

Toms River, New Jersey, March 18, 2026

A Regular Board of Education Meeting and a Public Hearing 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, March 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 and a Public Hearing Meeting 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 March 6, 2026, and on the Toms River Regional Schools official website under legal notices 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, 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.

Mr. Kevin Kidney arrived at 5:33 p.m.
Mr. James Capone was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:31 P.M.

A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, 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* – RICE # 17815, # 15375, # 16749, # 14270; 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 Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Mr. Jubert 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.

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.

- Teacher of the Year/Educational Services Professional of the Year

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Michael Citta was excited about the fantastic evening ahead, celebrating all the honored guests and their families recognizing their hard work. Superintendent Citta updated the school calendar due to the inclement weather and proposed for adoption

tonight to add four half days to the end of the calendar, making the last day of school June 19, 2026, with the intermediate graduations taking place on June 17, 2026 and high school graduations taking place on June 18, 2026. Superintendent Citta advised the April Board of Education Public Meeting was pushed back due to the budgetary calendar restrictions and mandates and the June Board of Education Meeting was pulled up earlier in the month to accommodate the updated last day of school. Superintendent Citta was pleased the District will not need to make up days during Spring Break and hopes there are no further weather-related disruptions this school year. Superintendent Citta stated the District is aiming to approve the tentative budget for the 2026-2027 school year which has to be done by statute in accordance to the budgetary calendar every year. Once it is approved, the tentative budget is sent to the County Superintendent of Schools for approval. Superintendent Citta encouraged everyone to attend the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee Meeting on April 1, 2026 where the proposed budget will be presented in its totality. We will be discussing every line item, every addition, every deletion, and the impact that it can have on the community moving forward. Superintendent Citta stated the tentative budget presents a 4.9% tax increase due to the crisis the governor explained in her address and the ongoing healthcare issues that are happening nationally and statewide. Districts, municipalities, and all government entities can go up to the state plan's maximum and this year the state health benefits plan has gone up 31.9% utilizing that allowance in their threshold to exceed that mandate and raise their taxes as high as 31.9%. Superintendent Citta stated Toms River has been working on controlling those costs for the last 15 years since the District is a self-insured entity with over 3,000 staff members, including Partnership Health Center reducing costs, which means the District is not in the same crisis mode like the rest of the State of New Jersey and it is millions of dollars difference, we will not be imposing in this budget because of those plans. Superintendent Citta was proud of an organization that puts their employees first and puts their community right along with them. Superintendent Citta stated there is no falsity behind the fact Toms River Schools is the lowest spending District in the State of New Jersey for a reason because we pay attention to those details. Superintendent Citta thanked his team and Board for having that vision to continue along that path and avoid that crisis. Superintendent Citta stated the District avoided catastrophe but have had large taxes imposed crippling the community to over 20% mandated by the State of New Jersey in the last couple of years. S2 finally ends and the District is finally making some money and receiving aid. Over the last 2 years, the governor imposed guardrails on the budgets and Superintendent Citta stated he wanted the community to know if it wasn't for those guardrails, the tax increase would not be 4.9% as proposed tentatively, it would be 1.4%, also in line with being the lowest spending District in the State of New Jersey.

Superintendent Citta advised Toms River is not in a crisis mode situation and reiterated what we are going to provide for our taxpayers and this community will be better than most because of everybody in the entire organization's hard work every day. The Board will only be presenting a vote to pass the budget to go to the County Superintendent. On April 1st, we have a Citizen's Budget Advisory Meeting and will go over line items and what that does for each and every part of the District's operations. April 29, 2026 will be the Public Hearing where the District will take a vote on the budget. Superintendent Citta was optimistic the District is working on great things and is headed in the right direction, even though there is a lot to overcome, still facing guardrails, when Toms River Schools should be in a better position to breathe easier and to begin working on student programs.

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 March 11, 2026 at High School North Media Center, Toms River, New Jersey from 5:30 P.M. to 5:37 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 and the Star Ledger on March 6, 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, 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 \$2,573,324.00 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 \$391,450 for the month of March 2026 (2025-26 cumulative total is \$890,665) and these are also recommended for approval at the regular board meeting.

Next, the committee was advised as to the status of the 2026-27 budget. The district is should know our state aid numbers for 2026-27 by the end of the day tomorrow.

The committee was then informed that the district was finally reimbursed by the NJ Department of Education on March 3, 2026 for our April 16, 2024 Seaside Heights Regionalization special election costs totaling \$189,424.15.

Next, the committee was advised that the purchasing agenda for next week will include a resolution declaring an emergency based on the need to secure loaders on an emergent basis to clear snow with the recent storms.

Finally, the committee was provided with an updated district calendar, which was revised based on the number of district snow days utilized.

Building & Grounds Committee – Mr. Jubert

The Building & Grounds Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on March 11, 2026, starting directly after the budget and finance committee meeting.

Mr. Capone 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. This meeting was announced to the public through a notice published in the Asbury Park Press and the Star-Ledger on March 6, 2026, and the District website under legal notices, 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, Lisa Contessa, Marisa Matarazzo, 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 providing an update regarding the district's response to Winter Storm Hernando, facility operations, work orders, and ongoing capital projects. The storm that occurred on February 23–24 was declared a State of Emergency, making the district eligible for reimbursement through the Office of Emergency Management and the federal government. The district incurred just over \$100,000 in storm-related expenses, including equipment usage, staff labor hours, and equipment damage. Recognition was given to Mr. Madigan and the facilities staff for carefully reviewing and submitting the necessary documentation to ensure reimbursement requests were completed and submitted on time.

Mr. Citta provided an overview of the work orders for February. The facilities department processed 546 work orders, of which 526 were completed. The remaining 20 work orders are pending, primarily due to waiting for parts or scheduled follow-up work, most of which are HVAC-related repairs. HVAC coils that had been damaged during the January storm and were originally expected to be replaced in six to eight weeks were installed sooner than anticipated. The district was also able to reallocate leftover referendum funds to help cover the cost of those repairs, including work on the auditorium heat handler, allowing the district to complete the work efficiently while saving funds.

OLD PROJECTS

Mr. Citta reminded the board of the several capital improvement projects currently in progress. Bids are expected soon for the Intermediate North electrical switchgear replacement, while boiler replacement bids for Intermediate North are scheduled to be received on March 26. In addition, bids for the South Toms River Elementary elevator controller replacement are due on April 15. All of these projects are expected to be completed before the end of the summer. Environmental monitoring will continue at 123 Walnut Street, with groundwater sampling to proceed following recent storms and heavy rainfall. At this time, no concerns have been identified, but the DEP has requested continued monitoring. Lastly, the Intermediate South roof replacement and façade

improvements have been completed. This project addressed longstanding concerns related to leaks and mold that had affected the building for over a decade. The work was completed on time and under budget, and the final results have significantly improved both the building's condition and appearance.

Mr. Citta concluded by letting us know that zoning changes were proposed for apartments near 123 Walnut Street. The district has no objections, as the changes do not impact district operations or 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 March 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, Lisa Contessa, Kathy Eagan, 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 Ashley Lamb, Michael Citta, Superintendent, discussed with the members, extra-curricular, new hires and rice notices at the board meeting on Wednesday March 18, 2026

The committee adjourned at 5:15p.m.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Lamb

The Policy Committee of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools took place at 1245 Old Freehold Road, Media Center on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 4:30 pm.

In attendance were Board President, Ashley Lamb, and members Lisa Contessa and Kevin Kidney, Superintendent, Michael Citta, Assistant Superintendents, Patrick Thomas and Cara DiMeo, and Board Attorney William Burns, Esq.

Assistant Superintendent Patrick Thomas, presented the following policies for review and deliberation in preparation for the first reading at the Board of Education meeting on March 18, 2026.

For Discussion:

- P 5513 - Care of School Property (M) (New)
- P 8508 - Lunch Versus Serve (OVS) (M) (New)
- P 9163 - Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events (M) (New)

Members of Central Administration answered questions regarding the policies and regulation.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS AND PRESS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY & PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING NOMINATIONS FOR THE TOMS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER VACANCY UNTIL THE TERM EXPIRATION DATE THROUGH DECEMBER 2026 *(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.

MOTION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING NOMINATION FOR APPLICANT TO FILL TOMS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD VACANCY, WITH NOMINATION CONDITIONED UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF BACKGROUND REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1.2 UNTIL THE TERM EXPIRATION DATE THROUGH DECEMBER 2026

A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Motion and Discussion Regarding Nomination for Applicant to Fill Toms River Township Board Vacancy, with Nomination Conditioned upon Successful Completion of Background Requirements Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1.2 until the Term Expiration Date through December 2026 be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Capone

Mr. Kevin Kidney nominated Mrs. Jennifer Howe, seconded by Ms. Eagan to fill Toms River Township Board Vacancy.

APPROVAL OF THE NOMINATION OF JENNIFER HOWE FOR APPLICANT TO FILL TOMS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD VACANCY, WITH NOMINATION CONDITIONED UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF BACKGROUND REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1.2 UNTIL THE TERM EXPIRATION DATE THROUGH DECEMBER 2026

A motion was made by Mr. Kidney, seconded by Ms. Eagan and carried that the Approval of the Nomination of Jennifer Howe for Applicant to Fill Toms River Township Board Vacancy, with Nomination Conditioned upon Successful Completion of Background Requirements Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1.2 until the Term Expiration Date through December 2026 be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Capone

The Board congratulated Mrs. Howe.

APPROVAL OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2026-27 TENTATIVE BUDGET TO THE COUNTY OFFICE

A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Approval of the Submission of the 2026-27 Tentative Budget to the County Office be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Capone

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS WORLD AUTISM MONTH (ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Mr. Jubert, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Approval of the Resolution of the Toms River Regional Schools Board of Education Proclaiming the Month of April as World Autism Month (Attached) be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Capone

APPROVAL OF REVISED 2025-2026 PUPIL CALENDAR

A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Approval of the Revised 2025-2026 Pupil Calendar be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Capone

APPROVAL OF CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS LEASE AMENDMENT THROUGH MARCH 24, 2038, TOMS RIVER HIGH SCHOOL NORTH

A motion was made by Mr. Kidney, seconded by Mrs. Coyne and carried that the Approval of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Lease Amendment Through March 24, 2038, Toms River High School North be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Capone

APPROVAL OF THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOMS RIVER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION EFFECTIVE 7/1/2025 THROUGH 6/30/2030

A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Approval of the Shared Services Agreement between the Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority and the Toms River Regional Schools Board of Education Effective 7/1/2025 through 6/30/2030 be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: Matarazzo

Abstained: None

Absent: Capone

APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO SHARE FUELING FACILITIES BETWEEN THE TOMS RIVER MUNICIPAL

UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS EFFECTIVE 8/1/2025 THROUGH 7/31/2028

A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Approval of the Interlocal Services Agreement to Share Fueling Facilities between the Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority and the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools Effective 8/1/2025 through 7/31/2028 be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: Matarazzo

Abstained: None

Absent: Capone

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

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

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

- P 5513 - Care of School Property (M) (New)
- P 8508 - Lunch Offer Versus Serve (OVS) (M) (New)
- P 9163 – Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events (M) (New)

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Capone

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS #19 THROUGH #24 AS LISTED IN THE AGENDA AND INCLUDING UNDER #20 ALLIANCE ORTHOPEDICS FOR NAMING RIGHTS FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR THE JBAC BUBBLE

A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Approval of the Agenda Items #19 through #24 as listed in the Agenda and Including Under #20 Alliance Orthopedics for Naming Rights for Sponsorship for the JBAC Bubble be approved.

19. Approval of the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report

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

21. Approval of the Fire & Security Drill Reports

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

February 18, 2026

March 11, 2026

23. Approval of Bills:

General	\$	11,109,718.60
Cafeteria	\$	264,067.68
Payroll (Gross) February 13, 2026	\$	6,316,624.70
(Gross) February 27, 2026	\$	6,915,095.23

24. Board Secretary’s Agenda + Addendum

School Year 2025-2026

Purchases – Pages 1 through 27 - \$2,573,324.00

Zero Values	Award of Bids
Contract Extensions	Student Transportation
Jointures	Resolutions

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: Matarazzo #23 & #24

Abstained: None

Absent: Capone

**APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT
FOR JANUARY 2026**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:22.1.11(c), I, Wendy Saxton, Board Secretary, certify that as of January 2026 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 January 2026 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 Mr. Jubert and carried that the Approval and Certification of the January 2026 Secretary's Monthly Financial Reports be approved:

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Capone

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Michael Citta congratulated a lifelong educator Principal Stacey Monetti and Mrs. Wendy Saxton, the Board Secretary on her retirement with over 40 years of dedication, support, love, and grind of work and thanked them for all they have done for the District and wished them the best of luck in their retirement.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Business Administrator William Doering congratulated Mrs. Wendy Saxton and pondered what he is going to do without his partner of 16 years. Business Administrator Doering stated Mrs. Saxton’s tasks may be replaceable, but Mrs. Saxton herself is not. Business Administrator Doering applauded her for her smile, infectious laugh, good disposition, her diligence and competency. Business Administrator Doering stated Mrs. Saxton will be greatly missed and wished her health, love and happiness in her retirement and has more than earned it.

PERSONNEL AGENDA (# 1-19) + ADDENDUM (# 20-30)

A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Personnel Agenda (# 1-19) + Addendum (# 20-30) be approved:

PERSONNEL ITEMS 1-19

CERTIFICATED STAFF 1-4:

1. Recommended Salary Adjustments:

A.	<u>Susan Morales</u> IN Spanish	3/2/2026 - 6/30/2026 (teaching one extra period per day)	\$ +11,665.00 (Prorated)
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2. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

A.	<u>Employee #12653</u> CG Vocal Music	Medical Ext	2/28/2026 - 3/31/2026
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B.	<u>Employee #16459</u> ND Grade 1	Family	5/18/2026 - 6/30/2026
C.	<u>Employee #15634</u> STR Grade 3	Personal	3/4/2026 - 4/2/2026
D.	<u>Employee #14205</u> STR Sped RR	Family	3/5/2026
E.	<u>Employee #17762</u> IE Science Gr. 6	Family	2/23/2026 - 4/2/2026
F.	<u>Employee #15087</u> HSE English	Family	2/17/2026
G.	<u>Employee #16509</u> HSE Sped Aut	Family	4/27/2026 - 5/22/2026
H.	<u>Employee#17571</u> IS Instrumental Music	Family	2/19/2026; 3/2/2026; 3/16/2026
I.	<u>Employee #14973</u> HSE Spanish	Personal	3/2/2026; 3/9/2026; 3/23/2026; 3/30/2026; 4/13/2026; 4/20/2026; 4/27/2026; 5/4/2026

3. Retirements:

A.	<u>Shannon Asch</u> WS+ Art	7/1/2026
B.	<u>Donna M. Donovan</u> HA Grade 3	7/1/2026
C.	<u>JoAnn Everett</u> HSS School Nurse	7/1/2026
D.	<u>Bonnie L. Pukash</u>	7/1/2026

STR Grade 2

- E. Nancy Prull 7/1/2026
IE Science Gr. 6
- F. Carey L. Zdanowicz 7/1/2026
WAL Grade 5

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

FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS 5-6:

5. 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.

6. Senior Credit Recovery Program Approvals: (Attached)

- A. Recommend approval for the attached list of employees to receive payment under the Senior Credit Recovery Program that will run from April 9, 2026 - May 30, 2026.

SUPPORT STAFF 7-16:

7. Non Certified Job Description: (Attached)

- A. Recommend approval of the attached non-certified job description:

Coordinator of Facility Rentals and Special Events

8. Secretarial Services:

- A. Recommended Salary Adjustments:

<u>Judith A. Flaherty</u>	1/1/2026 – 6/30/2026	\$
Facilities Admin. Secretary	Non-Cert BA Stipend	+500.00 (Prorated)

9. Special Education Paraprofessionals:

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

		\$
<u>Froncel R. Anderson</u>	(R)	21,960.00
IS Tier 2 Paraprofessional	3/23/2026 - 6/30/2026	(Prorated)
 <u>John P. La Stella</u>	 (R)	 21,960.00
 IS Tier 2 Paraprofessional	 3/23/2026 - 6/30/2026	 (Prorated)

B. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #17867</u>	Family	3/9/2026 – 4/24/2026
HA Tier 2 Paraprofessional		
 <u>Employee #15174</u>	 Family	 2/17/2026 – 2/27/2026
 SB Tier 2 Paraprofessional		 (Revised leave end date)
 <u>Employee #15212</u>	 Personal	 3/3/2026; 3/05/2026,
 WASH Tier 2 Paraprofessional		 3/10/2026; 3/12/2026, 3/17/2026; 3/19/2026, 3/24/2026; 3/26/2026, 3/31/2026
 <u>Employee #15250</u>	 Family	 1/28/2026 - 2/25/2026
 IS Tier 2 Paraprofessional		 (Revised leave end date)
 <u>Employee #13272</u>	 Family	 2/12/2026 – 2/13/2026
 IE Tier 1 Paraprofessional		

C. Retirements:

<u>Janet L. Gaskill</u>	7/1/2026
HA Tier I Paraprofessional	

D. Resignations:

Jaime L. Dyba Arencibia 2/19/2026
STR Tier 2 Paraprofessional

10. Cafeteria/Playground Aides:

A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

Employee #14401 Personal 3/20/2026 – 5/8/2026
West Dover

Employee#17144 Medical 3/6/2026 – 4/12/2026
Beachwood

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

Lindsay A. Byers *Effective Date*
3/19/2026

C. Resignation:

Julie A. Giordano 3/14/2026
Pine Beach

11. 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.

Malcolm X. Clanton (R) \$40,078.17
HSE Night Custodian 3/19/2026 – 6/30/2026 (Prorated)
(Re-hire)

Terence O. Gordon (R) \$36,000.00
HSS Night Custodian 3/19/2026 – 6/30/2026 (Prorated)

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<u>Robert D. Lamer</u>	(R)	\$36,000.00
HSN Night Custodian	3/19/2026 – 6/30/2026	(Prorated)
 <u>Donal A. Ortiz</u>	 (R)	 \$35,000.00
HSN Day Custodian	3/19/2026 – 6/30/2026	(Prorated)
 <u>Raphael A. Rodriguez</u>	 (R)	 \$36,000.00
HSS Night Custodian	3/19/2026 – 6/30/2026	(Prorated)

B. Recommended Change of Employment:

	<u>Change to:</u>	
<u>Catherine M. Cocozzo</u>	HSS Night Supervisor	\$49,817.83
HSS Night Custodian	2/19/2026 – 6/30/2026	(Prorated)

C. Recommended approval for Kevin Gibbons, STRE Head Custodian, for course reimbursement upon successful completion of the following courses. As a condition of board approval, employee must remain as a contracted employee for at least 1 year from the date of course completion or employee will be required to return reimbursement.

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Management Supervision & Human Resources	\$853.00

D. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #14497</u>	Family	3/23/2026 – 3/31/2026
HSS Night Custodian		

E. Suspension with pay:

<u>Employee #15375</u>	2/19/2026 - 2/26/2026
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F. Suspension without pay:

Employee #15375 2/27/2026

G. Resignations:

Freddie H. Williams 2/28/2026
STRE Day Custodian

H. Retirements:

Michael A. Limongello 3/1/2026
IE Day Custodian

Margaret R. Walsh 4/1/2026
HSS Night Custodian

I. Terminations:

Employee #17815 2/13/2026

Employee #16749 3/1/2026

12. Food Services Department:

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

Tara A. Caminiti (R) \$11,643.45
HA Cafeteria Worker 3/19/2026 - 6/30/2026 (Prorated)

Karen A. Torick (R) \$9,980.10
IE Cafeteria Worker 3/19/2026 - 6/30/2026 (Prorated)

Laura C. Sardo Zahler (R) \$9,980.10
STR Cafeteria Worker 3/19/2026 - 6/30/2026 (Prorated)

B. Recommended Change of Employment:

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	<i>Change to:</i>	
<u>Shannan Whalen</u> HSN Cafeteria Worker	IN Lead Cafeteria Worker 3/19/2026 – 6/30/2026	\$40,661.00 (Prorated)
<u>Yvonne Ghirardelli</u> IN Lead Cafeteria Worker	HSE Cafeteria Worker 3/2/2026 – 6/30/2026	\$20,309.25 (Prorated)
<u>Luanne Lindon</u> HSE Cafeteria Worker	HSE “Acting” Lead Cafeteria Worker 4/14/2026 – 6/30/2026	\$40,661.00 (Prorated)

C. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #17130</u> ND Cafeteria Worker	Family	3/2/2026 – 3/6/2026
<u>Employee #14457</u> IN Cafeteria Worker	Medical	12/11/2025 – 3/2/2026 (Revised end date)
<u>Employee #13967</u> SB Lead Cafeteria Worker	Family	4/13/2026 – 6/30/2026

13. **Grounds Department:**

A. Recommended Change of Employment:

	<i>Change to:</i>	
<u>Robert A. Baudo</u> Tier 2 Paraprofessional	Groundskeeper 3/19/2026 – 6/30/2026	\$35,000.00 (Prorated)

14. **Maintenance Department:**

A. Recommended Change of Employment:

	<i>Change to:</i>	
<u>John M. Hummel</u> Groundskeeper	Tradesman-General Maintenance 3/19/2026 – 6/30/2026	\$59,599.90 (Prorated)

B. Recommended for employment beyond probation:

<u>Gerard O'Malley</u>	Tradesman - HVAC	<u>Effective Dates:</u> 3/2/2026 – 6/30/2026
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C. Suspension without pay:

<u>Employee #14270</u>	3/9/2026 – 3/11/2023
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15. Security Department:

A. Recommended Change of Employment:

<u>Thomas J. Lesko</u>	<u>Change to:</u> HSN Security Guard	\$49,142.61
HSN Day Custodian	3/22/2026 – 6/30/2026	(Prorated)

B. Recommended for employment to complete probation:

<u>Joseph M. Cushing</u>	Security Guard	<u>Effective Dates:</u> 12/17/2025 – 3/16/2026
<u>Erika C. Viveros Garcia</u>	Security Guard	12/17/2025 – 3/16/2026

C. Recommended for employment beyond the probationary period:

<u>Austin J. Chadwick</u>	Security Guard	<u>Effective Dates:</u> 9/21/2026 – 6/30/2026
<u>Joseph M. Cushing</u>	Security Guard	3/17/2026 – 6/30/2026
<u>Erika C. Viveros Garcia</u>	Security Guard	3/17/2026 – 6/30/2026

D. Deceased:

<u>Employee #10818</u>	2/23/2026
Security Guard	

16. Transportation Department:

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A. Recommended for employment beyond the probationary period:

		<i>Effective Dates:</i>
<u>Robin Harrington</u>	Sped. Bus Attendant	3/21/2026 - 6/30/2026
<u>Debra A. Setteducato</u>	Sped. Bus Attendant	3/22/2026 - 6/30/2026
<u>Maria J. Weaver</u>	Regular Bus Driver	3/22/2026 – 6/30/2026

B. Recommended for employment to complete the probationary period:

		<i>Effective Dates:</i>
<u>Dylon Bygott</u>	Sped Bus Attendant	3/22/2026 - 6/22/2026
<u>Michaela Courvoisier</u>	Sped Bus Attendant	3/22/2026 - 6/22/2026
<u>Donnie Jackson</u>	Sped Bus Attendant	3/22/2026 - 6/22/2026
<u>Johnny Iwanowski</u>	Sped Bus Driver	3/22/2026 – 6/22/2026
<u>Haley Pappalardo</u>	Sped Bus Attendant	3/21/2026 – 6/21/2026

C. Recommended for placement on the Substitute Bus Driver’s list at a rate of \$27.00 per hour effective 3/19/2026:

Daniel Catapano
Gregory S. Johnson
Gerald Rotunno

D. Recommended for placement on the substitute Bus Attendant’s list at a rate of \$16.00 per hour effective 3/19/2026:

Lorenzo Rivera
James Wutzer

E. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #16538</u>	Family	2/25/2026 - 2/26/2026
Sped Bus Attendant		3/12/2026 – 3/13/2026
<u>Employee#16753</u>	Family	3/12/2026 – 3/19/2026
Mechanic		

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Employee #17837 Medical 2/28/2026 – 3/21/2026
Sped Bus Attendant EXT.

F. Retirements:

Gerald P. Harney 7/1/2026
Reg. Bus Driver

G. Suspension with pay:

Employee #16790 1/22/2025 – 2/27/2026 (1/2 day AM)
(revised end date)

17. Extracurricular:

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

<u>Lori Gelormine</u>	HSE Twirling	-\$981.25
<u>Brian Strohmets</u>	HSE Twirling	-\$981.25
<u>Brian Harkavy*</u>	HSE Twirling	+\$1,962.50
<u>Jake Bedford*</u>	HSE Rifle	-\$981.25
<u>Kevin McMahan*</u>	HSE Rifle	-\$981.25
<u>Lori Gelormine</u>	HSE Rifle	+\$981.25
<u>Brian Harkavy*</u>	HSE Rifle	+\$981.25

**On Approved Sub List*

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

<u>Courtney Voskanyan*</u>	HSN Softball Volunteer
<u>Daniel Cruz</u>	HSE Baseball Volunteer

**On Approved Sub List*

C. Extracurricular New Cub Recommendations:

HSS Medical Forensics Club

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

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

PERSONNEL ITEMS 20-30

CERTIFICATED STAFF 20-22:

20. **Recommended Change of Employment/Salary Adjustment effective 4/1/2026:**

	<i>Change to:</i>	\$
A. <u>Rachel J. Cicala</u> Director of Elementary Curriculum	Director of Elementary/ Senior Human Resources Generalist	+2,250.00 per month

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

A. <u>Employee #15087</u> HSE English	Family	3/10/2026
B. <u>Employee #10460</u> HSN Science	Family	3/4/2026 – 4/2/2026
C. <u>Employee #14205</u> STR Sped RR	Family	3/18/2026

22. **Retirements:**

A. <u>Stacey A. DeCesare Monetti</u> CG Principal	8/1/2026
B. <u>Angela M. Henke</u> IE Spanish	7/1/2026

STAFF FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS 23:

23. REVISED Senior Credit Recovery Program Approvals: (Attached)

- A. Recommend approval for the attached list of employees to receive payment under the Senior Credit Recovery Program that will run from April 9, 2026 - May 30, 2026.

SUPPORT STAFF 24-29:

24. Business Office:

- A. Retirement:

<u>Wendy L. Saxton</u>	7/1/2026
Board Secretary/Director of Accounting	

25. TRSTV Program:

- A. Retirement:

<u>Charles F. Phillips, II</u>	7/1/2026
TV Studio Coordinator	

26. Special Education Paraprofessionals:

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

	<u>Change to:</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>Anastasia L. Canton</u>	WD Tier I Paraprofessional	24,037.00
WD Tier 2 Paraprofessional	3/19/2026 – 6/30/2026	(Prorated)

- B. Recommended Change of Contract Start Date:

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<u>Froncel R. Anderson</u>	(R)	21,960.00
IS Tier 2 Paraprofessional	3/19/2026 - 6/30/2026	(Prorated)

<u>John P. La Stella</u>	(R)	21,960.00
IS Tier 2 Paraprofessional	3/19/2026 - 6/30/2026	(Prorated)

C. Resignations:

<u>Victoria A. Cryan</u>	2/19/2026
JAC Tier 2 Paraprofessional	

<u>Lisa D. Kontogiannis</u>	2/1/2026
ED Tier 1 Paraprofessional	

27. Custodial Department:

A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #17371</u>	Family	3/23/2026 – 5/1/2026
HSN Night Custodian	Ext.	

28. Maintenance Department:

A. Recommended Leave of Absence Request:

<u>Employee #16524</u>	Family	4/2/2026 – 4/30/2026
Tradesman - HVAC		

29. Transportation Department:

A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee#16753</u>	Family	3/20/2026 – 4/20/2026
Mechanic	Ext.	

B. Retirement:

<u>Kathi D. Ireland</u>	6/1/2026
Reg. Bus Driver	

30. Summer Employment Recommendations:

- A. Extended School Year Program Supervisors for Summer 2026 (Attached)

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Capone

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ITEMS (# 1-6)

A motion was made by Mr. Jubert, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the following Educational Programs Items (# 1-6) be approved:

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ITEMS 1-6

1. Donations:

- A. Recommend the attached be accepted with thanks.

2. Educational Activity Requests (Attached)

3. Funded Programs: (Attached)

- A. Recommend approval of the attached Arts Lab Residency Grant Application funded by the Young Audiences Arts for Learning New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania for the 2026-2027 school year.

4. Student Services:

- A. Out-of-District Day Placement Requests (Attached)
- B. Tuition Pupils Sent Requests (Attached)
- C. Tuition Pupils Received Requests (Attached)

D. Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Requests for the 2025-2026 SY (Attached)

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

6. **Summer Program Recommendations:**

A. Recommend approval of the anticipated Regular Education 2026 Summer Programs Budget* (Attached)

**pending 2026-2027 budget approval*

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Capone

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kevin Kidney noted the approval for many teachers to attend Professional Development and the low costs to the District all for the betterment of the students. Mr. Kidney stated even though the District was in the process of approving a budget and money was tight, it was important to keep in context how hard these teachers were working.

Ms. Kathy Eagan congratulated the Teachers of the Year and Service Professionals of the Year for their hard work. Ms. Eagan stated this was her favorite time of the year when the theatre programs put on the school plays.

Mrs. Lisa Contessa congratulated all of the teachers who received awards, wished everyone a Happy Easter and hoped everyone would enjoy their Spring Break.

Mrs. Katie Coyne congratulated all of the teachers who work so hard and thanked them for being great professionals who love our kids, and helped them grow and develop.

Mr. Joseph Jubert congratulated all of the award winners and stated he had the opportunity to attend the amazing play at High School South and was looking forward to attending High School East's Play, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Mr. Jubert encouraged parents to bring their children to see the school plays.

Mrs. Maria Matarazzo congratulated all of the award recipients on their well-deserved success and thanked Board Secretary Wendy Saxton for all of her help throughout the years.

Mrs. Ashley Lamb stated it was one of the best times of the year watching all of the school plays, with all of our talented students and advised it was her favorite Board Meeting of the year seeing all of the District's staff members being awarded for all their hard work. Mrs. Lamb congratulated Board Secretary Mrs. Wendy Saxton on her retirement, wished everyone a Happy Easter and a great Spring Break.

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

Comments were heard by Christopher Raimann.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Kidney, seconded by Mr. Jubert and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

Wendy L. Saxton, Board Secretary