I CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT

The Regular meeting of the Old Bridge Township Board of Education was held on September 15, 2026 and was called to order at 7:04 pm.

II STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE BY BOARD PRESIDENT

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-10, adequate notice of this meeting has been posted to the district website under "legal notices", in the Board office, the schools, and on Cablevision Channel 118 and Verizon Fios Channel 24, and by filing such notice with the Township Clerk. Notice has also been provided that as of March 1, 2026, future meeting notices will only be published on the district website.

This meeting was scheduled for **Tuesday, September 15, 2026**. The Board will take formal action on payment of bills and other agenda items.

III STATEMENT REGARDING RECORDING OF MEETINGS BY BOARD SECRETARY

The Old Bridge Township Board of Education acknowledges that the law of this state establishes that members of the public, including members of the Board, have the right to record public Board meetings, using audio or video recording devices, provided that the act of recording does not interfere with the business of this public Board meeting. Therefore, the Board makes it known that any such recording is to be considered the private recording of the individual and in no manner represents the official record of this Board. The Board, therefore, takes no responsibility for such private recording and completely disavows any future use.

IV ROLL CALL BY BOARD SECRETARY

	Present	Absent
D'Antuono, Jennifer	√	
Dunn, Richard	√	
Jodrey, Marjorie	√	
Mazzone, Kristina	√	
Richards-Patterson, Brooke	√	
Slade, Jay D.		√
Sulikowski, Matthew	√	
Venkatesan, Kiran	√	
Francisco, Elena	√	

Also Present:		
Vincent Sasso, Ed.D.	Superintendent of Schools	√
Kathleen Hoeker, Ed.D.	Asst. Superintendent	√
David Weidele	SBA / Board Secretary	√
James Tuohy, Ed.D.	Asst. Sup of Educational Services	√
Anahita Keiller	Director of Arts & Cultures	√
Christopher Parton	Board Counsel	√
Selorm Amekudzi	Student Representative	√

V PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VI MOMENT OF SILENCE

In Memoriam

Move the Board of Education acknowledge the death of

Joseph Regina, OBHS Security Guard

and

Express its deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

OLD BRIDGE TOWNSHIP MISSION STATEMENT

Recognizing that each person has an inherent worth,
it is the mission of the Old Bridge Public Schools
to empower each student to learn, achieve success,
and become a confident, productive member
of a pluralistic, global society
prepared to face the challenges of the twenty-first century.

CODE OF ETHICS CORNER – HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

** The Board Member will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.*

**In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1*

DISTRICT GOALS FOR 2026-2027

Excellence in Education

Continue to raise expectations for student achievement by strengthening instructional practices, fostering greater student engagement and ownership of learning, expanding meaningful opportunities for all learners, and using multiple measures of data to inform instructional decisions and monitor student growth.

Fiscal Resilience

Continue to strengthen the district's long-term financial sustainability while protecting high-quality programs, services, and opportunities for students.

The Whole Child

Continue to strengthen a safe, inclusive, supportive, and engaging school environment that addresses the academic, social, emotional, physical, and developmental needs of every student.

BOARD GOALS FOR 2026-2027

- Review and revise by-laws and policies through the development of a schedule for review.
- Continue to strengthen board synergy by building upon our positive working relationships through team building, professional development, and open communication, while reinforcing the Board's role in governance, policy and oversight and respecting the administration's responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the school district.
- Engage in professional development to achieve Board Certification through NJSBA's Board Member Academy.
- Re-engage the school community in a comprehensive strategic planning process that evaluates our progress, identifies emerging priorities, and establishes a clear vision for the next chapter of the Old Bridge Township Public Schools.
- Artificial Intelligence & Future Readiness – Establish a district-wide vision for the responsible and ethical integration of Artificial Intelligence that prepares students and staff for the future while safeguarding critical thinking, creativity, authentic learning, relationships, privacy, and professional judgment.

VII APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move the Board approve the following AUGUST 2026 minutes:

Agenda Session	August 11, 2026
Regular Meeting	August 18, 2026

APPROVAL OF MINUTES **Resolution 1**				
Motion:	**MAZZONE**	**Second:**		**VENKATESAN**
Roll Call Vote:		**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
	Dunn, Richard	√		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	√		
1	Mazzone, Kristina	√		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	√		
	Slade, Jay D.			ABSENT
	Sulikowski, Matthew	√		
2	Venkatesan, Kiran	√		
	D'Antuono, Jennifer	√		
	Francisco, Elena	√		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		8	0	

VIII REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

Selorm Amekudzi, Student Representative to the Board during the month of September, shares that she is honored to serve as the National Honor Society President for the 2026-2027 school year and is pleased to share some updates and highlights from Old Bridge High School as we begin another school year. Although the school year has just started, our students and school community have already got a great deal to celebrate. Before the school year had even begin, the Class of 2027 held a parking lot party … without the parking lot! Despite the rain, students enjoyed participating in backyard games, spending time with their friends and collecting their parking passes for the school year. It was a great opportunity for students to connect before the school year started. Yesterday, our school community had a great opportunity to come together for our dinner cruise. It was a wonderful event that allowed students to spend time with classmates, enjoy the experience and create lasting memories outside of the classroom. We would like to thank our class advisors for creating that event for us. Our athletic teams have also had excited starts to their seasons… Girls' soccer defeated longtime rival Monroe in a 6-0 victory… our Varsity Football recently secured a 21-0 win again South Brunswick and the girls' volleyball has remained undefeated so far this season! We are proud of the hard work and dedication of our student athletes, and we hope they continue to demonstrate this hard work ethic. While many clubs have not yet begun meeting, we have several organizations who have planned some exciting events this year. For example, we have MSA planning their picnic and the Jewish Student Union planning their bagels and board games. We look forward to seeing students participate in these activities and take advantage of the many opportunities our school has to offer. And of course, one of our major topics of discussion for this upcoming school year, has been our new district phone policy. As students continue to adjust to these new expectations, many have been making the effort to follow the rules in the classrooms by keeping their phones in their backpacks or in the pockets in front of the classroom. Of course, there have been some problems in the hallways, but we are following these rules with a lot of commitment and on behalf of the students, we would like to thank the District for donating these TVs (here in the cafeteria) where we can get all this information about school events. From all of us at Old Bridge High School, we look forward to the upcoming school year.

IX RECOGNITION

1. Move the Board approve the **retirement** of the following staff member(s) with deep appreciation for their years of dedicated service to the District: (KH)

	Name	School/Position	Years of Service (Approximate)	Effective
A.	Katherine Gill	Noonhour Supervisor - Voorhees	19	8/31/2026
B.	Laurie Anne Coletti	Principal - McDivitt School	37	1/1/2027

2. Move the Board to recognize **Marianna Dennis** as part of our new **Alumni Recognition Program**, celebrating Old Bridge High School graduates who continue to make a positive impact in our schools and community.

   A proud 2017 graduate of Old Bridge High School, Marianna returned to the district she once called home as a student to begin her career as a Kindergarten Teacher in 2023. Today, she continues to serve Old Bridge students as an Interventionist at Grissom Elementary School, providing support and helping students build the skills and confidence they need to succeed. Marianna's journey from Old Bridge student to Old Bridge educator is a wonderful example of the lasting impact of our school community and what it means to give back to the district that helped shape you.

The Board of Education is pleased to recognize Marianna Dennis as our featured alumni honoree and thanks her for her continued dedication to the students of Old Bridge Township Public Schools.

3. Move the Board to extend its sincere appreciation to **Brooke Abate**, Grissom Elementary Teacher, for connecting the District with **Costco Marlboro** and helping to facilitate its generous **donation**. Her efforts and commitment to supporting our students and families helped make this meaningful contribution possible and are truly appreciated.
4. Move the Board to recognize **Sharvani Dara** for her outstanding achievement in the **2026 Presidential AI Challenge**. Sharvani was recognized as the New Jersey State Winner (Track I – Elementary), advanced to become the Northeast Regional Champion, and ultimately competed at the National Competition in Washington, D.C. for her AI project, "School Cafeteria Buddy." As part of her achievement, Madison Park Elementary School was also awarded a $2,000 prize through Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) on behalf of the Presidential AI Challenge.
5. Move the Board to recognize **Mark Palmieri**, District Technician, recipient of the **2026-2027 Middlesex County Educational Support Professional of the Year**. We are proud to have Mark represent our school community and are grateful for his dedication, technical expertise, and outstanding service in supporting our students, staff, and schools.

RECOGNITION **Resolutions 1 through 5**				
Motion: D'ANTUONO		**Second: MAZZONE**		
Roll Call Vote:		**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
	Jodrey, Marjorie	√		
2	Mazzone, Kristina	√		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	√		
	Slade, Jay D.			ABSENT
	Sulikowski, Matthew	√		
	Venkatesan, Kiran	√		
1	D'Antuono, Jennifer	√		
	Dunn, Richard	√		
	Francisco, Elena	√		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		8	0	

X SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Vincent Sasso thanks everyone for being here tonight as there was so many supervisors, directors, teachers, staff, principals and students… it was an awesome Recognition! Dr. Sasso also thanks Tesla of Old Bridge also helped in giving out over 300 backpacks this summer… thank you to the Central Office Administration team and staff who did an amazing job throughout the entire summer giving out backpacks thanks to Costco, Telsa and so many other donations!

Dr. Sasso starts his official report by sharing that it is hard to believe that we are already a couple weeks into the 2026-2027 school year. Dr. Sasso shared that he has had the opportunity to visit all of our schools since our students have returned and he begins by thanking our teachers, support staff, administrators, families and of course, our students for such a positive start to the year. As Dr. Sasso shared with our staff during the opening days, he wants to re-affirm our commitment to the Bridge to 2028, our strategic plan, and our mission to Outwit, Outplay and Outlast, the challenges we face this year. Great organizations have to be willing to think differently, work together, adjust when circumstances change and remain focused on where we are trying to go and that is exactly what we intend to do this year in Old Bridge. Coach Bill Parcells often spoke of organizational success being the result of the combined effort of every individual. Dr. Sasso thinks that captures exactly what we are trying to build here. We have over 8,000 students and more than 1,300 staff members across this district and everyone one of us has a role to play. We will face challenges, we will have to make adjustments and there will be times when we have to think a little bit differently but if we remain focused on our goals and on our students, we will keep moving Old Bridge forward. Last week, the Board approved our District goals and now the administration will focus on strategic benchmarks that will allow us to measure our progress throughout the year. Those benchmarks are important because our goals cannot simply be words on paper. They need to guide our decisions, our resources and ultimately the experiences we provide for our students. As such, Dr. Sasso will continue to organize his updates around the three pillars of our strategic plan: Excellence in Education, Fiscal Resilience and the Whole Child. Under Excellence in Education, one of our goals this year is not simply to raise achievement, but to expand opportunities for students to challenge themselves, take ownership of their learning and find pathways that match their interest and abilities. That commitment to excellence begins in our earliest grades. Early childhood represents a critical foundational stage of literacy and cognitive development… when students are building the reading, writing, reasoning, and critical thinking skills that will support everything that follows in their educational journey. As students progress through our schools, we want to build upon that foundation by creating greater opportunities for school choice, student choice, exploration and allowing students to discover new subjects, identify their interests and strengths, and ultimately enter high school, prepared to take advantage of the many academic, career, and extracurricular pathways available to them. These include advanced placement and honors courses, dual enrollment and early college programs, career and technical education courses, and the many other opportunities we continue to offer. Our second pillar is fiscal resilience. We know the financial challenges facing public education are not going away. Our responsibility is to continue looking for efficiencies, partnerships, new sources of revenue, and long-term solutions while protecting the programs, services, and opportunities that matter most for our students. That is the balance we will continue working toward. Dr. Sasso shared that yesterday, he attended the NJASA Fall Convocation and heard directly from New Jersey Commissioner of Education, Commissioner Laux, who reiterated the State's commitment to first and foremost, supporting students, but also a commitment to an open dialogue regarding school funding. Dr. Sasso looks forward to participating in more of these discussions.

Additionally, Dr. Sasso was invited to participate in a school funding roundtable with our very own Senator Owen Henry and fellow Superintendents from District 12 to discuss the New Jersey School Funding Formula and the financial challenges facing many of our school communities. Dr. Sasso appreciates Senator Henry and the opportunity to represent our district in that conversation and most importantly, to continue advocating for fair and sustainable funding for our students and our taxpayers. Our third pillar is the Whole Child and Dr. Sasso is particularly proud to share that Old Bridge was recently featured in Education Week for our district-wide approach to school avoidance and chronic absenteeism. The article highlighted several components of our work including our in-house developed school avoidance guide, enhanced staff training, mental health support and collaboration among teachers, counselors, administrators and families. Dr. Sasso states that also highlighted in the article were the results that our ongoing work is producing. Specifically, our chronic absenteeism rate has declined dramatically since 2022. Dr. Sasso believes that is an important reminder that educating the Whole Child is about much more than what happens during a lesson. Before students can reach their full academic potential, they need to feel safe, supported, and connected to our classrooms. Finally, Dr. Sasso provides remark that he would be remised tonight, if he did not take a moment to recognize this past Friday marked 25 years since September 11, 2001. For many of us, the memories of that day remain personal. But for every student sitting in our classrooms today, September 11th is something they know through the stories shared by those who lived it. That makes our responsibility so important. Dr. Sasso was incredibly product to see remembrance ceremonies taking place in our schools on Friday and to see our students learning not only about the tragedy of that day, but also about the courage, sacrifice, compassion, and unity that followed. Dr. Sasso publicly thanks Mrs. Lori Obdyke, who is here tonight, and the nearly 600 members of our staff who purchased a September 11th Remembrance T-shirt through the high school's fundraiser. Together, that effort will result in a donation of nearly $4,000 to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Beyond the donation, seeing those shirts throughout our schools helped continue an important conversation with the new generation. 25 years later, it remains our responsibility to never forget. And as we move forward, Dr. Sasso is excited about where we are headed. Dr. Sasso thanks the Board of Education for their continued leadership and support. Dr. Sasso thanks our staff for an outstanding start to the year and to our families and community for the continued partnership we share. We have a lot of work ahead of us, says Dr. Sasso, but a lot to be excited for and he cannot wait to dig in. Thank you.

XI PROGRESS TOWARDS GOALS

XII CORRESPONDENCE

Pursuant to Board Bylaw 0164, correspondence regarding district matters, directed to the Board of Education with a request for public reading, and received by the Board Secretary no later than 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting, shall be read into the record, and shall be subject to the same time limitations as other public comments. Correspondence received after 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting will be read at the next meeting.

Anonymous correspondence will not be read.

No correspondence received to share out this evening.

XIII SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEARING OF THE RESIDENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, the Board will set aside time during two sections of every public meeting for comments from the public. The first section will take place prior to the presentation of Agenda items for the Board's consideration and vote and will be limited to comments on items listed for Board action tonight. The second section will take place immediately prior to the Old / New Business and adjournment, and may include comments on any school district issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the school district.

The Board encourages feedback and viewpoints. School Boards are strengthened by diversity of viewpoints to foster dialogue in a spirit of school-community partnership that builds effective policy and problem-solving.

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, the Board reserves the legal right to determine the length of the public portions of its meetings, and to establish regulations for such public portions.

The provisions of Board Bylaw 0167 shall be strictly enforced with regard to public comments:

- All public comments shall be directed to the Board President, who may refer issues to Administrators, Committee Chairs, or the Board's attorney. Participants may not address questions to individual Board members, nor to any other member of the public;
- Every speaker must preface comments by an announcement of his or her first and last name and recording of his or her name and address in the provided sign-in book.
- The total time for each participant shall be three (3) minutes, during which time a member of the public may speak on as many items as he or she chooses;
- No member of the public may "give their time" to another participant;
- Respectful disagreement is expected and respected. However, the Board President reserves the right to interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statements when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant to an item on the meeting's action agenda;
- The public comment sections of the agenda are not question-and-answer periods, but an opportunity for public statements. While the Board or Administration may provide feedback or comment on public statements, there is no obligation to do so.
- The Board President also reserves the right to request an individual to leave the meeting, to enlist the assistance of law enforcement, and/or to call for a recess or adjournment of the meeting when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.

The meeting was open to the hearing of residents for agenda items only.

No member from the public approaches the microphone for comments.

At this time, the microphone is closed for further hearing of the residents for agenda items only.

That portion of the meeting was closed.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

- Formal Board action requires a Motion, a Second, an opportunity for discussion, and a Board vote consistent with Board Bylaw 0165.
- Action items within Agenda categories will be Moved and Seconded as a group, and will generally be voted on as a group. However, after the Motion and Second, any Board member may request that an item be voted on separately, in which case the Board President and Board Secretary shall note such request, and a separate roll call vote will be held on the item or items.
- Board members are encouraged to express their opinions and to engage in respectful debate on all issues coming before the Board for action.
- The Board President reserves the right to close discussion. All Board members also reserve the right to call for the termination of debate when they believe that the discussion has become unproductive. A Motion to Call the Question (or "Previous Question") interrupts further debate, requires a Motion, a Second and a roll call vote of two-thirds of the full membership of the Board. If successful, the Motion terminates all further discussion of the item or items, and the matters shall proceed to a vote. If the Motion to Call the Question is unsuccessful, debate on the original matters resumes.
- Once all discussion of an item or group of items has been closed, Board members shall vote in favor of or against the item or items. Board members also reserve the right to abstain from a vote or to register "no vote." Abstentions and "no votes" shall be recorded but shall not be counted as votes in favor of or against the action item or items.
- Consistent with Robert's Rules of Order, all discussion must take place prior to the vote, and Board members may not vote "with comment."

XIV CURRICULUM / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Move the Board approve the following workshops/conferences (dd):

Name/Position:	Conference/Workshop/Name/ Sponsor/Location:	DATE(s):	COST:
Kimberley Giles, Ed.D. Principal, Miller Elementary School Budget Account Number 11-000-240-580-00-TRV	NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Fall Conference, Ocean Casino, Atlantic City, NJ	October 15 – October 16, 2026	Registration Fee: $450.00 Additional fees and incidentals not to exceed $110.00
Anahita Keiller Director of Arts and Culture Budget Account Number 11-000-240-580-00-TRV	Distinguishing Language Acquisition from Disability in Multilingual Learners, The College of New Jersey	October 30, 2026	Registration Fee: $268.61

All lodging, meals, incidental expenses, and mileage per diem rates in accordance with Accountability Regulations, N.J.A.C.6A:23A and Board Policy 6471.

2. Move the Board approve the following staff to be presenters for the Old Bridge Professional Learning Academy and the district in-services for the 2026/2027 school year effective as of July 1, 2026. Budget Account # 20-275-200-101-00-211 & 20-276-200-101-00-211 (KH)

Jennifer Washburn	Larry Lawrence

3. Move the Board approve the revised Secondary Field Trip Destination List (attached) to include appropriate venues for Esports curriculum. (JT)

CURRICULUM / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Resolution 1 - 3				
Motion: MAZZONE		**Second: DUNN**		
	Roll Call Vote:	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	√		
	Slade, Jay D.			ABSENT
	Sulikowski, Matthew	√		
	Venkatesan, Kiran	√		
	D'Antuono, Jennifer	√		
2	Dunn, Richard	√		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	√		
1	Mazzone, Kristina	√		
	Francisco, Elena	√		
	RESOLUTIONS PASSED:	8	0	

XV POLICY

XVI FINANCE

1. Move the Board approve the following bill lists dated **September 11, 2026**:

Batch #	Amount	Batch #	Amount
1	**$635,187.38**	**2**	**$638,981.27**

2. Move the Board of Education approve the **July Additional Budget Transfer** for the period of July 2026 during the 2026-2027 School Year **(Attachment B-1).** (DW)

3. Move the Board of Education approve the **August Budget Transfer** for the period of August 2026 during the 2026-2027 School Year **(Attachment B-2).** (DW)

4. Move the Board approve the following out-of-district placements for the 2026-2027 School Year **(Attachment B-3).** (JT/fs)

5. Move the Board approve the following out-of-district placements for the 2026 Extended School Year (**Attachment B-4**). (JT/fs)

6. Move the Board of Education approve the following **NonPublic** funded purchases via the **Educational Services Commission of New Jersey** in accordance with state mandates (on file in the business office): (DW)

Date	Quote	NonPublic School	Amount	Type
8/11/26	6BOX297	CALVARY CHRISTIAN	$4,511.96	Security
8/11/26	2214726580	THE GODDARD SCHOOL	$2,590.00	Security
8/25-26	9670	CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	$535.00	Security
9/8/26	Q-92269	CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	$17,027.15	Security
9/8/26	1132312489	ICOB ACADEMY	$757.00	Security

7. Move the Board acknowledge and accept the State House Express Civic Education Transportation Grant award of $450 for Mr. Lozzi of Old Bridge High School to help cover transportation costs for an upcoming trip to the New Jersey State House. The grant award covers a field trip between September 2026 and January 2027.

8. Move the Board acknowledge and accept the State House Express Civic Education Transportation Grant award of $450 for Mr. Bilello of Old Bridge High School to help cover transportation costs for an upcoming trip to the New Jersey State House. The grant award covers a field trip between September 2026 and January 2027.

9. Move the Board of Education approve the following banking resolution:

   BE IT RESOLVED that the Amboy National Bank continue to be the official depository for the following accounts:

   - Old Bridge H.S. Student Activities Account
   - Old Bridge H.S. Student Activities Account II (NEW)
   - Old Bridge High School Athletic Fund Account

   THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT checks drawn on the above listed accounts be signed by those persons designated, and

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event of disability or absence for any just reason of any of the primary signators, the following persons be approved as substitute signators:

Signators/Co-Signators	Substitute Signators
Old Bridge High School Student Activities Account	
Sally Fazio, Principal – OBHS Main Jonathan Bill, Vice Principal	Rich Masarik, Vice Principal James Phillips, Vice Principal
Old Bridge High School Student Activities Account #2 (NEW)	
Sally Fazio, Principal – OBHS Main Jonathan Bill, Vice Principal	Rich Masarik, Vice Principal James Phillips, Vice Principal
Old Bridge High School Athletic Fund Account	
Daniel DiMino, Athletic Director Jonathan Bill, Vice Principal	James Oliveri, Principal – GNC Sally Fazio, Principal – OBHS James Phillips, Vice Principal - OBHS

10. Move the financial reports of the Treasurer of School Moneys for the month of **JULY 2026** be approved.

11. Move the financial reports of the School Business Administrator for the month of **JULY 2026** be approved.

12. Move the Board approve the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary's 2026-2027 Budget Status:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10, I certify that as of JULY 31, 2026 no budgetary account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.S.A. 18A:22-34.

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David Weidele
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

FINANCE Resolutions 1 through 12				
Motion: MAZZONE		Second: D'ANTUONO		
Roll Call Vote:		Yes	No	Abstain / Pass
	Slade, Jay D.			ABSENT
	Sulikowski, Matthew	√		
	Venkatesan, Kiran	√		
2	D'Antuono, Jennifer	√		
	Dunn, Richard	√		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	√		
1	Mazzone, Kristina	√		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	√		
	Francisco, Elena	√		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		8	0	

XVII ATHLETICS

1. Move the Board approve the following coaching resignations for the 2026-2027 school year:

Name	Coaching Position	Effective Date
Kristen Adames	Cheerleading Coach (Winter Season)	9/8/2026
Chris Lonigro	Winter Track Coach	9/11/2026

ATHLETICS Resolution 1				
Motion: VENKATESAN		Second: JODREY		
Roll Call Vote:		Yes	No	Abstain / Pass
	Sulikowski, Matthew	√		
1	Venkatesan, Kiran	√		
	D'Antuono, Jennifer	√		
	Dunn, Richard	√		
2	Jodrey, Marjorie	√		
	Mazzone, Kristina	√		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	√		
	Slade, Jay D.			ABSENT
	Francisco, Elena	√		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		8	0	

XVIII NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – OFFICE

XIX NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – OPERATIONAL

XX NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – OTHER

1. Move the Board approve/amend/extend the following Workers Comp leave of absences: (**Attachment C-2**)

2. Move the Board to approve a salary increase based on earned credits for the following paraprofessional effective 9/1/26.

Name	School/Program/Budget Code	Step/ Credit	Salary	Effective Date	$18.36 Lunch Duty	Length Of Day
Emanuela Furingo	Southwood/ABA/11-214-100-106-00-000	4/30	23,253	9/1/26	Yes	No

3. Move the Board approve the employment of the following highly qualified Paraprofessional Aides (including authorization for employment in the Title 1, NCLB, or IDEA Federal Programs) and also approve one hour training per hire at the rate of $22 to be held outside of normal school hours:

NAME	SCHOOL/PROGRAM/BUDGET	STEP/CREDIT	SALARY	EFFECTIVE	LUNCH DUTY	LOD
Sarah Smith	Salk/RE/11-213-100-106-00-000	9/30	$26,493	9/22/26	Yes	Yes
Amel Attia	**Sandburg/ABA/11-214-100-106-00-000**	**6/30**	**24,411**	**9/22/26**	**Yes**	**Yes**
Sierra Shaw	**Memorial/LLD/11-204-100-106-00-000**	**1/30**	**22,517**	**9/22/26**	**Yes**	**No**

4. Move the Board approve the following leave of absence(s):

NAME	POSITION	PAID	UNPAID
AnnMarie Pari	Shepard/Paraprofessional	9/28/26 – 10/16/26 (1/2)	10/16/26 (1/2) – 12/18/26

5. Move the Board approve to hire the following Noon Hour Supervisors for the 2026-2027 School year. (KH/ml) (**Attachment C-3**)

6. Move the Board approve the following Full Time Noon Hour Supervisor resignations:

Assel Manz	McDivitt Elem. School	Effective 6/17/2026
Jennifer Forrester	Carpenter Elem. School	Effective 8/21/2026
Josephine Lubrano	Voorhees Elem. School	Effective 8/31/2026
Lisa Wasko	Shepard Elem. School	Effective 9/3/2026
Brianne Falconer	Schirra Elem. School	Effective 9/11/2026

7. Move the Board approve the employment of the following Substitute Noon Hour Supervisors for 2026-2027 SY:

Josephine Lubrano	OBTPS District	Effective September 1, 2026

NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL - OTHER Resolutions 1 through 7				
Motion: D'ANTUONO		Second: MAZZONE		
Roll Call Vote:		Yes	No	Abstain / Pass
	Dunn, Richard	√		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	√		
2	Mazzone, Kristina	√		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	√		
	Slade, Jay D.			ABSENT
	Sulikowski, Matthew	√		
	Venkatesan, Kiran	√		
1	D'Antuono, Jennifer	√		
	Francisco, Elena	√		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		8	0	

XXI CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

1. Move the Board approve/amend/extend the following **Leaves of Absences: (Attachment D-1)**
2. Move the Board approve/amend/extend the following Workers Comp leave of absences. **(Attachment C-2)**
3. Move the Board accept the following resignation(s): (KH)

	NAME	SCHOOL/POSITION	EFFECTIVE
a.	Nicole Lalima	OBHS Sped Math	8/31/26
b.	Amenda Eckerle	CSMS Nurse	11/7/26

4. Move the Board approve the following salary adjustments for the 2026-2027 school year. **(Attachment D-2)**
5. Move the Board approve the following sixth periods for the 2026-2027 school year.

	LOCATION	REASON	ACCOUNT #	DETAIL
A.	OBHS	RTI (Adjustment)	Home Account	**D-3A**
b.	OBHS	Various (Enrollment)	Home Account	**D-3B**
c.	OBHS	LOA (E.W.) Adjustment	Home Account	**D-3C**
d.	OBHS	Resignation (N.L.)	Home Account	**D-3D**

6. Move the Board **employ** the following **teacher(s)** for the 2026-2027 school year and approve submission of an application to the Middlesex County Superintendent of Schools for Authorization of Emergent Hiring, where necessary, including authorization for employment in the Title 1, NCLB or IDEA Federal Program(s):

	NAME	SCHOOL	DEGREE/STEP	SALARY*	TENURE
a.	Samra, Shereen Job ID: 6020 Repl: New Eff: 9/1/26	Salk, Sped Multi 11-213-100-101-00-000 Certificate(s): Standard K-6, CE TOSD	MA+30/Step 3 (amended)	$64,325	9/2/30

7. Move the Board approve the following staff members assigned to **mentor candidates in the Provisional Teacher Process for** the **2026-2027** School Year:

Mentor	Teacher	School & Certification
Heather Sanft	Brianna Owens (Griffin)	Voorhees – CEAS

8. Move the Board to approve the following staff as **Elementary Attendance Coordinators** for 2026-2027 school year using ESSA Title IV funds at an hourly rate of $50.38 for 30 hours per person. Budget Account: 20-280-200-101-00-000 (CC).

Teacher	School
Dragity, Nicole	McDivitt
Finley, Jennifer	McDivitt
Kraft, Renee	Voorhees
Bassily, Patricia	Memorial
OLeary, Lori	Miller
Bacelo, Heather	Schirra
Alfaro, Ashley	Southwood
Percheski, Erica	Shepard
Lynch, Christine	Carpenter
Gallo, Allison	Grissom

9. Move the Board to approve the hiring of **Robert LoGrasso** as **Coordinator of the Title I Before and After school programs** for the 2026-2027 school year, not to exceed 100 hours using ESSA Title I grant funds. Budget Account: 20-231-200-101-00-001 (CC).

10. Move the Bard approve the hiring of **Cheryl Berkuta** as the **Non-Public Title II Coordinator** for the 2026-2027 school year for 40 hours at the contractual rate of $50.38 not to exceed $2,000 year using ESEA Title II grant funds. Budget Account: 20-275-200-101-00-211 (CC).

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL Resolutions 1 -10				
Motion: DUNN		Second: VENKATESAN		
Roll Call Vote:		Yes	No	Abstain / Pass
	Jodrey, Marjorie	√		
	Mazzone, Kristina	√		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	√		
	Slade, Jay D.			ABSENT
	Sulikowski, Matthew	√		
2	Venkatesan, Kiran	√		
	D'Antuono, Jennifer	√		
1	Dunn, Richard	√		
	Francisco, Elena	√		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		8	0	

XXII NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL TRANSPORTATION

XXIII TRANSPORTATION

XXIV SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

1. Move the Board approve the **Addendum** to the 5-year Non-Public Renewal Agreement between the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) and the Old Bridge Township Board of Education (OBBOE) effective July 1, 2026, which was previously approved at the Agenda Session of 8.12.26. (On File in the Business Office) (DW/jt):

A.	Non-Public – Public Law Chapters 192/193

2. Move the Board approve the disposition by sale, donation or disposal of obsolete textbooks/softcover books/workbooks (JC)

Full Title	Publisher	Copyright Date	ISBN#	Quantity
Scott Foresman Science	Addison Wesley	2000	0-673-59308-8	161
Scott Foresman Science	Addison Wesley	2000	0-673-59307-X	152

SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT & SERVICES Resolutions 1 & 2				
Motion: JODREY		Second: VENKATESAN		
Roll Call Vote:		Yes	No	Abstain / Pass
	Slade, Jay D.			ABSENT
	Sulikowski, Matthew	√		
2	Venkatesan, Kiran	√		
	D'Antuono, Jennifer	√		
	Dunn, Richard	√		
1	Jodrey, Marjorie	√		
	Mazzone, Kristina	√		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	√		
	Francisco, Elena	√		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		8	0	

XXV MISCELLANEOUS

1. Move the Board approve the following meetings:

Date	Type	Location	Time
Tuesday, October 13, 2026	Agenda Session	O.B.H.S. – Main Cafeteria (Square Section)	7:00 PM
Tuesday, October 27, 2026	Regular Meeting	O.B.H.S. – Main Cafeteria (Square Section)	7:00 PM

2. Move the attendance at committee meetings for the month of **August 2026** be recorded. (jt)

DATE	COMMITTEE / ATTENDEES
08/06/26	**GOVERNANCE (Policy, Internal Board Procedures)** Elena Francisco, Marjorie Jodrey, Brooke Richards-Patterson, Jennifer D'Antuono, Matthew Sulkowski, Jay Slade, Kristina Mazzone, Kiren Venkatesan David Weidele, Vincent Sasso, Kathleen Hoeker
08/13/26	**SPECIAL MEETING - Board and District Goals** Richard Dunn, Marjorie Jodrey, Elena Francisco, Jay Slade, Kristina Mazzone, Kiran Venkatesan, Jennifer D'Antuono, David Weidele, Vincent Sasso
08/27/26	**PERSONNEL** ELENA FRANCISCO, KRISTINA MAZZONE, MATT SULIKOWSKI VINCENT SASSO, KATHLEEN HOEKER

3. Move the Board approve the **2026-2027 District Professional Development Plan** on file in the Assistant Superintendent's office. (KH)

4. Move the Board accept the following Student Teachers and Student Observations:

Name	Semester
Kyra Campisi	Fall 2026 & Spring 2027
Jenna Ladyhin	Fall 2026 & Spring 2027
Jake Gervase	Fall 2026 & Spring 2027
Elizabeth Reynolds	Fall 2026 & Spring 2027

5. Move the Board approve the following resolution to Establish a Law Enforcement Unit for the Public Schools of Old Bridge Township – 2026-2027 School Year (VS):

   WHEREAS, the Safety and Security of the students, staff and visitors of the Old Bridge Township Public Schools is a primary concern; and

   WHEREAS, the staff and faculty of the Old Bridge Township Public Schools' Administration must communicate certain information to law enforcement; and

   WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies require certain information to maintain the public safety; and

   WHEREAS, the Old Bridge Township Board of Education must comply with the Family Educational Rights and **Privacy** Act ("FERPA"); and

   WHEREAS, to comply with FERPA while working with law enforcement, and in accordance with Section 2.4 of the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials, the Interim Superintendent of Schools established a Law Enforcement Unit within the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Old Bridge Township Board of Education confirms the submitted Law Enforcement Unit list, consisting of the following members for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Superintendent of Schools – Vincent Sasso, Ed. D.
- Assistant Superintendent of School – Kathleen Hoeker, Ed. D.
- Assistant Superintendent of Educational Programs / Glenn School – James Tuohy, Ed. D.
- Director of Technology – James Yanuzzelli
- Old Bridge High School Principal – Sally Fazio
- EMGNC Principal – James Oliveri
- Carl Sandburg Middle School Principal – Timothy Dolan
- Jonas Salk Middle School Principal – William Rezes
- M. Scott Carpenter School Principal – Christopher McCue
- Virgil I. Grissom School Principal – Thomas Ferry, Ed. D.
- James A. McDivitt School Principal – Laurie Coletti
- Madison Park School Principal – John Daly
- Memorial School Principal – Angela Ziemba
- William A. Miller School Principal – Kimberley Giles, Ed. D.
- Walter M. Schirra School Principal – Courtney Lowery
- Alan B. Shepard School Principal – Joseph Marinzoli
- Southwood School Principal – Karen Foley
- Raymond E. Voorhees School Principal – Anthony Arico, Ed. D.

6. Move the Board to accept the generous donations of backpacks and school supplies to support students and families in need throughout Old Bridge Township Public Schools, as follows (VS/dk):

   - **YMCA,** for its generous donation of filled backpacks, made possible through the support of Tata Communications;
   - **Costco Marlboro**, for the generous donation of backpacks and a Costco Shop Card; and
   - **Tesla Old Bridge,** for its generous donation of school supplies
   - **United Way Central Jersey,** for its generous donation of filled backpacks**.**

   The Board of Education also extends its sincere appreciation to **Brooke Abate,** Grissom Elementary teacher, for connecting the District with Costco Marlboro and helping to facilitate its generous donation.

   The Board gratefully acknowledges the generosity and community partnership of these organizations and individuals in helping ensure our students have the supplies they need for a successful start to the school year.

7. Move the Board to accept the following School Business Administrator intern during their respective clinical practicum for the 2026-2027 School Year (Fall 2026 / Spring 2027). (DW/jt)

Justin Alsobrooks

8. Move that the Old Bridge Board of Education, through contract with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, authorizes the administrative personnel of the Commission to conference, discuss, and solicit input in the development of the nursing services contract document for the 2026-2027 school year, which provides nursing services to the following nonpublic schools located in the Old Bridge School District: (dk)

   - Calvary Christian
   - Goddard School South Old Bridge
   - ICOB Academy
   - St. Ambrose School
   - St. Thomas the Apostle

   Nursing services to be provided first by assignment of a licensed nurse and the purchase of supplies and equipment necessary to implement the law and code – N.J.A.C.6:29-8 include:

   1. Assistance with medical examinations, including dental screening.
   2. Audiometric screening.
   3. Maintenance of student health records, including immunizations.
   4. Scoliosis screening.
   5. Adopt written policies and procedures extending the emergency care provided to the public school pupils to those pupils who are enrolled full time in the nonpublic school who are injured or become ill at school or during participation on a school team or squad.

9. Move the Board of Education approve the employment of Lev Ginzburg, Work Study Student, effective September 22, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at the hourly rate of $15.92. (Bdgt Acct. #11-000-240-105-00-088)

MISCELLANEOUS Resolutions 1 through 9				
Motion: D'ANTUONO		**Second: VENKATESAN**		
	Roll Call Vote:	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
	Sulikowski, Matthew	√		
2	Venkatesan, Kiran	√		
1	D'Antuono, Jennifer	√		
	Dunn, Richard	√		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	√		
	Mazzone, Kristina	√		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	√		
	Slade, Jay D.			ABSENT
	Francisco, Elena	√		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		8	0	

XXVI BOARD SECRETARY AND BOARD BUSINESS

HEARING OF RESIDENTS (Any school district issue)

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, the Board will set aside time during two sections of every public meeting for comments from the public. This section may include comments on any school district issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the school district.

The Board encourages feedback and viewpoints. School Boards are strengthened by diversity of viewpoints to foster dialogue in a spirit of school-community partnership that builds effective policy and problem-solving.

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, the Board reserves the legal right to determine the length of the public portions of its meetings, and to establish regulations for such public portions.

The provisions of Board Bylaw 0167 shall be strictly enforced with regard to public comments:

- All public comments shall be directed to the Board President, who may refer issues to Administrators, Committee Chairs, or the Board's attorney. Participants may not address questions to individual Board members, nor to any other member of the public;
- Every speaker must preface comments by an announcement of his or her first and last name and recording of his or her name and address in the provided sign-in book.
- The total time for each participant shall be three (3) minutes, during which time a member of the public may speak on as many items as he or she chooses;
- No member of the public may "give their time" to another participant;
- Respectful disagreement is expected and respected. However, the Board President reserves the right to interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statements when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant to an item on the meeting's action agenda;
- The public comment sections of the agenda are not question-and-answer periods, but an opportunity for public statements. While the Board or Administration may provide feedback or comment on public statements, there is no obligation to do so.
- The Board President also reserves the right to request an individual to leave the meeting, to enlist the assistance of law enforcement, and/or to call for a recess or adjournment of the meeting when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.

The meeting was open to the hearing of residents for any school district issue.

No member from the public approaches the microphone for comments.

At this time, the microphone is closed for further hearing of the residents for any school district issue.

That portion of the meeting was closed.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

MAZZONE shares that this Thursday, starting at 6:30 pm, SEPTA will be hosting their first meeting of the school year over at Glenn School. This year SEPTA is offering a virtual option for parents who cannot make it in person and the deadline to register for the virtual option is 3:00 pm on Thursday. This is one of SEPTA's biggest meetings of the year as they will be awarding $5,000 in grants to our staff to help them and the students of our district. SEPTA is encouraging all staff to fill out their grant application for all their ideas and needs and if made possible, they will be able to service that initiative. Dr. Tuohy, Ms. Lombardi and Ms. Adinolfi will be presenting their wealth of knowledge to all and SEPTA's two student representatives are back and will be able to inform us throughout the year about things going on in the district. Thursday, 6:30 pm at Glenn School.

D'ANTUONO would like to take a moment to thank the High School Administration team and the Transportation team for making the Senior Dinner Cruise last night. To coordinate that many students and that many school buses and they all arrived in one session… that was impressive last night. D'ANTUONO knows that the kids had an amazing time so thank you for making that opportunity for them to be able to kick off their senior year.

JODREY shares that on September 22nd, we will be having a Student Services Committee meeting.

RICHARDS-PATTERSON wants to thank the Shepard PTA for inviting Board members to their Back to School Bash… it was awesome to see! RICHARDS-PATTERSON just missed Dr. Sasso in the dunk tank, but she got to see Mr. Marinzoli. The energy was great… it was so cool to be a part of, and it was so much fun! RICHARDS-PATTERSON is looking forward to attending Voorhees School ice cream social. RICHARDS-PATTERSON also thanks the PTSA President's Council for inviting the Board to their meetings… she would love to be a part of that and learn some more, but it is hard to make everything so that is a great opportunity. RICHARDS-PATTERSON thanks Mr. LoNigro for inviting the Board to Sandburg on September 11th, this past Friday to join his class and it really take us back… it really made RICHARDS-PATTERSON appreciate as a parent having your student come home and ask where you were that day… it shows that they are truly engaged in wanting to know what happened tragically that day 25 years ago. RICHARDS-PATTERSON shares that in the evening, the Board members were invited to attend the memorial service with the Township – the Mayor, the Senator – we had some administration come, the ROTC was there and the chorus did an absolutely beautiful so kudos to them… it gave RICHARDS-PATTERSON goosebumps and they did a wonderful job.

VENKATESAN has an item for New Business as he recalls that part of our goals this year, we will be working on Responsible AI and what does AI mean to us as a district… VENKATESAN was doing a little bit of research to share with the public and the district. VENKATESAN has found that many other districts seem to be forming a committee which is compromised of interested board members, anyone from the public, and of course staff and students as well – it is a well-rounded committee getting different inputs from different types of personas in different roles and VENKATESAN believes that will be a good idea if we too can create a small committee like that. VENKATESAN has a personal interest because he works in that domain day in and day out so anything he can help guide to do more responsible AI will be of interest. So, he just wanted to call that out and see if it is something we can initiate.

Dr. Sasso responds to VENKATESAN's request sharing that on the Student Services Committee agenda for the meeting on the 22nd, that will be a topic of discussion as we talk about the taskforce and some of the things we will be doing at school. Dr. Tuohy will be talking about that, and we invite the public to that committee meeting. That agenda will get posted tonight or tomorrow at the latest.

FRANCISCO ends Old/New Business by sharing that she was so happy to see so many different ceremonies and lessons and events happening around the district in remembrance of 9/11 – something even as simple as what Mrs. Foley over at Southwood what she did with students focusing on the courage, strength and kindness to help one another at a difficult time… even if they do not grasp what truly happened, but just teaching them about it was wonderful and FRANCISCO was glad for that. FRANCISCO hopes that Mr. LoNigro will see this or can hear it, but FRANCISCO was so grateful to his presentation to the Sandburg 7th graders… FRANCISCO did not know what she was getting herself into when she went but no matter how many times you see the videos and hear the stories, and it hits you just like it did the first time so FRANCISCO was glad to be there personally. The event was so heavy and so profound for some of our students to hear and see, so FRANCISCO was so grateful that Mr. LoNigro held the event with his students so thank you to him! Thank you all for being here tonight, it was a really special night! Until next time…

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by MAZZONE and seconded by RICHARDS-PATTERSON the Board unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to personnel and protection of the safety or property of the public. (8:09 pm)

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 13 the Old Bridge Township Board of Education will hereby go into closed session and exclude the public to discuss matters of personnel and protection of the safety or property of the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that minutes be taken of the closed session and that such matters be released promptly to the extent that making such matters public is not inconsistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:34 pm on motion by MAZZONE seconded by VENKATESAN and carried on unanimous voice vote.

The Board immediately adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM on motion by FRANCISCO and seconded by DUNN and carried on unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Weidele, Q.P.A., R.P.P.S.
School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

Certified as to legality only
Chris Parton, Esq.