

**Toms River, New Jersey, February 18, 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, February 18, 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 and The Star Ledger on January 30, 2026, 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. Katie Coyne, Mrs. Lisa Contessa, Ms. Kathy Eagan, Mr. Kevin Kidney, Mr. James Capone, 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. Paolo Pascarella resigned as a Board Member on February 18, 2026 at 12:48 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:31 P.M.**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Mr. Kidney 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 # 16790, # 15897, # 17877; Personnel; Legal Litigation Special Education Tuition Settlement Agreements # 65935, # 78523, # 75725, # 70407, # 76804; 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. Capone, seconded by Mrs. Eagan 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 and Superintendent Michael Citta called for a moment of silence for two students who passed away recently on February 10, 2026 Anthony Kulzy and February 16, 2026 Daniel Mazurkiewicz, our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

**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.

**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 February 11, 2026 at High School North Media Center, Toms

River, New Jersey from 5:30 P.M. to 5:35 P.M. The meeting was streamed for public viewing. Committee Co-Chair, Joseph Jubert, 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 and the Star Ledger on January 30, 2026, 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, Katie Coyne, Kathy Eagan, Kevin Kidney, 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 \$2,425,786.25 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 \$9,805 for the month of February 2026 (2025-26 cumulative total is \$459,215) and these are also recommended for approval at the regular board meeting.

Finally, the committee was advised as to the status of the 2026-27 budget. The district is anxiously awaiting the state aid numbers for 2026-27, which will be released within two days of the Governor’s budget address currently scheduled for March 10, 2026. We will have to finalize the tentative 2026-27 budget very quickly once the aid numbers are received. The tentative budget will be presented in detail on April 1, 2026 at the annual Citizens Budget Advisory Committee meeting (5:30 P.M. at High School North Media Center). The committee then discussed the April Board meeting schedule,

and given that the budget hearing window does not open until April 24 based on the calendar published by the NJ Department of Education, the district's committee meeting will be moved to April 15, 2026 and the regular board meeting and budget hearing will be moved to April 29, 2026.

### **Building & Grounds Committee – Mr. Jubert**

The Building & Grounds Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on February 11, 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 and the Asbury Park Press on January 30, 2026, and the District website, 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, Kevin Kidney, Joe Jubert, Marisa Matarazzo, Katie Coyne, 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 over the past several weeks, the district has focused heavily on recovery efforts related to the recent winter storm, which created significant operational and facility challenges across our 22 locations. Despite limited staffing, our grounds, maintenance, custodial, transportation, and vehicle maintenance teams worked around the clock to keep buildings safe, accessible, and ready for students and staff. Crews managed snow and ice removal, equipment repairs, and transportation readiness, while also addressing weather-related facility issues. Mr. Citta noted that at Cedar Grove, a boiler failure caused frozen coils in 13 classrooms; however, routine building checks enabled the team to respond quickly, preventing major flooding. Temporary heaters were installed, and alternative learning spaces were arranged when necessary. The storm resulted in approximately \$50,000–\$60,000 in additional costs for salt, equipment rentals,

and contractor support, and the district is exploring possible state or FEMA reimbursement, as it has in the past. The majority of outstanding work orders are currently HVAC-related due to parts on order and weather-related damage. Board members and administration expressed appreciation for the dedication and professionalism of all staff who worked through difficult conditions to support the district.

## **OLD PROJECTS**

Mr. Citta provided an update on the progress of the capital projects, including parking lot LED lighting upgrades, boiler replacements, and switchgear work, with several projects scheduled for bid this month.

## **ANY OTHER DISCUSSION TOPIC**

A motion was made by Mrs. Katie Coyne, seconded by Ms. Kathy Eagan per N.J.S.A. 18A:12-3 and Toms River Regional Schools Policy # 0145 to remove Mrs. Paola Pascarella from the position of board member from the Toms River Regional Schools Board of Education, as Mrs. Pascarella has missed 4 consecutive scheduled meetings of the board. Board Attorney Burns advised the board that there would not be any discussion on this matter tonight, as this will be addressed at the February 18, 2026 Board of Education meeting and a notice will be sent to the board member.

### **Curriculum Committee – Ms. Eagan**

The Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on February 11, 2026, within a virtual live-streamed meeting on the internet, beginning at 5:45 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 and The Star Ledger on January 30, 2026 which constituted at least 48 hours’ notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

In attendance were Board President Ashley Lamb, vice president James Capone, board members Kevin Kidney, Katie Coyne, Joseph Jubert, Maria Matarazzo and Kathy Eagan. Superintendent, Michael 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.

Ms. DiMeo gave a brief introduction to the agenda, which included the midyear district data analysis for English language arts, mathematics and student attendance, and an overview of the real estate certification opportunity for high school student students.

The Curriculum instruction team, Rachel Cicala, Adrienne Gold, Richard Fastnacht, and Dana Weber, provided the board with an overview of the district progress toward grade level mastery of standards and our tier one plan for maximizing student growth through the end of the school year. Adrienne Gold then provided details about the real estate certification opportunity for students.

**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 February 11, 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, Katie Coyne, Kevin Kidney, Ashley Lamb, Board President. Also in attendance were Pat Thomas, Assistant Superintendent, Cara DiMeo, Assistant Superintendent Michael Citta, Superintendent and William Burns Esq.

The meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by Katie Coyne, Michael Citta, Superintendent, discussed with the members, extra-curricular, new hires and rice notices at the board meeting on Wednesday February 11, 2026

The committee adjourned at 5:15p.m.

**Board Attorney William Burns, Esq. presented the 2026 Board Member Board Ethics Training and the Discussion**

**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 THE BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS**

*A motion was made by Mr. Kidney, seconded by Ms. Eagan and carried that the Approval of the Board Member Code of Ethics be approved.*

*On roll call following the vote:*

*Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Coyne, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Capone, Lamb*

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**APPROVAL OF THE RESIGNATION OF TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS BOARD MEMBER PAOLA PASCARELLA EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Ms. Eagan and carried that the Approval of the Resignation of Toms River Regional Schools Board Member Paola Pascarella Effective February 18, 2026 be approved.*

*On roll call following the vote:*

*Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Coyne, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Capone, Lamb*

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS #13 THROUGH #18 AS LISTED IN THE AGENDA**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Mr. Capone and carried that the Approval of the Agenda Items #13 through #18 as listed in the Agenda be approved.*

**13. Approval of the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report**

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

**15. Approval of the Fire & Security Drill Report**

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

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**17. Approval of Bills:**

General	\$	14,428,964.06
Cafeteria	\$	234,079.30
Payroll (Gross) January 5, 2026	\$	6,180,364.75
(Gross) January 16, 2026	\$	6,567,929.64
(Gross) January 30, 2026	\$	6,310,702.42

**18. Board Secretary's Agenda + Addendum**

**School Year 2025-2026**

*Purchases – Pages 1 through 34 - \$2,425,786.25*

<b>Zero Values</b>	<b>Award of Bids</b>
<b>Student Transportation</b>	<b>Permission to Advertise</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>	

**School Year 2026-2027**

**Permission to Advertise**

**Resolutions**

*On roll call following the vote:*

*Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Coyne, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Capone, Lamb*

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2025**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:22.1.11(c), I, Wendy Saxton, Board Secretary, certify that as of December 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 December 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 Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Approval and Certification of the December 2025 Secretary's Monthly Financial Reports be approved:*

*On roll call following the vote:*

*Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Coyne, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Capone, Lamb*

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE  
CONTRACT TO APPOINT CHIESA SHAHINIAN & GIANTOMASI  
PC TO REPRESENT AND DEFEND THE TOMS RIVER REGIONAL  
SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE MATARAZZO VS.  
TOMS RIVER REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION DOCKET NO:  
OCN-L-291-26 AT A BLENDED RATE OF \$250.00/HOUR PURSUANT  
TO 18A:18-5 BE APPROVED**

*A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Approval of Award of Professional Service Contract to Appoint Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC to Represent and Defend the Toms River Regional Schools Board of Education in the Matarazzo vs. Toms River Regional Board of Education Docket No: OCN-L-291-26 at a Blended Rate of \$250.00/Hour Pursuant to 18A:18-5 be approved.*

*On roll call following the vote:*

*Ayes: Jubert, Coyne, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Capone*

*Noes: None*

*Recused: Lamb*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

*Matarazzo did not vote (was not called during roll call due to conflict of interest as Plaintiff in litigation against the Board of Education).*

**PERSONNEL AGENDA (# 1-15) + ADDENDUM (# 16-23)**

*A motion was made by Mr. Capone, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Personnel Agenda (# 1-15) + Addendum (# 16-23) be approved:*

**PERSONNEL ITEMS 1-15**

CERTIFICATED STAFF 1-5:

**1. Recommended for Employment:**

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

A.	<u>Samantha Foy</u> IN Sped RR	(R) 2/19/2026 - 6/30/2026	\$ 64,125.00 (Prorated)
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**2. Recommended Change of Contract Start Date:**

A.	<u>Jenna M. Rinaldo</u> JAC Kindergarten	2/2/2026
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B.	<u>Kylie S. Smith</u> HSS Sped RR	2/12/2026
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**3. Recommended Salary Adjustments:**

A.	<u>Christian M. Kane</u> K-12 Wellness Coach	12/1/2025 – 2/28/2025 (Community Coordinator for Programming @ RWJ Barnabus Field of Dreams Spring Stipend) *Grant Funded	\$ +9,992.00*
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**4. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:**

A.	<u>Employee #16918</u> WS Grade 2	Family	2/27/2026 - 6/30/2026 (revised leave start date)
B.	<u>Employee #16272</u> CG Grade 1	Maternity Ext.	3/14/2026 - 6/30/2026
C.	<u>Employee #14491</u> WD Sped RR	Personal Ext.	1/31/2026 - 3/31/2026

D.	<u>Employee #15812</u> HA Sped Aut	Maternity Ext.	1/31/2026 - 2/27/2026
E.	<u>Employee #17728</u> IE Science Gr. 7	Maternity	4/13/2026 - 5/29/2026
F.	<u>Employee #15813</u> SB School Nurse	Medical Ext.	1/17/2026 - 1/30/2026
G.	<u>Employee #17571</u> IS Instrumental Music	Family	2/2/2026; 2/5/2026 (1/2 day) 2/9/2026

**5. Retirement:**

A.	<u>Christy P. Downs</u> IE Supervisor of Instruction	5/1/2026
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SUPPORT STAFF 6-12:

**6. Secretarial Services:**

A. Recommended Leave of Absence Request:

<u>Employee #17452</u> CST Secretary	Family	4/15/2026 – 5/15/2026
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B. Retirement:

<u>Louise Beardsley</u> HSN Teacher Secretary	5/1/2026
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**7. Special Education Paraprofessionals:**

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

<u>Jessica M. Hendricks</u>	(R)	\$ 22,460.00
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JAC Tier 2 Paraprofessional	2/23/2026 - 6/30/2026	(Prorated
<u>Patricia A. Kelly</u>	(R)	21,960.00
STR Tier 2 Paraprofessional	2/23/2026 - 6/30/2026	(Prorated)
<u>Jessica Martinez-Quintero</u>	(R)	21,960.00
WASH Tier 2 Paraprofessional	3/2/2026 - 6/30/2026	(Prorated)
<u>Allison M. Walsh</u>	(R)	21,960.00
WD Tier 2 Paraprofessional	2/23/2026 - 6/30/2026	(Prorated)

**B. Recommended Change of Employment:**  
(Code = (R) Replacement)

	<u>Change to:</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>Donna M. Leonard</u>	HA Tier 2 Paraprofessional	21,960.00
Cafeteria Worker	2/23/2026 – 6/30/2026	(Prorated)

**C. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:**

<u>Employee #13272</u>	Family	1/24/2026 – 1/29/2026
IE Tier 1 Paraprofessional	Ext.	
<u>Employee #16760</u>	Family	1/26/2026 – 3/6/2026
JAC Tier 2 Paraprofessional	Ext.	
<u>Employee #15770</u>	Family	2/2/2026 – 2/27/2026
STR Tier 2 Paraprofessional		
<u>Employee #15212</u>	Personal	2/3/2026; 2/05/2026,
WASH Tier 2 Paraprofessional		2/10/2026; 2/12/2026,
		2/17/2026; 2/19/2026,
		2/24/2026; 2/26/2026
<u>Employee #15250</u>	Family	1/28/2026 – 2/27/2026
IS Tier 2 Paraprofessional		

D. Resignations:

Nicole A. Catalina 2/18/2026  
SB Tier 2 Paraprofessional

Darrius E. Hart 1/28/2026  
IS Tier 2 Paraprofessional

E. Transfers for the 2025-2026 school year: (Attached)

**8. Cafeteria/Playground Aides:**

A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

Employee #16380 Medical 2/13/2026 – 4/12/2026  
East Dover

B. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$15.92 per hour:

	<u>Effective Dates</u>
<u>Regina L. Cooperman</u>	2/19/2026
<u>Patricia A. Heller</u>	2/19/2026
<u>Linda A. McAvoy</u>	2/19/2026
<u>Christine Warkola</u>	1/30/2026

C. Resignation:

Christine Warkola 1/30/2026  
Cedar Grove

**9. Custodial Department:**

A. Recommended for employment and approval to attend training to receive Black Seal/Low Pressure License to be reimbursed upon issuance of license at a cost of no greater than \$465.00.

Damaris Mata Hidalgo (R) \$36,000.00

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CG Night Custodian	2/19/2026 – 6/30/2026	(Prorated)
<u>Joseph Campanile Jr.</u> James St. Night Rover	2/19/2026 – 6/30/2026	\$36,000.00 (Prorated) (Re-Hire)

B. Recommended for employment beyond the probationary period:

		<i>Effective Dates:</i>
<u>Maria Alonso De Bruno</u>	HA Night Custodian	2/22/2026 – 6/30/2026
<u>Gerald R. Brusco</u>	ND Night Supervisor	2/22/2026 – 6/30/2026

C. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #17371</u> HSN Night Custodian	Family	3/6/2026 – 3/20/2026
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D. Suspension with pay:

<u>Employee #15897</u>	1/22/2026 - 1/29/2026
<u>Employee #17877</u>	2/5/2026

E. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$17.82 per hour effective 2/19/2026:

Beau A. Wyckoff

F. Resignations:

<u>Russell Nicosia</u> HSE Night Custodian	1/20/2026
<u>Philip A. Thompson</u> Night Roving Custodian	1/26/2026

G. Retirements:

<u>Thomas S. Vint</u>	4/1/2026
ND Night Custodian	
<u>Paul Luteran</u>	9/1/2026
SB Head Custodian	

**10. Food Services Department:**

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

<u>Nalattaporn Furstoss</u>	(R)	\$9,980.10
IE Cafeteria Worker	2/19/2026 - 6/30/2026	(Prorated)

B. Recommended Change of Employment:

	<i>Change to:</i>	
<u>Kristen Cutrona</u>	WD “Acting” Lead	\$40,661.00
WAL Cafeteria Worker	Cafeteria Worker	(Prorated)
	1/20/2025 – 1/21/2026	

<u>Kristen Cutrona</u>	STR “Acting” Lead	\$40,661.00
WAL Cafeteria Worker	Cafeteria Worker	(Prorated)
	2/11/2026 – 4/20/2026	

C. Resignation:

<u>Renee Sisk</u>	2/10/2026
IE Cafeteria Worker	

**11. Grounds Department:**

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

<u>Vincenzo R. Campagna</u>	(R)	\$35,000.00
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F. Suspension with pay:

Employee #16790                      1/22/2025 – 2/28/2026

**13. Extracurricular:**

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

<u>Marcie Cantillo</u>	HSS Student Council	+\$1,234.75
<u>Sarah Chiarella</u>	HSS Assoc.of Students from Africa	-\$407.00

B. Spring 2025 – 2026 Coaching Recommendations & Payments Updates and Additions:

<u>Robert Botti</u>	IE Boys’ Track	+\$4,814.00
<u>Robert Dietlmeier</u>	IE Intramurals	+\$42.24 per hr.
<u>Claire Gardner</u>	IE Softball	+\$4,814.00
<u>Gianna Magliaro*</u>	HSS Lacrosse Assistant	+\$3,628.00
<u>Nicolas Mercadante</u>	HSE Volleyball Assistant	+\$5,579.00
<u>Courtney Voskanyan*</u>	HSN Softball Volunteer	
<u>Kasey Woram</u>	HSS Lacrosse Assistant	-\$5,579.00

C. School Musical Recommendations & Payments Updates and Additions (2025 – 2026):

<u>Chris Burbank</u>	HSN Pianist	+\$1,200.00
<u>Cyndi Dwyer</u>	HSN Musician	+\$480.00
<u>Andrew Macirowski</u>	HSN Musician	+\$480.00
<u>Karen Miske</u>	HSN Musician	-\$480.00
<u>Gregg Warren</u>	HSN Musician	+\$480.00

*\*On Approved Sub List*

**14. Substitute Nurses/Athletic Trainer/Secretaries (Attached)**

**15. Off Payroll Report (Attached)**

**PERSONNEL ITEMS 16-23**

**CERTIFICATED STAFF 16-:**

**16. Recommended for Employment:**

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

A.	<u>Rebecca Morse</u>	(R)	\$	57,525.00
	IN Computer Literacy	3/2/2026 - 6/30/2026		(Prorated)

**STAFF FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS 17:**

**17. 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 18-21:**

**18. Special Education Paraprofessionals:**

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

			\$	
	<u>Christina M. Natki</u>	(R)		21,960.00
	HA Tier 2 Paraprofessional	3/5/2026 - 6/30/2026		(Prorated)
	<u>Sophia A. Schifilliti</u>	2/23/2026 – 6/30/2026		21,960.00
	ND Tier 2 Paraprofessional			(Prorated)

- B. Recommended Change of Contract Start Date:

	<u>Patricia A. Kelly</u>	3/9/2026
	STR Tier 2 Paraprofessional	

C. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #15174</u> SB Tier 2 Paraprofessional	Family	2/17/2026 – 3/13/2026
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**19. Food Services Department:**

A. Resignation:

<u>Ashley C. Mota</u> WAL Cafeteria Worker	2/11/2026
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**20. Grounds Department:**

A. Resignations:

<u>James T. Waggnier Jr.</u> Groundskeeper	2/17/2026
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**21. Transportation Department:**

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

	<i>Effective Date:</i>
<u>Kevin M. Hamadyk</u>	2/19/2026
<u>Matthew Malland</u>	2/19/2026

B. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #16538</u> Sped Bus Attendant	Family	2/23/2026 - 2/24/2026
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**22. Extracurricular:**

A. Spring Half Year Coaching Recommendations & Payments Updates and Additions (2025 – 2026):

<u>Dave Bianchini</u>	HSN Boys Lacrosse Assist.	-\$5579.00
<u>Zachary Maat*</u>	HSN Boys Lacrosse Assist.	+\$3628.00
<u>Carly Scallon</u>	HSE Girls Lacrosse Assist.	+\$3628.00
<u>Dana Young</u>	HSE Girls Lacrosse Volunteer	
<u>Nicholas Zaza</u>	HSE Girls Lacrosse Assist.	+\$5579.00

B. Spring Half Year Extracurricular Recommendations & Payments Updates and Additions (2025 – 2026):

<u>Belinda Joyner</u>	HSS Assoc. of Students from Africa	-\$407.00
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C. **REVISED** HSS School Musical Recommendations & Payments:

<u>Joseph Elmo*</u>	Synthesizer	+\$480.00
<u>Susanna Emanuel*</u>	Piano	+\$480.00
<u>Karen Miske</u>	Piano	-\$480.00

**23. Substitute Nurses/Athletic Trainer/Secretaries (Attached)**

*On roll call following the vote:*

*Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Coyne, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Capone, Lamb*

*Noes: None*

*Recused: Jubert #17 Title I for Washington Street*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ITEMS (# 1-10) (# 10 AFFIRMATION OF APPEAL 64665) + ADDENDUM (# 11)**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Mr. Capone and carried that the following Educational Programs Items (# 1-10) (# 10 Affirmation of Appeal 64665) + Addendum (# 11) be approved:*

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ITEMS 1-10**

**1. Affirmative Action:**

- A. Recommend approval of the attached resolution declaring the month of March 2026 as Women’s 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)

Intermediate Schools East, North and South

- B. Recommend approval of the attached memo to begin the application process with the NJSIAA and the Shore Conference to tri-op girls wrestling in the Toms River Regional School District.

**6. Funded Programs: (Attached)**

- A. Recommend approval of the attached New Jersey Acceleration Program: High Impact Tutoring Cohort 3 Grant Application funded by the New Jersey Department of Education.

**7. Graduate Reimbursement (Attached)**

**8. Student Services:**

- A. Out-of-District Day Placement Requests (Attached)

- B. Tuition Pupils Sent Requests (Attached)
- C Approval of Settlement Agreements Regarding Student ID's #65935, 78523, 75725, 70407, & 76804

**9. Recommended Professional Leave Requests (Attached)**

**10. AFFIRMED – Student HIB Appeal – ID# 64665**

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ITEM 11**

**11. Summer Program Recommendations:**

- B. Recommend approval of the anticipated Special Education 2026 Extended School Year Programs Budget\* (Attached)

*\*pending 2026-2027 budget approval*

*On roll call following the vote:*

*Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Coyne, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Capone, Lamb*

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Eagan congratulated TV-21 on their excellent program showing how Bright Harbor Mental Health Programs work with our students.

Mrs. Contessa acknowledged the accomplishments of all the students and staff receiving awards each month.

Mrs. Coyne thanked Mr. Citta for keeping our school and student's safe and for keeping all operational during the snow storm. She also congratulated the award winners and was looking forward to all of the upcoming school plays and Read Across America.

Mrs. Lamb was excited to see as many school plays as possible because our students are amazing. Mrs. Lamb mentioned School Resource Officer Appreciation Day was February 15, 2025 and thanked all of our school resource officers and security who kept our kids safe each day and who were very valuable to our School District.

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

Public comments were heard by Jennifer Howe.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 P.M.*

*All members present voting Aye.*

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*Wendy L. Saxton, Board Secretary*