MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE STUART SNYDER MEETING ROOM IN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING, 105 CEDAR BRIDGE ROAD, MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050.

President M. Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

After the Opening Invocation, Flag Salute, and moment of silence Mr. Terhune, Board Secretary, read the following:
"In compliance with the 'Open Public Meetings Act' of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was posted January 7, 2026, at the entrance to all school buildings with a notice sent to The Press of Atlantic City, as well as a mailing sent to the municipal clerks of all constituent districts."

Present: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Absent: Mr. C. Taylor
Also Present: Mr. Craig Henry (Chief School Administrator), Mr. Steven Terhune (School Business Administrator/Board Secretary), Mrs. Megan Vile (Assistant Superintendent), Nicole Carey (Assistant School Business Administrator/Board Secretary) and Mrs. Laura Benson, Esq (Board Attorney)

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mrs. Zuzic, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing student issues, matters of attorney/client privilege, and personnel for approximately one hour and that minutes from the closed session will become public when final action is taken and if the need for confidentiality is no longer required by the Board. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The Board went into Executive Session at 6:00 PM.

RETURN TO PUBLIC FORUM
Motion by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mrs. Tatur, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION to return to public forum at 7:00 pm.
The motion was carried by unanimous vote.
The Board discussed:

- Student Issues: HIB; Wellness Cohort; Graduation; clubs and athletics
- Personnel: retirements
- Legal: Litigation update; contractual issues; Joint Council of Taxpayers

Motion by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mrs. Zuzic and carried by a roll call vote, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, to approve the agenda with the following add-ons:

Add-on 9c.	Treasurers Report - February
Add-on 9k.	Approval of Tentative Budget 2026-2027
Add-on 9l.	SEMI - Corrective Action Plan
Add-on 9m.	Closure of Completed Capital Project
Add-on 9n.	Capital Reserve Withdrawal
Add-on 10b.	N.J. H.S. Voter Reg Law Annual Statement of Assurance
Add-on 11q.	Recommendation to Approve Class Advisors
Add-on 11a.	Recommendation to Approve Hires

	2. Bus Drivers
Add-on 11d.	Recommendation to Approve Substitutes
	4. Long Term High School English
Add-on 11i.	Rec to Approve Post-Secondary Placement Request
Add-on 11j.	Recommendation to Approve Tournament Practices
Add-on 11k.	Recommendation to Approve Pre-Prom Guest Speaker
Add-on 11l.	Rec to Approve Tenured Instructional Staff Renewals 2026-27
Add-on 11m.	Recommendation to Approve Maternity Leave
Add-on 11n.	Recommendation to Approve Stipend
Add-on 11o.	Recommendation to Approve Marching Band Volunteer
Add-on 16b.	Discipline Reports - High School and Middle School
Ayes:	Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays:	None

EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Student Council President, Ms. Addison Schachtel spoke about Clash Rams, Recess, Improv, the Senior Trip and Java and Jazz.

Mr. Henry presented Coach Donohue, Sr. with a proclamation in celebration of a legendary career as follows:

Chuck Donohue, Sr. Proclamation

Whereas, Charles P. Donohue, aka Chuck Sr., aka "Coach" has been a high school head football coach for 52 years and;

Whereas, Coach's teams have made 24 playoff appearances, seven sectional final appearances, two State sectional titles and won nine divisional championships, and;

Whereas, Coach has been inducted into the South Jersey Football Coaches Hall of Fame, The Shore Conference Football Coaches Hall of Fame, and the New Jersey Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and;

Whereas, Coach is the only head coach in the State of New Jersey to lead four different schools to sectional finals, and;

Whereas, Coach joined the Southern Family in 1998 and was Southern's head football coach for 28 seasons, and;

Whereas, during those 28 seasons the Ram Football Program made 14 post-season appearances while winning five championships, and;

Whereas, in those 28 years Coach impacted on the lives of over 1,600 members of the Ram Football Program, and;

Whereas, Coach shattered the glass ceiling by inviting and making welcome the female athletes into the weight room and the strength, conditioning and plyometric program, and;

Whereas, Coach always made every person he was talking with feel like the most important person in the room, and:

Whereas Coach's mark and aura will always and forever grace the entire Southern Regional Athletic Program.

Now therefore be it Proclaimed on the 1st day of April, 2026, that the weight room in the 11/12 high school be renamed the ***Chuck Donohue, Sr. Strength and Conditioning Room*** *and that the first home football game of all future seasons be named the* ***Chuck Donohue Sr. Game*** *in honor of a man who gave his all to all he served. We love you Coach and are forever grateful for, and will never forget, what you stood for and what you taught us.*

Board of Education
Michael Taylor, President
Heather Tatur, Vice President
Steve Berkheiser
Terry Deakyne
Beth Markoski
Lisa Mazzola
Paul Sharkey
Christopher Taylor
Keith Weidenhof
Kelly Zuzic

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Brian Muirhead began by commended Coach Donohue, Sr and then gave the FCCLA update.
Ms. Hayden MacNamara gave an update about Key Club and Convention at the High School.
Mrs. Margaret Malley spoke about the Dance Marathon and the Key Club Convention.

BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Weidenhof, seconded by Mrs. Tatur, and carried by voice call vote to approve the following minutes:
Executive Session – March 11, 2026

Ayes:	Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays:	None

Motion by Mr. Weidenhof, seconded by Mrs. Tatur, and carried by voice call vote to approve the following minutes:
Regular Session – March 11, 2026

Ayes:	Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays:	None

FINANCE

It was moved by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the warrants for the month of March 2026.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll vote to approve the list of budget transfers for the month of February 2026.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the Treasurers Report for the month of February 2026.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the Receipt Report for February 2026.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the Board Secretary's Report for February 2026.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the Board Secretary's Certification for February 2026.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the 2025-2026 ESEA grant salaries listed below:

Grant	Teacher	Portion of Salary Paid by ESEA Grant
Title IIa	Brittany Doran	$30,745
Title IVa	Kyle Booth	$7,988

This amount has increased by $12,190.00 due to Title II-A and Title IV-A carryover funds added from the 2024-2025 school year.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the Out of District Placements for the 2025-2026 school as presented to the Board.

Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the professional development programs that have registration and other costs that total $150 or more as follows for the 2025-2026 school year:
Date of Professional Development Monday, June 22, 2026
Name of Employee Attending Joshua Law
Sponsor of Seminar or Conference: Richard Falletta using funds from the PROF DEV SOCIAL STUDIES 9/12 account
Name of Seminar or Conference: Walton AP Summer Institutes (AP Psychology)
Location of Seminar or Conference: Online Registration
Fee: $799.00
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the fundraising requests for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented to the board.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve and adopt the 2026-2027 School Year, per the Superintendent, the Southern Regional School District, Tentative Budget Approval as follows:
2026-2027 School Year
Southern Regional School District
Tentative Budget Approval
The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the Tentative Budget for the 2026-2027 school year:
BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2026-2027 school year using the 2026-2027 school year state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline, as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	TOTAL
2026-2027 Total Expenditures	$77,595,346	$1,836,794	$-0-	$79,432,140
Less: Anticipated Revenues	$19,505,754	$1,836,794	$-0-	$21,342,548
Taxes to be Raised	$58,089,592	-0-	$-0-	$58,089,592

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Press of Atlantic City in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Southern Regional

Board of Education Administration Building Stuart Snyder Meeting Room located at 105 Cedar Bridge Road, Manahawkin, NJ on May 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 school year; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget an appropriation of unreserved fund balance in the amount of $2,220,767; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the general fund appropriations include an $800,000 withdrawal from the Tuition Reserve Account which were deposited into the account in 2024-2025 school year and are now required to be withdrawn to pay tuition obligations in 2026-2027 school year; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of $3,248,723. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional anticipated increases in health benefit premiums from the NJ School Employees Health Benefits Fund; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Southern Regional Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for use of banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of $414,315 for the purpose of anticipated electric, natural gas and workers compensation insurance increases. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2027; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Southern Regional Board of Education acknowledges that banked cap in the amount of $784,281 will expire upon adoption of this budget and that this taxation authority will no longer be available for school district budget purposes.

MAXIMUM TRAVEL

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq.,
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of $10,000 for 2026-2027 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for 2025-2026 school year is $10,000, of which, $374.29 has been spent and $372.24 is encumbered as of March 15, 2026.

TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

WHEREAS, The Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district;
AND, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board;
AND, a board of education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of $2,500 per staff member or district board of education member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30);
AND, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 but deemed by the board of education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out-of-District Travel and Reimbursement Forms;
NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out-of-District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget

travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of $10,000.00 for all staff and board members for 2026-2027 school year.
The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded

Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following corrective action plan for the revenue category per the NJ Department of Education who develop target goals for participation and revenue that the district is required to meet related to services provided to Special Education students who qualify under the Medicaid Reimbursement Regulations:
Finding – The school district did not realize 90% of the revenue target developed by the NJ Department of Education.
Corrective Action – The school district disagrees with the impact created by the reduction of qualified services which was outside of the school district's control and was not known by the school district or the Department of Education at the time that the Department of Education approved the Alternate Revenue Projection for the school district. The changes in regulations impact the quantity of eligible services that can be submitted for reimbursement. This impact was recognized by the NJ Department of Education when they drastically reduced the program revenue requirement for the 2025-2026 school year without any request by the school district. Since the district received notification of this deficiency beyond the submission deadline for 2026-27 school year revenue targets, the school district will request approval from the NJ Department of Education for an alternative revenue projection for Special Education Medicaid Initiative funds for the 2027-28 school year reflecting the impact from the altered regulations..

Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the closure of the following completed Capital Project from Fund 30, effective April 1, 2026. Further, it is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the transfer of unused funds back to the Capital Reserve Account in Fund 10 as required by regulation. Said project was originally funded from the Capital Reserve Account. This project was not awarded and it being replaced by a new expanded project.

Project #	Project Name	Project Budget	Project Expenditures	Project Balance to be returned to Capital Reserve Fund
4950-050-20-1000	Track Resurfacing	$1,800,000	$95,105	$1,704,895.

Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to authorize the withdrawal of funds from the district's Capital Reserve Account for the completion of the following project which has received approval from the NJ Department of Education:

State Project #29-4950-X02-26-1000 – Southern Regional High School New Turf Field - Total Costs $3,125,000 – State Share $0 – Local Share $3,125,000
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

POLICY

It was moved by Mr. Weidenhof, seconded by Mrs. Tatur, and carried by roll call vote to accept the amended calendar for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented to the Board.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Weidenhof, seconded by Mrs. Tatur, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following policy for its second reading:

Section 2000

Policy/Reg	Name	Policy/Regulation
P2530	Resource Material	Policy
R2530	Resource Material	Regulation
P2535	Library Material	Policy
R2535	Library Material	Regulation

Section 9000

Policy/Reg	Name	Policy/Regulation
P9130	Public Complaints	Policy
R9130	Public Complaints	Regulation

Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Weidenhof, seconded by Mrs. Tatur, and carried by roll call vote to New Jersey High School Voter Registration Law Annual Statement Of Assurance as presented to the Board.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

INSTRUCTION/PERSONNEL/EXTRA-CURRICULAR COMMITTEE

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the hire of Emma Gildea as a Spanish teacher in the high school effective April 2, 2026, through June 30, 2026. Ms. Gildea will be placed on Step 1, BA, Schedule A-1, Certified Employees, 2025-2026 at a salary of $66,081.00. This position is to replace Leslie Gardner-Longo who retired effective February 1, 2026.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the employment of the following candidates:

• Jamie Sarcone as a School Bus Driver at a salary of $28,131 (Step 1), pro-rated, effective April 13, 2026 through June 30, 2026. This is a replacement for James Docherty, who separated from the district effective March 11, 2026.
• Brian Cohen as a School Bus Driver at a salary of $28,131 (Step 1), pro-rated, effective May 15, 2026 through June 30, 2026. This is a replacement for Kathryn Purcell, who is retiring effective May 31, 2026 but will be taking a leave of absence in May..

Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to accept the retirement of Dina Cirone, effective June 30, 2026.

Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to accept the resignation of Kerry Giftos as MS Field Hockey coach, effective March 19, 2026.

Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve Ms. Cassandra Connelly in the position of high school special education teacher starting April 14, 2026, through May 26, 2026. This assignment is covering for Kerri Shoenberger who will be covering for Lauren Murphy while she is on leave. This is not a tenure-track or seniority-accruing position. Ms. Connelly holds a New Jersey Students with Disabilities CE. Her salary and benefits will remain the same as they are for her position as a full-time paraprofessional in the middle school.

Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following substitutes for employment in the 2025-2026 school year:

Wayne Anderson*	Substitute Teacher
Lee-Ann Carney*	Substitute Teacher
Skylar Falk*	Substitute Teacher
Faithe Ferreira*	Substitute Teacher
Anna Malandro*	Substitute Teacher
Denise Morrissey*	Substitute Teacher
Joseph Niccoli*	Substitute Teacher
Stephen Wenson*	Substitute Teacher

*Pending the successful completion of all required paperwork and New Jersey Criminal History Record Clearance

Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the employment of the following individuals as substitute custodians for the 2025-2026 school year, pending criminal history review.

- Anthony Molinaro
- Noelle Medina
- Anthony Marotta
- Gianna Misinsky
- Renee McAllister
- Rebecca Alessi.

Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following long-term substitute teacher assignment for the 2025-2026 school year:
Ms. Malia Henefer in the position of high school special education English teacher starting March 16, 2026, through June 15, 2026. This assignment is covering for Elizabeth Horn who will be on maternity leave. This is not a tenure-track or seniority-accruing position. There are no sick days or benefits associated with this position. Ms. Henefer holds New Jersey CE in English. She will be paid $175 per diem.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve Educere LLC as an online summer school provider for 2026.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve athletes, current and alumni, to use Southern athletic equipment during the summer. This would include any equipment needed during the summer months before the actual start of the athletic seasons for the 2026-2027 school year.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve Jeff Brown, Steve Deion and a third chaperone to take 52 History I/II students to Gettysburg National Military Park on May 29, 2026.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the students for Homebound Instruction and the teachers to provide that instruction for the 2025-2026 school year.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor

Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following student placement request.
College/University: Kean University
Student: Alyssa Maloney
Type of Placement: Practicum
School/Subject: MS Principal
Dates: Spring 2026 - Fall 2026
Cooperating Faculty: Beth Brahn
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve practice for the Grid Iron Classic July 9-14, 2026, including use of Fields 6 and 7, the restrooms and access to the high school buildings.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey and carried by roll call vote to approve Mr. Dan Duddy, motivational speaker (Dan Duddy, We Will) to speak at pre-prom assemblies. Juniors on May 15, 2026 and Seniors on June 1, 2026.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the renewal of the employment contract for the tenured SREA members for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented to the Board.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to accept the maternity leave request from Ashley Vaccaro-Kennedy, effective Sept 1, 2026 through February 8, 2027.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the addition of the following stipend to Ashley Miele's salary for completion of Google Admin Lv1 training, effective April 1, 2026:
Google Admin Lv1 - $800 – per SREA agreement
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None
Note: Mr. Sharkey abstained

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following candidate to serve as a volunteer for the marching band staff during the 2025-2026 school year:
Volunteer
• Abigail Ardoin*
*Pending fingerprint clearance
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to accept the retirement of Chuck Donohue, Jr., effective July 31, 2026.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

CAPITAL PROJECTS

It was moved by Mr. Berkheiser, seconded by Mrs. Tatur, and carried by roll call vote to award the Track & Field Project Bid:.
Whereas, the Southern Regional School District authorized a Track and Turf Field Project to be submitted to the NJ Department of Education for review and approval; and
Whereas, the NJ Department of Education approved the request as Project #4950-X02-26-1000 on February 11, 2026; and
Whereas, the Southern Regional School District advertised for bids for the Track and Turf Field Project at the High School on February 21, 2026, and
Whereas, the Southern Regional School District postponed the opening of bids from March 25, 2026 to March 31,2026 due to unforeseen conflicts that could impact the validity of bids; and
Whereas, the Southern Regional School District caused legal notice of this postponement to be published on March 19, 2026 and through Bid Addendum #3; and
Whereas, the Southern Regional School District opened the following bids on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 9:30 am:
· American Athletic Track and Turf – Base Bid $3,300,220 – Alternate 1 $159,000 – Alternate 2A $1,000 – Alternate 2B $1,000 – Alternate 3 $59,000
· Applied Landscape Technologies – Base Bid $2,797,200 – Alternate 1 $32,000 – Alternate 2A $0 – Alternate 2B $0 – Alternate 3 $85,470
· Flanagan's Contracting Group Inc – Base Bid $3,166,495 – Alternate 1 $90,655 – Alternate 2A $0 – Alternate 2B $0 – Alternate 3 $75,377
Whereas, the bid from Applied Landscape Technologies complies with the specifications, has completed attorney review, meets the project budget with contingency and award is recommended by the engineer for award with Alternates as determined by the Board of Education.
Be It Hereby Resolved, that the Southern Regional High School District Board of Education awards the bid to Applied Landscape Technologies for Base Bid

plus Alternate 3 for the Track and Turf Field Project at the High School in the amount of $2,882,670.

Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

COMMUNITY/OUTREACH/EXTERNAL ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Tatur spoke about Quarterlies, Spring Break, the Marking Period, the Military Bowl, the Senior Trip, In-Service Day, the SAT's, the Marching Band Banquet and concluded by advised that the next board meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2026.

INFORMATION

Mr. Henty spoke about the Spring Sports Programs and wished all well, and concluded by wishing all attending the Senior Trip, a safe and enjoyable time.

REPORTS

It was moved by Mrs. Tatur, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by voice vote to approve the Facility Use, HS and MS Disciplinary Reports and HIB Resolution as presented to the Board

Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

BOARD COMMENTS

It was moved by Mr. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by a voice vote to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Terhune
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School Business Administrator/Board Secretary