warehouseman

Mark B. Wagner 7/1/2026
Manager of Capital Projects
ADA Coordinator

15. Food Services Department:

- A. Recommended **Continued** Change of Employment:

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<u>Shannon L. Whalen</u> HSN Cafeteria Worker	IN "Acting" Lead Cafeteria Worker 1/5/2026 – 3/31/2026	\$40,661.00 (Prorated)
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B. Recommended Change of Employment:

<u>Kristen Cutrona</u> WAL Cafeteria Worker	BWD "Acting" Lead Cafeteria Worker 11/25/2025 – 1/20/2026	\$40,661.00 (Prorated) (revised end date)
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C. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #14457</u> IN Cafeteria Worker	Medical Ext.	1/6/2026 – 3/31/2026
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D. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$15.92 per hour:

Effective Dates:

<u>Barbara T. Bowbliss</u>	1/22/2026
<u>Paola DiMario</u>	1/22/2026
<u>Breyanna J. Griffin</u>	1/7/2026
<u>Melissa J. Watson</u>	1/5/2026

E. Resignations:

<u>Breyanna J. Griffin</u> HSN Cafeteria Worker	1/7/2026
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<u>Melissa J. Watson</u> HSN Cafeteria Worker	1/5/2026
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16. Transportation Department:

A. Recommended for Employment:
(Code=(R) Replacement)

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<u>Brian J. Riley</u>	(R)	\$
Regular Bus Driver	1/22/2026 - 6/30/2026	35,838.00 (Prorated)

B. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #17837</u>	Medical	1/5/2026 – 2/28/2026
Sped Bus Attendant		

<u>Employee #16538</u>	Family	1/9/2026 - 1/12/2026
Sped Bus Attendant		

<u>Employee #16805</u>	Family	12/11/2025 – 1/6/2026
Sped Bus Driver		(revised leave end date)

<u>Employee #15681</u>	Family	12/12/2025 – 3/16/2026
Sped Bus Driver		

C. Recommended for placement on the Substitute Bus Driver’s list at a rate of \$27.00 per hour effective 1/22/2026:

Waleed Ahmed
Scott T. Meyler
David D. Minnich

D. Recommended for placement on the substitute Bus Attendant’s list at a rate of \$16.00 per hour effective 1/22/2026:

Michelle A. Chafatelli
Rhonda D. Welch

E. Resignations:

<u>Keith P. Morris</u>	1/1/2026
Regular Bus Driver	

F. Suspension with pay:

Employee #16790 12/15/2025 – 1/21/2026

Employee #16623 1/9/2026 – 1/12/2026

17. Extracurricular:

- A. Fall Half Year Extracurricular Recommendations & Payments Updates and Additions (2025 – 2026):

Danielle Mahon HSS Twirling +\$1962.50

- B. Spring 2025 – 2026 Coaching Recommendations & Payments: (Attached)

High School East, North and South
Intermediate East, North and South

**On Approved Sub List*

18. Off Payroll Report (Attached)

PERSONNEL ITEMS 19-27

19. Revised Recommended Salary Adjustments:

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A.	<u>Dawn E. Gawalis</u> ED Literacy Instructional Coach	1/22/2026 - 6/30/2026 (Elementary Literacy Instructional Facilitator Stipend)	+10,000.00 (Voucher Paid*) (Grant Funded)
B.	<u>Krishna M. Giammarco</u> ND Grade 4	1/22/2026 - 6/30/2026 (Elementary Math Instructional Facilitator Stipend)	+10,000.00 (Voucher Paid*) (Grant Funded)

****Revised – voucher paid – not prorated***

20. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

- A. Employee #17571 Family 1/16/2026
IS Instrumental Music (a.m.)
- B. Employee #16689 Family 4/20/2026 - 6/30/2026
SB Kindergarten

21. Retirement:

- A. Cheri R. Burns 7/1/2026
STR Media/Techology

22. Transfers Effective for the 2025-2026 SY: (Attached)

SUPPORT STAFF 23-26:

23. Special Education Paraprofessionals:

- A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:
 - Employee #13272 Family 1/21/2026 – 1/23/2026
IE Tier 1 Paraprofessional
 - Employee #15212 Personal 1/13/2026, 1/15/2026
WASH Tier 2 Paraprofessional 1/20/2026, 1/22/2026
1/27/2026, 1/29/2026

24. Cafeteria/Playground Aides:

- A. Recommended for employment:
{ Code = (R) Replacement }
 - Nicole C. Hayes (R) \$ 7,095.21
South Toms River 1/22/2026 – 6/30/2026 (Prorated)
- B. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

Employee #14776 Medical 2/2/2026 – 6/2/2026
CG Café/Playground Aide

Employee #10111 Personal 1/26/2026 – 2/6/2026
ED Café/Playground Aide

25. Facilities Department:

A. Retirement:

Michael G. Wilkoski 2/1/2026
Warehouseman

26. Transportation Department:

A. Recommended for placement on the Substitute Bus Driver's list at a rate of \$27.00:

Eva C. Higgins Effective Date:
1/22/2026

B. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

Employee #13151 Family 1/22/2026 – 3/23/2026
Sped Bus Driver

27. Extracurricular:

A. Spring 2025 – 2026 Coaching Recommendations & Payments: (Attached)

High School North (Revised)

**On Approved Sub List*

B. Extracurricular New Club Recommendations:

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Lamb

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Coyne, Pascarella, Capone

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ITEMS (# 1-9) (# 10 TABLED)

A motion was made by Mr. Kidney, seconded by Ms. Eagan and carried that the following Educational Programs Items (# 1-9) (# 10 Tabled) be approved:

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ITEMS 1-10

1. Affirmative Action:

- A. Recommend approval of the attached resolution declaring the month of February 2026 as Black History Month.

2. Application for Reimbursement of Professional Graduate Courses (Attached)

3. Donations:

- A. Recommend the attached be accepted with thanks.

4. Educational Activity Requests (Attached)

5. Extracurricular:

- A. Spring Sports Schedules 2025 – 2026: (Attached)

High Schools East, North and South

6. Funded Programs: (Attached)

- A. Recommend approval of the attached Artificial Intelligence in CTE Pathways Grant application funded by the New Jersey Department of Community Education.

7. Graduate Reimbursement (Attached)

8. Student Services:

- A. Out-of-District Day Placement Requests (Attached)
- B. Tuition Pupils Received Requests (Attached)
- C. Tuition Pupils Sent Requests (Attached)
- D. Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Service Requests (Attached)

9. Recommended Professional Leave Requests (Attached)

10. TABLED HIB Appeal # 64665

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Lamb

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Coyne, Pascarella, Capone

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Ashley Lamb welcomed everyone back from the holiday season, congratulated the students for all their amazing awards, and was excited for play season.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS AND PRESS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY *(limited to 5 minutes as per Board Policy # 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings)*

There were none.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Kidney, seconded by Mr. Jubert and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

Wendy L. Saxton, Board Secretary