MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, May 6, 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 (arrived at 6:05 PM), 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser 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 - March
Add-on 9n.	Professional Development Request
Add-on 9o.	Approval of Tuition Adjustment Deferral Agreement
Add-on 10b.	Rising Health Care Costs Resolution
Add-on 11c.	Rec to Approve Salary Guide Placement Adjustment & Advancement 2. Advancement

Add-on 11g.	Recommendation to Approve Clubs and Advisors 4. Skateboarding Club to Include Hacky Sacking
Add-on 11h.	Recommendation to Approve Substitutes 7. Pay Increase
Add-on 11q.	Rec to Approve World Language Department Events 2. Japanese Classes Field Trip 3. Hosting Foreign Exchange Students
Add-on 11t.	Rec to Approve Summer Academic Support Program
Add-on 12c.	Authorization to Use Cooperative Contract for Capital Project Award
Add-on 12d.	Disposal of Obsolete Vehicles
Add-on 15a.	Coach Recognition
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 the High School Academic Awards, the Junior Prom, Memorial Day, Music performances, the Senior Prom and Graduation.

Mr. Henry introduced the student athletes who were involved as members of the Sportsmanship Day program with the constituent elementary schools. Mr. Henry spoke about the impact these students had on the elementary students and the legacy they created for the next generation of Rams.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Cathy Latshaw spoke about the Tomorrow's Teachers Program review with the students. The students spoke about field experiences and future plans.

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Craig Henry, Chief School Administrator, and Steven Terhune, School Business Administrator, presented the proposed 2026-2027 School Year Budget.

The Board of Education opened the hearing to public comment. No member of the public wished to address the Board of Education regarding the Public Hearing of the 2026-2027 School Year Budget.

BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Sharkey, seconded by Mrs. Tatur, and carried by voice call vote to approve the following minutes:
Executive Session – April 1, 2026

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

Motion by Mr. Sharkey, seconded by Mrs. Tatur, and carried by voice call vote to approve the following minutes:
Regular Session – April 1, 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 Mr. Deakyne, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the warrants for the month of April 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. Deakyne, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll vote to approve the list of budget transfers 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 Mr. Deakyne, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the Treasurers Report 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 Mr. Deakyne, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the Receipt Report for 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 Mr. Deakyne, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the Board Secretary's Report for 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 Mr. Deakyne, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the Board Secretary's Certification for 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 Mr. Deakyne, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the 2026-2027 Budget as follows:

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the Budget for the 2026-2027 school year:

WHEREAS the tentative budget was approved by the Board of Education at the April 1, 2026 Public Meeting and submitted to the NJ Department of Education for approval; and

WHEREAS the tentative budget was approved by the NJ Department of Education on April 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS the tentative budget was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on April 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS the final budget for the 2026-2027 school year was presented to the public during a public hearing 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.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has now determined to make modifications to the tentative budget to include an emergent Capital Project to replace the Middle School Hot Water Heaters as follows:

Adjustment to Appropriations and Revenues:

Budget Line	Description	Tentative Budget	Final Budget	Change	Explanation
12-000-400-334	Architectural/ Engineering Services	$0	$31,250	$31,250	Replacement of Middle School Water Heaters
12-000-400-450	Construction Services	$0	$330,000	$330,000	Replacement of Middle School Water Heaters
10-309	Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Account – Other Projects	$0	$361,250	$361,250	Replacement of Middle School Water Heaters

BE IT RESOLVED that the final revised budget as summarized below be approved for the 2026-2027 school year and that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the A4F and request for tax levy payments to the appropriate governmental bodies upon final approval by the NJ Department of Education.

2026-2027	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total
Total Expenditures	$77,956,596	$1,836,794	$ -0-	$79,793,390
Less: Anticipated Revenues	$19,867,004	$1,836,794	$ -0-	$21,703,798
Taxes to be Raised	$58,089,592	- 0 -	$ -0-	$58,089,592

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education includes in the 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 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 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Southern Regional Board of Education authorizes the inclusion in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620, the withdrawal from Capital Reserve - Other Capital Projects in the amount of $361,250 for other capital project costs for the Replacement of the ***Middle School Hot Water Heaters Project***. The total cost of this project is $361,250 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Superintendent of Schools are authorized to implement the 2026-2027 school year budget upon approval by the NJ Department of Education.

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

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. Deakyne, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to authorize the use of member cooperative or State Contract bids for purchase orders 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. Deakyne, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to authorize the renewal for the school district to provide vended meal service to the Ocean County Vocational School District – MATES Campus for the period from September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at a cost of $4.76 per meal. The OCVTS will place and pickup orders daily through the cafeteria and will be billed weekly.

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. Deakyne, 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 Mr. Deakyne, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the 2026-2027 Shore Conference Annual Dues in the amount of $1,250.
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. Deakyne, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to accept a NordicTrack E 11.9 T Elliptical from Mrs. Liz Calderwood, middle school teacher, to be added to the middle school fitness room.
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. Deakyne, 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 Mr. Deakyne, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following professional development:
Date of Professional Development Wednesday, May 27, 2026
Name of Employee Attending Amy Justice
Sponsor of Seminar or Conference: Stockton University
Name of Seminar or Conference: The Science of Reading for Secondary Teachers
Location of Seminar or Conference: Stockton University SRI/ETTC 101 VRegistration Fee: $178.00
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, Mrs. Zuzic and President M. Taylor
Nays: None

It was moved by Mr. Deakyne, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the Tuition Adjustment Deferral Agreement with the Ocean Township Board of Education as presented to the board. The agreement was ratified by the Ocean Township Board of Education at their April 30, 2026 meeting.
Ayes: Messrs. Berkheiser, Deakyne, Sharkey, Weidenhof, Mrs. Markoski, Ms. Mazzola, Mrs. Tatur, and President M. Taylor
Nays: None
Note: Mrs. Zuzic abstained

POLICY

It was moved by Mr. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the New Jersey Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, 2024-2025 District and School Grade Report for the Southern Regional School District as presented to the board.

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

It was moved by Mr. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Berkheiser, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following resolution, Resolution Urging Relief from Rising Public School Employee Health-Care Costs:

WHEREAS, At a time of continued fiscal uncertainty and mounting challenges, local boards of education from across the state of New Jersey continue to suffer under the growing crisis posed by the rising cost of health benefits and are desperate for relief; and

WHEREAS, Despite record levels of state investments in public education, these school districts are facing fiscal pressures similar to those confronting the state budget, including the unsustainable growth in health-care premiums and the mounting insolvency of the state's public employees health benefits programs; and

WHEREAS, Both within the School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) and the private market, year-over-year double-digit increases are placing tremendous strain on district budgets and local taxpayers alike; and

WHEREAS, Governor Sherrill and legislative leadership have publicly acknowledged the urgent need to address rising health-care costs and the challenges facing the state's health benefits plans, including both the state and local portions of the State Health Benefits Program and the SEHBP; and

WHEREAS, The seriousness of this issue is underscored by the mid-year SEHBP analysis released by the Treasury Department in March 2026, which concluded that "based on these projected losses and building in future trends, active premium rate increases for 2027 are likely to be in the double digits;" and

WHEREAS, These projected increases would follow the 31.9 percent premium increase that took effect in January 2026, further exacerbating an overall premium increase of nearly 74 percent in the preceding five years; and

WHEREAS, This growth in health-care costs far exceeds inflation, state aid increases and the fiscal capacity of local communities; and

WHEREAS, Rising health-care premiums are consuming an ever-larger portion of already constrained school district budgets, forcing difficult decisions that directly affect students, staff and educational quality; and

WHEREAS, These cost pressures also have significant consequences for taxpayers, as districts are often compelled to utilize the full extent of their available tax levy, even after which many districts remain unable to fully offset these increases due to the constraints of the property tax levy cap, despite the limited health-care exception; and

WHEREAS, For the families and students these districts serve, the downstream consequences — including district deficits, program cuts and school closures — mean the loss of community stability, continuity of services, and in many cases, access to the specialized supports that our most vulnerable students depend on; and

WHEREAS, These are also precisely the conditions that erode student achievement and weaken the family engagement that is central to strengthening New Jersey's public schools; and

WHEREAS, Implementing real, sustainable solutions to the rising cost of health benefits and reforming how benefits are delivered through the SEHBP would demonstrate the Governor's and Legislature's leadership and continued commitment to New Jersey's students, educators and families, which directly advances our shared goal of affordability and effective, efficient government for all New Jerseyans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southern Regional Board of Education in the county of Ocean calls upon the Governor and State Legislature to provide immediate, short term relief from the unsustainable increased health-care costs experienced by school districts in recent years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Southern Regional Board of Education in the county of Ocean urges the Governor to engage in meaningful engagement with all affected stakeholders to develop and implement practical long-term reforms to the state's system of delivering health care to its public employees in order to generate meaningful, long-term savings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Mikie Sherrill, State Treasurer Aaron Binder, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, State Senator Carmen F. Amato, Jr., Assemblyman Gregory E. Myhre, Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf and the New Jersey School Boards Association. Approved by the Southern Regional Board of Education this 6th day of May, 2026.

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

INSTRUCTION/PERSONNEL/EXTRA-CURRICULAR COMMITTEE

It was moved by Mr. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the renewal of employment of the staff listed on the document presented to the board for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

It was moved by Mr. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the contracts for Megan Vile, Assistant Superintendent, and Steven Terhune, Business Administrator, for the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, the contracts were approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools

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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to Emma Gildea, Spanish teacher in the high school, to be placed on Step 1, BA+30 of Schedule A-1 for a salary of $67,081.00 prorated. 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following salary guide advancement effective May 15, 2026.

Employee	Placement on Salary Guide
Miele, Nicholas	BA +30.

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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following special ed staff for the 2026 ESY program, which runs 07/6/2026 THROUGH 08/13/2026
Special Education Teachers (Rate: $86.85/hour) • Brandon Snyder, Patricia Dalon, Matt Moore
Paraprofessionals (Rate: $25.38/hour) • Cynthia Lytle, Jennifer Cox, Edmund Costa, Jody Neal, Debra Hensinger, Kimberly Hurd, Tiffany Green, Priscilla Wagner, Megan Hensinger, Ellen Herbert, Amy Ray, Stacey Simpson, Matthew Hayes, Shjon Houser, Jenna Kulinski, Matthew Norman, Sabrina Burnaford, Annice Rainone
Related Services:
Speech Therapists (Rate: $86.85/hour) • Michelle Brietweiser, Kathy Caprara, Sara Heitchew
Physical Therapist (PT) (Rate: $70/hour) • Sherill Chernesky
Occupational Therapist (OT) (Rate: $70/hour) • Nahed Ayad
Nursing Staff School Nurse (Rate: $86.85/hour) • Maureen Klimkiewicz
Substitute Nurse (Rate: $86.85/hour) • Barbara Nokes
Substitute Teachers (Rate: $86.85/hour) • Megan Hart, Annice Rainone, Matt Norman, Jenelle Kreybig, Elaine Triano, John Pampalone, Noah Westpy
Substitute Paraprofessionals (Rate: $25.38/hour) • Megan Hart, John Pampalone, Angela Neese, Lynn Sarnoski, Kim Cole, Carolanne Fessler, Elaine Triano • Noelle Concilio, Jenelle Kreybig, Noah Westpy, Aja Aceto, Stacey Schnepp, Alana Staszeski.
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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve Staff Recommendations For Odyssey Program – Extended School Year (ESY)
2026 Substitutes
Substitute Teachers (Rate: $86.85/hour) • John Pampalone, Thomas Natoli, Catherine Kubarewicz
Substitute Paraprofessionals (Rate: $25.38/hour) • Jenna Enna, Aja Aceto
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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following extra-curricular positions for the 2026 Fall Season:
2026-2027 Fall Athletic Coaches – High School

NAME	POSITION	SALARY
Matt Abbato	Head Football	$15,073
TBD	Assistant Football	$11,470
Jon Power	Assistant Football	$11,470
CJ Tomelden	Assistant Football	$11,470
Sean Sweeney	Assistant Football	$11,470
Eric Fierro	Assistant Football	$11,470
Dylan Larson	Assistant Football	$11,470
Eric Sharkey	Assistant Football	$11,470

Chris Clerico	Volunteer Football	$0.
Scott Baker	Head Boys Cross Country	$11,726
TBD	Assistant Boys Cross Country	$4,463
Brian Zatorski	Head Girls Cross Country	$11,726
Jason Church	Assistant Girls Cross Country	$4,463
Denise Newell	Head Field Hockey	$11,726
Megan Hart	Assistant Field Hockey	$8,926
Emily Hoagland	Assistant Field Hockey	$8,926
Lauren Ricci	Field Hockey Volunteer	$0.
Jamie Armstrong	Head Cheerleading	$7,223
Maureen Cascio	Assistant Cheerleading	$5,433
Bria Mineo	Volunteer Cheerleading	$0.
Jessica Bartley	Volunteer Cheerleading	$0.
John Nacarlo	Head Boys Soccer	$11,726
Peter Egan	Assistant Boys Soccer	$8,926
Nicholas Scalone	Assistant Boys Soccer	$8,926
Tyler Harkness	Assistant Boys Soccer Volunteer	$0.
Lauren Murphy	Head Girls Tennis	$9,528
Nicole Astegher	Assistant Girls Tennis	$7,256
James Goganzer	Volunteer Girls Tennis	$0.
Malia Henefer	Volunteer Girls Tennis	$0.
Nicole Iorio	Head Girls Soccer	$11,726
Eric Geddes	Assistant Girls Soccer	$8,926
Shayna Kenduck	Assistant Girls Soccer	$8,926
Paige Peragine	Head Gymnastics	$11,726
Julia Giglio-Stork	Assistant Gymnastics	$8,926
Eric Maxwell	Head Girls Volleyball	$11,726
Emily Maxwell	Assistant Girls Volleyball	$8,926
Drew Wilgus	Assistant Girls Volleyball	$8,926
Dan Roy	Fall Strength Conditioning	$6,335
Nicholas Herring	Fall Intramural Strength	$3,754
Maddie Ernst	Dance Team Advisor	$3,772
Sam Reiser	Dance Team Volunteer	$0.
Madelyn Russomanno	Dance Team Volunteer	$0.

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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following extracurricular positions for the 2026-27 school year.

NAME	POSITION	EFF DATE	SALARY
Sean Sweeney	Head M.S. Football Coach	8/17/26	$11,544
Rob Barrett	Assistant M.S. Football Coach	8/17/26	$8,788
Nick Jinks	Assistant M.S. Football Coach	8/17/26	$8,788
Don Roskey	M.S. Boys Soccer Coach	8/17/26	$9,000
Kaitlyn Hartkopf	M.S. Girls Soccer Coach	8/17/26	$9,000
Yumara McWhorter	M.S. Field Hockey Coach	8/17/26	$9,000
Makayla Alessi M.S	Assistant Field Hockey Coach	8/17/26	$6,771
Tara Beverly M.S.	Girls Cross Country Coach	8/17/26	$9,000
Kevin Mahana M.S.	Boys Cross Country Coach	8/17/26	$9,000

Jenna Kulinski M.S.	Girls Volleyball Coach	8/17/26	$9,000
Ed Costa	Intramural Advisor (2:15-3:00)	8/17/26	$3,657
Ed Costa	Intramural Advisor (3:00-5:15)	8/17/26	$3,657

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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following staff to assist the Performing Arts Department for the 2025-2026 school year in various capacities from assistance with the sound, lighting, or choreography.
Consultants
*August (formerly Serviss) Foster
*Jack Mattern
*Charles Ray
*Alexa Tabbacchino
*Jonathan (Jack) Wyrsch
*Pending 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to accept the resignation of Steven Derion as the HS Student Council Advisor at the conclusion of the 25-26 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve Rebecca Posch as the HS Student Council Advisor 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following advisors for the Surf Club for the 2026-2027 school year.

NAME	POSITION	SALARY
Josh Law	Advisor	$7,223.00
Randy Townsend	Advisor	$3,642.00.

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

It was moved by Mr. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the Hearts of Mercy Club with Mrs. Jennifer Abbato and Mrs. Victoria Poling as the advisors. The club will remain in provisional status until deemed viable through the appropriate procedures.

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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the addition of hacky sacking to the MS Skateboarding Club for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. The advisors for the club are Mrs. Sarah Evert and Mr. Elie Defranca.

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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the hire of Abigail Gallacher as a Mathematics Teacher in the middle school effective September 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027. Ms. Gallacher will receive $175.00 per diem. This position is to replace Kelly Sesta-Carmona who has been approved for a half year maternity leave

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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the hire of Gianna Trematerra as an English and Students with Disabilities teacher in the high school effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Ms. Trematerra will be placed on Step 1, BA, Schedule A-2, Certified Employees, 2026-2027 at a salary of $67,568.00. This position is to replace Elizabeth Horn who has been approved for a full year maternity leave

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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the hire of Thomas Trotta in the position of middle school Social Studies teacher starting September 1, 2026, through February 5, 2027. This assignment is covering for Ashley Vaccaro (Kennedy) who will be on maternity leave. This is not tenure-track or seniority-accruing position. There are no sick days or benefits associated with this position. Mr. Trotta holds New Jersey Social Studies certificate. He 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the hire of Kristina Sanzari in the position of high school special education teacher starting September 1, 2026, through December 21, 2026. This assignment is covering for Melissa Scalone who will be on maternity leave. This is not tenure-track or seniority-accruing position. There are no sick days or benefits associated with this position. Mrs. Sanzari holds New Jersey Teacher of the Handicapped certificate. 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the hire of Cassandra Connelly in the position of Special Education teacher in the

Middle School starting September 1, 2026, and running through October 30, 2026. This assignment is covering for Mrs. Sarah Cimino who 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve he following substitutes for employment in the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position
Caden Oravets	Substitute Teacher
Skylar Soltis	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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following Southern Regional School District trainers for the 2026-2027 school year.

Art Margulies	Substitute Trainer	$35.00 hour
Cynthia Wetherell-Carter	Substitute Trainer	$35.00 hour
Emily Miglin	Substitute Trainer	$55.00 hour

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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve SD Gameday Athletic Services and Premier Sports Medicine of NJ for substitute athletic trainers when needed during 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve Mr. Christian Sanzari as substitute security for the middle school. He is already employed as a custodian and approved as sub security for the high school. He will be paid the substitute pay rate for sub security work at 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to accept the resignation of Jonathan Chando as substitute bus driver, effective April 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the increase of pay for the substitutes named below for the 2025/2026 school year, due to working more than 100 days this school year:

Name	Substitute Pay Rate	Effective Date
Sue Ellen Buonpane	From $130 per day to $135 per day	5/1/2026
Xavier Henningsen	From $130 per day to $135 per day	5/1/2026
Lori-Ann Johnson	From $130 per day to $135 per day	5/1/2026
Thomas Trotta	From $130 per day to $135 per day	6/18/2026.

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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following student placement request:
College/University: Rowan University
Student: Jonathan Power
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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve a leave of absence without pay for Ashley Vaccaro. This unpaid leave will be charged against her Federal and New Jersey (FMLA) Family and Medical Leave Act Entitlements concurrently. The unpaid leave will begin on or about October 27, 2026, and end on February 7, 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve Sean C. Daly as a volunteer in the Information Technology Department.
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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve of the Facilities Staff Holiday schedule for the 2026-2027 School Year as presented to the board, noting that these comply with the contract and follow the allocations from prior years.
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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the renewal of the school district's membership in NJSIAA for the 2026-2027 school year. Furthermore, the Board of Education approves participation in the approved

athletic activities sponsored by NJSIAA and agrees to be governed by the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of NJSIAA.

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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Plan developed by the District AI Committee 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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following textbooks:
Title: Journey Back
Author : Priscilla Cummings
Publisher : Penguin Young Readers Group
Date of Publication: 10/03/2013
ISBN #: 9780142422908
Format: Book
Cost: 287.60
2. Subject/ Grade(s): English 10/11
Reading Level: 810 Lexile

Title: Wuthering Heights
Author : Emily Bronte
Publisher : Penguin Classics
Date of Publication: 11/24/1847
ISBN #: 9780141439556
Format: Book
Cost: 756.00
2. Subject/ Grade(s): English I Honors/9
Reading Level: 880 Lexile

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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the district to host the "Sunset Cross Country Classic on Thursday, September 3, 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve an overnight trip to the Escape the Rock Tournament at Council Rock South HS in Holland, PA. on January 16 and January 17, 2027, noting that the District will transport the team to the tournament only and the Athletic Department will pay a $750.00 entry fee to participate in this tournament..

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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following 2026-2027 school year Athletic tournaments, hosted by the district:

Volleyball:
Saturday, September 26, 2026 (tentative)
Girls Varsity Volleyball Tournament - 11/12 Gym
Saturday, May 8, 2027 (tentative)
Boys Varsity Volleyball Showcase – 11/12 Gym

Wrestling:
Saturday, December 12, 2026 - Robin Leff Tournament
Saturday, December 19, 2026 - Middle School Tournament

Basketball:
Score at the Shore Tournament
December 26, 28, 29 & 31, 2026
Inclement Weather Date: January 2, 2027

Cheerleading:
Sunday, January 10, 2027 - Cheerleading Invitational 11/12 Gym (tentative)
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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the 2026 Summer Camps brochure 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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the French Club trip on May 14th at 3:00pm to Hemingway's for a Food Around the World trip. There would be approximately 20-25 students. The cost will be paid by the individual students and chaperoned by Bev Skodi.
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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the Japanese classes to Mitsuwa Marketplace in Edgewater, NJ, for a full day trip on June 13. The cost will be paid by the individual students and chaperoned by Susan Wagner.
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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve, in the school year 2026-2027, to host French students at Southern Regional for a Foreign Exchange through the company FACE, as per the details 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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve Walmart to come to the 11/12 nurse's office as well as the MS nurse's office on September 29, 2026 (10am to 3 pm) for a clinic to administer flu shots to anyone who would like to sign up.

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 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following teachers for a summer academic support program targeting students enrolled in summer school through Educere:

Tracey Adams	William Entrikin	Rebecca Posch
Jennifer Abbato	Emily Newton	Craig Sackett

The program will begin on July 20th and run through August 20th. Students will be able to receive tutoring and support in the 11/12 library, Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The ESY Certified/hour pay rate will be used. This program is funded through the Title I grant..

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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the hire of Richard Falletta as the Athletic Director at the high school, effective August 1, 2026, as he is already a member of the Southern Regional Administrators Association (SRAA) and will remain in the SRAA advancing accordingly. This position is to replace Chuck Donohue, Jr., who is retiring effective July 31, 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the transfer of Jaclyn Hemenway from middle school assistant principal to high school assistant principal, effective July 1, 2026. Ms. Hemenway is already a member of the Southern Regional Administrators Association (SRAA) and will remain in the SRAA advancing accordingly. This position is to replace Richard Falletta who is transferring to the position of high school athletic director, effective August 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. Weidenhof, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve temporary placement of Alicia Rossiter on Step 1 of Schedule G, Technology, 2025-2026, effective May 7, 2026 through the remainder of her time covering Ashley Miele's maternity leave.
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 Mr. Sharkey, and carried by roll call vote to approve the following Non Public School Transportation Bid:
Whereas, the school district continues to be limited in available bus drivers;
Be it hereby resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the issuance of a bid for transportation to non-public schools. If no bids are received the district will have to again provide aid-in-lieu payments to non-public school parents in place of providing transportation to students attending non-public schools (St. James, Donovan Catholic, LCA and St. Mary's) in accordance with NJ Statutes and NJ Department of Education regulations 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 the Change Order #1 for the School Bus Garage Project (29-4950-X02-25-1000) in the amount of $161,742.00 for fire alarm changes, site work changes and water service connection changes. These changes were all required by permitting organizations in order to commence work. This project remains within the approved budget.
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 authorize use of the following cooperative contract bid for the awards related to the Middle School Water Heaters approved under the revised 2026-2027 school year budget:
Vendor: W.J. Gross Inc. General Contracting
Cooperative Contract: CCESC #66CCEPS Contract #FY23-01
Purchase: Middle School Water Heaters
Amount: $297,625
The proposal has been reviewed by the district architect and engineer and meets the design and plan specifications. This project is an emergent need due to deteriorating conditions related to the existing 53-year-old water heaters.
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 disposal of the following obsolete school busses, through scrap, that have reached the end of their lifespan. All have been replaced by new school busses:
Bus # 27 2013 Bluebird BB 54 Passenger 1BAKF CPH6D F2955 26
Bus # 29 2013 Bluebird BB 54 Passenger 1BAKF CPH0D F2955 23
Bus # 30 2013 Bluebird BB 54 Passenger 1BAKF CPH8D F2955 27.

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 the EMS craft fair, the spring concerts, she congratulated Brian Muirhead, talked about the Prom Closet, Parkers Army Color Run, Memorial Day, Senior Service Day, Scholarships and concluded by advised that the next board meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2026.

INFORMATION

Mr. Henty began by speaking about a letter received from a parent; then he congratulated the Middle School Academic Awards recipients, and commended Dr. Brahn. He went on to speak about Prom season and reminded all to make good choices. He acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Week and commended Mr. Gerry Tabbachino for his work on creating plaques and Causeway Glass for donations. Lastly, he commended Addison and wished her the best in all she does in the future, concluding by noting that Mike has big shoes to fill.

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

Mrs Tatur commended the teachers for all that they do every day for our students. Ms. Mazzola added that teachers and staff go above and beyond every day.

It was moved by Mr. Weidenhof, seconded by Mrs. Tatur, and carried by a voice vote to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Terhune
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School Business Administrator/Board Secretary