I CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT

The Agenda Session meeting of the Old Bridge Township Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 and was called to order at 7:02 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 8, 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	√
	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*

ADDENDUM

Move the Board accept the addendum to the Agenda Session agenda for September 8, 2026:

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

VII APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VIII REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

IX RECOGNITION

X SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Vincent Sasso, shared that his Superintendent's Report will be provided next week.

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.

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- 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

XV POLICY

XVI FINANCE

1. Move the Board approve the following bill lists dated **September 4, 2026**:

Batch #	Amount	Batch #	Amount	Batch #	Amount
1	$ 1,666,224.21	2	$ 1,399,631.40	3	1,923.00
PRE-PAYMENT	$ 3,486,798.05				

ADDED BY ADDENDUM ACTION ITEMS #2 & #3

2. Move the Board of Education **acknowledge and accept funds in the amount of $6,500 from the Old Bridge Education Association (OBEA), awarded through the NEA Safe, Supported and Prepared Grant**, to support compensated before-school staff meetings at Memorial Elementary School, Voorhees Elementary School, and Southwood Elementary School.

   The grant funds will support up to **four (4) one-hour meetings at each school,** with participating certified and non-certified staff compensated at the applicable contractual rate, as follows:

School	Participating Staff Members	Number of Meetings
Memorial Elementary School	15	Up to 4
Voorhees Elementary School	22	Up to 4
Southwood Elementary School	15	Up to 4

   *Total expenditures for these meetings shall **not exceed $6,500,** the amount provided through the OBEA/NEA grant.*

3. Move the Board approve the following pay rates for the NEA Safe, Supported and Prepared Grant during the 2026-2027 school year at Memorial, Voorhees and Southwood as per the following chart:

School	Category	Hourly Rate	Account Number
Memorial	Teachers	$50.38	20-108-100-101-12-S01
Memorial	Child Study Team	$50.38	20-108-217-100-12-S01
Memorial	Paraprofessionals	$17.00	20-108-100-106-12-S01
Voorhees	Teachers	$50.38	20-108-100-101-17-S01
Voorhees	Child Study Team	$50.38	20-108-217-100-17-S01
Voorhees	Paraprofessionals	$17.00	20-108-100-106-17-S01
Southwood	Teachers	$50.38	20-108-100-101-16-S01
Southwood	Child Study Team	$50.38	20-108-217-100-16-S01
Southwood	Paraprofessionals	$17.00	20-108-100-106-16-S01

FINANCE Resolutions 1+ 2 & 3 (AS ADDED BY ACCEPTED ADDENDUM)				
Motion: D'ANTUONO		Second: JODREY		
Roll Call Vote:		Yes	No	Abstain / Pass
	Slade, Jay D.	√		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	√		
	Venkatesan, Kiran			ABSENT
1	D'Antuono, Jennifer	√		
	Dunn, Richard	√		
2	Jodrey, Marjorie	√		
	Mazzone, Kristina	√		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	√		
	Francisco, Elena	√		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		8	0	

XVII ATHLETICS

XVIII NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – OFFICE

XIX NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – OPERATIONAL

1. Move the Board approve the employment of **Joseph Doughty, Jr.,** as a **Security Guard** for the 2026-2027 school year effective September 16, 2026 at the hourly rate of $28.60. (Budget Acct 11-000-266-100-00-000)

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

XX NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – OTHER

1. Move the Board **rescind** the employment of the following Paraprofessional Aides for the 2026-2027 school year:

	Name	School/Program/Budget Code	Step/ Credit	Salary	Effective Date	$18.36 Lunch Duty	Length Of Day
a.	Ahslie May	Sandburg/ABA/11-214-100-106-00-000	2/30	22,867	9/1/26	Yes	Yes
b.	Vandana Washimkar	Grissom/LLD/11-204-100-106-00-000	6/30	24,411	9/1/26	Yes	No

2. Move the Board to revise the Paraprofessional Aides step and salary for the 2026-2027 school year:

	Name	School/Program/Budget Code	Step/ Credit	Salary	Effective Date	$18.36 Lunch Duty	Length Of Day
	Breana Rodriquez	Shepard/MD/11-212-100-106-00-000	1/30	22,517	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 I, NCLB, or IDEA Federal Programs) and also approve one hour of training per hire at the rate of $22 to be held outside of normal school hours:

	Name	School/Program/Budget Code	Step/ Credit	Salary	Effective Date	$18.36 Lunch Duty	Length Of Day
a.	Subhashree Natarajan	McDivitt/LLD/11-204-100-106-00-000	1/30	22,517	9/9/26	Yes	Yes

NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL - OTHER Resolutions 1 through 3				
Motion: MAZZONE		Second: D'ANTUONO		
	Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain / Pass
	Dunn, Richard	√		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	√		
1	Mazzone, Kristina	√		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	√		
	Slade, Jay D.	√		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	√		
	Venkatesan, Kiran			ABSENT
2	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 employment of the following **Long Term Substitute Certificated** personnel 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 Title 1, NCLB and IDEA Federal Program(s): (KH)

	NAME	SCHOOL	DEGREE/STEP	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
a.	Pamm, Elena Job ID 5690 Repl: Baldino LOA	Miller/Voorhees, Sped Res 11-213-100-101-00-000 Certificate(s): Standard Elem; TOSD	MA+45/Step 6	$69,738	9/1/26 – 12/20/26
b.	Levitt, Allison Job ID 5879 Repl: A.Altamore LOA	Southwood, Grade 3 11-120-100-101-16-000 Certificate(s): CEAS	MA/Step 1	$60,657	9/1/26 – 12/23/26 (Extended)
c.	Lo, Nancy Job ID 6006 Repl: Harvey LOA	Shepard, Grade 5 11-120-100-101-15-000 Certificate(s): Standard Elem K-5	BA/Step 5	$57,638	9/1/26 – 1/4/27

3. Move the Board approve the temporary reassignment of the following staff member:

	NAME	SCHOOL	DEGREE/STEP	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
a.	Mecchi, Shana Job ID 5690 Repl: Devish LOA	Southwood, Sped ABA 11-214-100-101-00-000 Certificate(s): Standard; TOH	MA/Step 1 + ABA stipend	$60,657 + $835	11/16/26 – 5/31/27

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL Resolutions 1 through 3				
Motion: D'ANTUONO		Second: JODREY		
Roll Call Vote:		Yes	No	Abstain / Pass
2	Jodrey, Marjorie	√		
	Mazzone, Kristina	√		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	√		
	Slade, Jay D.	√		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	√		
	Venkatesan, Kiran			ABSENT
1	D'Antuono, Jennifer	√		
	Dunn, Richard	√		
	Francisco, Elena	√		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		8	0	

XXII NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL TRANSPORTATION

1. Move the Board approve the **employment** of the following employee as Part Time School Bus Aide, effective, September 16, 2026, at an hourly rate of $20.41 (Budget Account No. 90% 11-000-270-107-00-126; 10% 11-000-270-163-00-138):

   Walter Kosmowski

2. Move the Board Approve the Resignation of the following Full Time School Bus Aide as of August 31, 2026:

   Minerva Chisholm-Williams

3. Move the Board Approve the **Paid Medical Leave** for the following Full Time School Bus Aide:

   Elizabeth Sotomayor 9/2/2026 – 10/2/2026

4. Move the Board Approve the **Un-Paid Medical Leave** for the following Full Time School Bus Driver:

   Daniel Velez 9/1/2026 - 4/1/2027

5. Move the Board **REVISE** the **Schedule E-1 -Transportation Re-employment listing for the 26-27 SY** which was previously approved at the BOE Regular Meeting on May 19, 2026 under Section XXII NON_CERTIFIED PERSONNEL TRANSPORTATION – Resolution #1, to reflect correction to the Salary Total listed for the following employee line items (DU/lt):

name_last	name_first	e_title	category	track	sg_step	p_type	acct	amt_acct	total_base
KOBYLANSKI	ALISON	BUS DRIVER	TRANSPORTATION	DRIVER 10M	4	SG	110-000-270-160-00-124	37,575.00	41,750.00
KOBYLANSKI	ALISON	BUS DRIVER	TRANSPORTATION	DRIVER 10M	4	SG	110-000-270-160-00-138	4,175.00	
MURPHY	KEVIN	BUS DRIVER	TRANSPORTATION	DRIVER 10M	4	SG	11-000-270-160-00-124	37,575.00	46,623.00
MURPHY	KEVIN	BUS DRIVER	TRANSPORTATION	DRIVER 10M	4	SG	11-000-270-163-00-138	4,175.00	0.00
MURPHY	KEVIN	BUS DRIVER	TRANSPORTATION	DRIVER 10M	4B	TD99	11-000-270-160-00-124	4,385.70	0.00
MURPHY	KEVIN	BUS DRIVER	TRANSPORTATION	DRIVER 10M	4B	TD99	11-000-270-163-00-138	487.30	0.00

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

XXIII TRANSPORTATION

1. Move the Board approve the following Quotes for the 2026 – 2027 School Year:

ROUTE	SCHOOL	CONTRACTOR	ACTION/AMOUNT	EFFECTIVE
GPIA27-1617	Southwood/Voorhees	Shamrock	$245.00/Per Diem + Aide $60.00	9/3/26 – 1/11/27 79 days

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

XXIV SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

ADDED BY ADDENDUM FOR ACTION ITEM #1:

1. Move the Board **approve** the following licensing agreements in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law 18A:18A-5 (5) for the 2026-2027 school year from Account 11-190-100-610-00-SFT (JT)

Name	License Cost 26-27	Description
Imagine Learning	$24,800.00	District Software Site License
Edpuzzle, Inc.	$24,023.00	District Software Site License

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

XXV MISCELLANEOUS

XXVI BOARD SECRETARY AND BOARD BUSINESS

1. Move the Board of Education approve the following Board and District Goals for the remainder of the 2026-2027 school year. (DW):

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.

2. Move the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Old Bridge Township Board of Education ("Board") acknowledges the need for a required educational space with the Old Bridge Township Public Schools but is limited in space; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education permits the dual use of educational space under limited circumstances wherein two small groups classes of similar nature may be separated by a movable divider and operate simultaneously within the same educational space; and

WHEREAS, permission to operate a dual use educational space must be obtained from the Executive County Superintendent on an annual basis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Programs and School Business Administrator, the Old Bridge Township Board of Education approves the submission of the Application for Dual Use of Educational Space 2026-2027 SY form for the 2026-2027 school year to the Executive County Superintendent of Middlesex County for the following educational spaces:

School/Building	Room Number/Name	Requested Use of Group One	Requested Use of Group Two
Madison Park	Library/STEM Lab	RTI Innovation Center (Teacher using room collaboratively)	RTI Innovation Center (Teacher using room collaboratively)
Madison Park	Room 13	Resource Room	Resource Room (1/2 Day)
Memorial	Room 218	RTI	Reading Specialist
Memorial	Room 219	RTI	RTI
Memorial	Room 220	Speech	OT/PT
Memorial	Room 216	ESL	ESL
Memorial	Room 104	RTI	RTI
Memorial	Room 108	Music	Instrumental Music
Carpenter	Room 207	Resource Room	Resource Room
Southwood	Room 107	RTI	Resource
Southwood	Room 200	RTI	RTI
Southwood	Room 300	Speech	OT/PT
Southwood	Room 201	Resource	Tech Support
Voorhees	Room 208	Resource	Resource
Grissom	Room 7	RTI	RTI

3. Move the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Old Bridge Township Board of Education ("Board") acknowledges that the Old Bridge Township Public Schools elects to use alternate methods of compliance in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of individual toilet rooms in each classroom for early intervention, pre-kindergarten and/or kindergarten, toilet rooms can be provide with an approved supervision plan if specific criteria are satisfactorily addressed; and

WHEREAS, that criteria should include that of which (1) no child or group of children shall be left unsupervised at any time when traveling to or from the facilities and adult supervision shall be made in a matter that will not infringe upon instructional time, (2) toilet facilities shall be readily accessible and the toilet room and signage shall be visible to the child, and (3) toilet facilities shall be provided for both boys and girls and shall meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3(h)4ii; and

WHEREAS, notification for a district alternate method of compliance pursuant to N.J.A.C 6A:26-6.3(h)4iii for annual toiler room facilities for early intervention, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classrooms must be provided to the Executive County Superintendent on an annual basis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Programs and the School Business Administrator, the Old Bridge Township Board of Education approves the submission of the **Annual Toilet Room for Early Intervention, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Classrooms 2026-2027** form for the 2026-2027 school year to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for Middlesex County for the following classrooms:

District / County	School	Room Number/Name	Alternate Method of Compliance
Old Bridge Twp / Middlesex	Memorial Elementary School	Room # 204	Hire paraprofessional to take students to the restroom facilities
Old Bridge Twp / Middlesex	Virgil I. Grissom School	Room # 4	Hire paraprofessional to take students to the restroom facilities
Old Bridge Twp / Middlesex	Raymond E. Voorhees School	Room # 117	Hire paraprofessional to take students to the restroom facilities

BOARD SECRETARY AND BOARD BUSINESS Resolutions 1 through 3				
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Roll Call Vote:		Yes	No	Abstain / Pass
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	D'Antuono, Jennifer	√		
2	Dunn, Richard	√		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	√		
1	Mazzone, Kristina	√		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	√		
	Slade, Jay D.	√		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	√		
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- 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

RICHARDS-PATTERSON invites Supervisor of Elementary Special Education, Preschool, K-5 Literacy, Alexis Adinolfi up to the dais to speak in reference to the upcoming Resource Fair as she has been working tirelessly on preparing for this event. Ms. Adinolfi shares a brief update providing that in April of last year, the idea of a special education resource fair was brought to both the attention of Dr. Sasso and the Department of Special Services (DOSS) on how we can support our students outside of our four walls and district – by expanding it to the community. With the significant support of SEPTA, SEPAG and the OBEA, we are excited to announce that the Resource Fair is set for October 7th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm here at Old Bridge High School. We have so many vendors coming out ranging from recreation to social skills to post-secondary transition, ABA services, behaviorists, speech, OT/PT – the whole gambit. It is everything we can ask for our parents and families. We have shared it with our Board of Education members, teachers and staff members, administration to be able to share with the entire community so that you can come and participate

in this event. It is appropriate to bring your children as we will have some sensory areas – thank you to SEPTA for sponsoring those areas. We hope to see everyone there. If you have any questions or if you are a vendor that would like to participate, we are taking vendors through September 18th if you contact Ms. Adinolfi. It is a free event… you do not need to sign up for attendance. The first 300 guests will receive a tote bag thanks to our grant received by the OBEA. We hope it is a great event and look forward to organizing it in future years as well.

D'ANTUONO shares that she was watching the news recently and she saw a story that made her proud of the way our district is handling AI – so kudos to Mr. Yanuzzelli and Dr. Tuohy. The news story had another district who said there would be no AI in the classroom from grades K to 8 for years until it is revisited but Old Bridge on the other hand is taking a different approach and instead teaching proper usage of it such as the responsibility of it. AI is a tool that is available to use and there are responsible ways to use it and irresponsible ways to use it. We are not just putting our heads in the sand and saying it doesn't exist or we are not going to teach it and kids cannot use it. So kudos to our district for being forward thinking and preparing our students regardless of what grade they are in for the future because D'ANTUONO believes we took the right step on that so thank you to the team.

MAZZONE first wants to say thank you to the Administration for enforcing the No Cell Phone Ban in School… MAZZONE knows it is only Day 3 but it may not have been easy, so thank you for handling that professionally and accurately. Second, MAZZONE would like to highlight the new SEPTA Rest Stop. MAZZONE shares a message from SEPTA: "I would like to take a moment to highlight a new initiative that SEPTA has been working on called a SEPTA Rest Stop… A traveling tent filled with flexible seating, calming tools, books, carpets, soft lights, sounds plugs and much more… we all know that school and community events can be exciting, but they can also be overwhelming because of noise, crowds and the amount of activity happening around us. The idea behind the rest stop is simple: to provide a welcoming, judgement-free place where students, siblings, families and staff can step away, pause, breathe, recharge and return to the event when they are ready. They intentionally chose the name rest stop because they want to create a space that feels inclusive and accessible without putting a label on the people who use it. Just like a rest stop on a journey, you do not need a reason or explanation to pull over and take a break. The rest stop, not a play stay, is designed to be a quiet space, not another activity or gathering area so that it remains available to those who genuinely need a moment to reset." What MAZZONE loves best about this initiative is that it is something they can bring beyond one of them… SEPTA is creating a model that individual PTAs, schools and principals can replicate at their own school events using simple, affordable resources making our school community more welcoming and supportive for everyone. SEPTA even created a "spec sheet" for others to replicate this project and they will help purchase, set up, provide grant opportunities, and individualize their own rest stop custom to their own community. MAZZONE shares that while it is known she is a big advocate for SEPTA, this is just another example of how these ladies just always advocate for every student in the district. This is not just for special education kids… this is for kids, families, adults, anyone who just needs a rest… MAZZONE thanks SEPTA for this initiative and for everything they do for our kids. Thank you!

SLADE shares an announcement that district shirts are now available for sale. The district shirts are sponsored by the Old Bridge Education Foundation. The proceeds will go to the OBEF. A link went out and is also on the OBEF page and numerous Board members have posted. Shirts are up for sale and should be distributed about two weeks after the orders are fulfilled. The deadline for ordering shirts is approximately September 20th. Try to get your orders in!

D'ANTUONO adds that she believes the kids have gotten very creative with the Cell Phone Ban Policy as her daughter is looking for a digital camera. Kids are asking for walkie talkies too! The kids are finding and figuring out ways and trying to bring it all back!

DUNN shares a sincere thank you to the Administration for making sure that the first day of school on Thursday was very smooth – it was a half day – but Dr. Sasso, Dr. Hoeker, Dr. Tuohy and the entire Administration team went through extraordinary efforts to ensure that displaced students from Cooper School were invited, happy, very well acclimated to their new elementary schools – DUNN only heard fantastic things about how they incorporated everyone on the first day of school – so a sincere thank you for going the extra mile and putting in the effort to ensure that these students who were displaced based on the repurposing of Cooper School were comfortable, happy and had a fantastic first day! DUNN knows there were a few hiccups with transportation but knows that is usually what happens on the first day. Overall, DUNN heard that district-wide was a very successful and very good day for students, staff and parents. Thank you Dr. Sasso, Dr. Hoeker, Dr. Tuohy and the entire Transportation Team and all the wonderful staff members we have in Old Bridge.

Dr. Sasso thanks DUNN and adds that in addition to the students, the staff, especially to those staff that moved over the summer, staff were extraordinary, warm, loving, inviting to our students… the staff went above and beyond tremendously. Our Director of Transportation and our Assistant, Debbie & Mary, are here in the back… For a district with over 8,000 students… contracted out buses, and all the moving parts within the organization… there are issues that you can only count on one hand. It is an absolutely extraordinary job by those two and their team and our drivers for all that they do… so thank you to them!

FRANCISCO jokes that she has recently ordered so many shirts recently she does not even know where shirts will be coming from! She is looking forward to receiving that shirt and all the shirts! FRANCISCO would like to thank Dr. Sasso, Dr. Hoeker, Dr. Tuohy for including her on their tour of the district during the staff in-service days for the teachers to get that inside view of how they kick off their year. There is just so much that goes into kicking off a school year, opening up buildings, making sure our children are happy and safe, and families are happy and everything is going smoothly. FRANCISCO thanks the team for including her so that she can be a part of it… it meant a lot to her. And to Transportation, FRANCISCO does not know how you do what you do… we have a whole lot of kids with a whole lot of needs and yet you address every single one of them one at a time and we are truly, truly appreciative. FRANCISCO would like to thank Ms. Adinolfi for everything she has been doing to get this Resource Fair going and for all the people who have helped – SEPTA, SEPAG, OBEA – (looking forward to it) … thank you for all that you have done and FRANCISCO is super appreciative for that. FRANCISCO officially welcomes everyone back … all of our staff, all of students, our families, everybody involved… FRANCISCO just knows it is going to be a great year, and she wishes all the best year forward!

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION (Not Applicable)

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION TO ADJOURN:				Time: 7:28 pm
	Motion: MAZZONE	**Second:**		**D'ANTUONO**
2	D'Antuono, Jennifer	√		
	Dunn, Richard	√		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	√		
1	Mazzone, Kristina	√		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	√		
	Slade, Jay D.	√		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	√		
	Venkatesan, Kiran			ABSENT
	Francisco, Elena	√		

Respectfully submitted,

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Certified as to legality only
Chris Parton, Esq.