I CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT

The Regular meeting of the Old Bridge Township Board of Education was held on October 27, 2026 and was called to order at 7:01 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, October 27, 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. *(arrived at 7:20 pm)*	Asst. Sup of Educational Services	✓
Anahita Keiller	Director of Arts & Cultures	✓
Christopher Parton	Board Counsel	✓
Michelle Aluko	Student Representative	✓

V PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VI MOMENT OF SILENCE

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In Memoriam

Move the Board of Education acknowledge the death of

Omari Norwood, 3rd Grade Student at McDivitt Elementary School

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 make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.

**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 SEPTEMBER 2026 minutes:

Agenda Session	September 8, 2026
Regular Meeting	September 15, 2026
Closed Session	September 15, 2026

APPROVAL OF MINUTES **Resolution 1**				
Motion:	**D'ANTUONO**	**Second:**	**RICHARDS-PATTERSON**	
Roll Call Vote:		**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
	Dunn, Richard	✓		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	✓		
	Mazzone, Kristina	✓		
2	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	✓		
	Slade, Jay D.	✓		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	✓		
	Venkatesan, Kiran	✓		
1	D'Antuono, Jennifer	✓		
	Francisco, Elena	✓		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		9	0	

VIII REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

Michelle Aluko, Student Representative to the Board during the month of October, shares that she is honored to serve as the Vice President of Leadership for the National Honor Society for the 2026-2027 school year and is delighted to share several highlights from Old Bridge High School for the month of October as the students have nearly completed the second month of the school year. Students started the month off strong with Old Bridge's favorite holiday… Pink Out! Even with a steady rain throughout the game, students proudly wore pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness and cheered on our Knights. We are incredibly proud of our Varsity Football team who secured a 14-12 win against Sayreville and of our Old Bridge community who showed up to support a worthy cause. Next, came the National Honor Society's induction ceremony and Wall of Fame induction. In addition to welcoming over 100 new members to our society's chapter, we also welcome Ms. Latisha Shaw and Mr. Eric Christian on the Old Bridge High School Wall of Fame for their outstanding accomplishments. These two individuals set a remarkable example for our students of the excellence that Old Bridge students can strive for. We are honored to recognize their achievements. Later that week, our guidance counselors hosted the Annual College Fair. Numerous students across all grades were able to come and meet representatives from dozens of universities as well as trade schools, employers, test prep programs and U.S. Military representatives. This event was a great success in setting our students, especially our seniors, onto the right path as they build towards their futures. Now as many of our seniors find themselves racing towards early action and early decision deadlines, we send our best wishes to everyone as they continue to undergo the college application process. Another exciting highlight of this month was our Homecoming Dance, where our juniors and seniors danced the night away. With the theme of "Candyland", sweet treats and beautifully themed decorations set the stage for an amazing night. Students had a wonderful experience letting loose on the dance floor and creating lasting memories. As Octobers has progressed, so have our school clubs and sports. Several clubs have begun to hold meetings, kicking our rich extracurricular culture at Old Bridge back into full swing. This Thursday, the Student Senate will be hosting the annual Halloween Movie Night at Lombardi Field, where students will get a chance to gather together and have fun getting into the Halloween spirit. We're so glad to see students growing as leaders and dedicating time to create spaces for everyone to find shared interests and get involved in the school community. We've also had some amazing accomplishments to celebrate from our athletic teams. The girls volleyball team won GMC finals, continuing their 14-game winning streak. The Varsity Football team has had a successful run and is heading into playoffs this week. Girls field hockey won their first round of GMC's and had several players win GMC titles. Kate Hazel won Defensive Player of the Year, All-Red Division and All-Conference. And both Olivia Klink and Avery Baile won All-Conference and All-Red Division. This past week in girls tennis, Melania Svetzky became the first player to win first singles at GMC Finals in Old Bridge High School history. Yesterday, the girls soccer team won GMC semifinals. We wish them luck as they head into the finals. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication our student athletes continuously demonstrate. Later this week, on Friday, Old Bridge students will be taking the PSAT. We hope to see students put their best foot forward as they prepare to take this assessment. From all of us at OBHS, we look forward to continuing in a successful school year and are eager to see what the school year will bring as we progress. Thank you for your time and Go Knights!

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.	Wendy Walker	Memorial, Grade 4	29	1/1/27
B.	Laurie Franklin	Glenn, Preschool	19	1/1/27
C.	Patricia Palehonki	OBHS, Cosmetology	18	1/1/27
D.	Christine Bracken	CSMS, Social Studies	24	7/1/27
E.	Linda Walters	CSMS, Paraprofessional Aide	14	1/1/27

2. Move the Board recognize the following students for being named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists! This prestigious recognition celebrates their outstanding academic achievement by placing in the top 1% of U.S. high school seniors nationwide based on their junior-year PSAT scores.

Michelle Aluko	Michael John Arfanis

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

   A proud 2013 graduate of Old Bridge High School, Frank built a career in the automotive industry, working at All American Ford, before deciding to take his professional experience in a new direction. In 2020, he returned to Old Bridge High School as an Automotive Technology Teacher, bringing his real-world industry knowledge and experience into the classroom.

   Frank's journey from Old Bridge student to automotive professional, to Old Bridge educator demonstrates the valuable role our alumni can play in preparing the next generation of students for their own futures and careers.

RECOGNITION **Resolutions 1, 2 & 3**				
Motion: MAZZONE		**Second:**		**VENKATESAN**
	Roll Call Vote:	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
	Jodrey, Marjorie	✓		
1	Mazzone, Kristina	✓		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	✓		
	Slade, Jay D.	✓		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	✓		
2	Venkatesan, Kiran	✓		
	D'Antuono, Jennifer	✓		
	Dunn, Richard	✓		
	Francisco, Elena	✓		
	RESOLUTIONS PASSED:	9	0	

X SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Vincent Sasso, shares that his report this evening will be a little bit different and a little bit longer. Dr. Sasso had this idea over the summer as he gets the unique experience to see this district in full, getting around to every single building and being so proud of what he has seen, he came up with the idea of doing a State of the District type presentation and it was amazing to see the responses he got from each building and he will try to capture that in his report tonight.

STATE OF THE DISTRICT | OCTOBER 2026

Good evening! Tonight, I am proud to share an update on the State of our District and the progress we are making across the three pillars of our strategic plan, The Bridge to 2028: Excellence in Education, Fiscal Resilience, and the Whole Child.

I want to begin by acknowledging something important: We are not a perfect school district, nor do we pretend to be. Like every district, we face challenges and recognize that there is always more work to do. But what defines a strong district is not the absence of challenges. It is how we respond, learn, and continue to improve.

I firmly believe that the Old Bridge Township Public School district is strong and becoming even stronger. The progress we are seeing reflects the dedication of our outstanding staff, the support of our families and community, and the collaboration of our Board of Education. Tonight is not about celebrating perfection. It is about recognizing progress and reaffirming our commitment to every student, every day.

And that commitment begins with our youngest learners. In preschool, we are introducing Teaching Strategies to better monitor development, identify early intervention needs, and personalize instruction. Across our early grades, resources including Wilson Reading, Lively Letters, and Acadience are helping educators strengthen foundational literacy and provide targeted support.

We are also expanding opportunities to think, create, and explore. Our K–5 Innovation Lab blends essential computer skills with coding, engineering, and hands-on STEM experiences, encouraging students to learn science by doing science.

As a NJDOE Revolutionary Schools partner district celebrating America's 250th anniversary, we are connecting classroom learning to local history. 5th graders at Memorial, for example, researched Revolutionary War history and presented their work at Rutgers University, earning recognition from state leaders.

Of course, sustaining these opportunities requires responsible planning. Fiscal Resilience is not simply about balancing a budget. It is about making thoughtful decisions, identifying efficiencies, and protecting the programs that matter most to our students. Even as public education faces significant financial pressures, we remain focused on building a district that is strong and sustainable for the future.

Districtwide initiatives provide the foundation, but our schools bring that vision to life. Each of our 10 elementary schools has its own identity and traditions, while sharing a commitment to academic growth, character, and belonging. I want to recognize each of them.

At Carpenter, the One School, One Book initiative is bringing families together around a shared reading experience, culminating in schoolwide activities and a Family Literacy Night.

At Grissom, student-led service, multicultural celebrations, and character education are making a difference. The school's recognition as a 2026 National School of Character reflects that commitment.

At Madison Park, mentoring, student leadership, and schoolwide celebrations help students build confidence and meaningful connections with one another. Partnerships with families and the community further enrich these experiences, ensuring every student feels valued, included, and engaged in school life

At McDivitt, Student Council, Kindness Club, Play Unified, Safety Patrol, and LEAD programs cultivate respect and responsibility. Its State and National School of Character recognitions speak to that work.

At Memorial, programs including Buddy Bench, Play Unified, K-Kids Club, and mentoring programs help students form friendships and develop a sense of belonging.

At Miller, Play Unified, cultural celebrations, and service projects connect students with their families and the broader community.

At Schirra, character education and strong school–home relationships create a supportive culture rooted in kindness, teamwork, and acceptance.

At Shepard, reflection and feedback help guide improvement, while partnerships and experiences connected to Princeton University, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and Special Olympics enrich student learning.

At Southwood, the Six Pillars of Character are woven into school life, alongside family events, hands-on learning, and charitable initiatives that empower students to serve others.

And at Voorhees, sensory spaces, inclusive activities, and schoolwide initiatives help students of all abilities feel welcomed, supported, and valued.

When we look across these 10 schools, the common thread is clear: We are not only teaching children to read, write, and solve problems. We are helping them become caring, confident, connected young people.

Fortunately for us, that amazing work does not end in fifth grade. It becomes even more important as students enter middle school, a time when they discover new interests, develop independence, and begin to see the possibilities ahead of them. Both Jonas Salk and Carl Sandburg are building on the strong elementary foundation.

At Jonas Salk Middle School, a new Esports elective connects student interests to teamwork, communication, digital literacy, and possible future careers. Leadership opportunities span all three grades: sixth-grade Character Ambassadors, seventh-grade PEER-in-Training, and eighth-grade PEER leaders learn about the importance of kindness and gratitude. And the Roadrunner Round of Applause celebrates the outstanding people at Salk who are making a difference everyday

At Carl Sandburg Middle School, academic achievement and student well-being go hand in hand. Through its Rutgers University partnership, the school reports a 42% reduction in discipline referrals and Math proficiency rates soar above 90%. More than 20 clubs and activities, including Play Unified, Esports, and the Cougars Feeding Cougars pantry helped contribute to a 21% increase in extracurricular participation.

These are different examples of the same important goal: helping students find their strengths, connect with others, and prepare for the next stage of their education.

And that brings us to Old Bridge High School, where so much of the work that begins in preschool and continues through our elementary and middle schools comes together. As someone who spent many years at the high school, I know firsthand the extraordinary opportunities our staff creates for students.

Our high school continues to expand college and career pathways, providing students with meaningful opportunities to prepare for life beyond graduation. Dual Enrollment has grown to more than 40 courses, with over 1,000 college-course enrollments annually. Our high school staff remains committed to an ambitious goal of 100% postsecondary placement, ensuring that every graduate has a pathway to success. We are incredibly proud of our graduating seniors who pursue four-year colleges and universities, two-year colleges, career and technical education programs, military service, or direct entry into the workforce.

Additionally, with more than 250 students participating in internships each year, we continue to strengthen the connection between classroom learning and real-world experiences. Ultimately, our goal is simple: to ensure that every student graduates with a purpose, a plan, and a pathway to success.

But as we know, education is about so much more than what happens inside the classroom. Across more than 30 high school athletic programs and our middle school teams, students learn valuable lessons in perseverance, teamwork, sportsmanship, and leadership. I truly believe our coaches are among the best in the business. If we measured success solely by wins, losses, and championships, we could proudly point to one of the strongest athletic programs in the state. But what makes me even prouder is that our success goes far beyond the scoreboard. Our coaches understand that athletics is about developing student-athletes of character, teaching life lessons, and helping young people become better teammates, better leaders, and ultimately, better adults. The victories are worth celebrating, but the lifelong lessons are what truly matter.

Our arts and cultural programs are just as essential. Concerts, art exhibitions, marching band performances, world language opportunities, international exchanges, and multicultural celebrations allow students to express themselves, discover talents, and build connections across our community.

Equally important are the supports and experiences that help students thrive: HOPE Squad, Unified programs, mentoring, wellness initiatives, and traditions such as the annual Lip Dub. These also remind us that success is not measured by academics alone.

Together, these experiences reflect our commitment to the Whole Child: academic opportunity, personal growth, and the chance for every student to shine.

This is just the tip of the iceberg and as I reflect on everything I have shared tonight, one thing is clear: There is an incredible amount of good happening throughout Old Bridge Township Public Schools. From preschool through graduation, our students are benefiting from meaningful opportunities, innovative programs, and dedicated people who believe in their potential.

The Bridge to 2028 is not simply a strategic plan on paper. Through Excellence in Education, we are strengthening instruction and expanding opportunities. Through Fiscal Resilience, we are making responsible decisions to sustain that work. And through the Whole Child, we are ensuring that student success includes well-being, character, and belonging.

I sincerely thank our Board of Education for its partnership. I thank our administrators, teachers, and support staff for their dedication, and our families and community partners for their trust. Most importantly, I thank our students. They are the reason we do this work.

As Superintendent, I am proud of what we have accomplished and even more excited about where we are going. Our goal is not simply to be a good district. It is to keep getting better, keep opening doors, and ensure that every student, in every school, has the opportunity to succeed.

Thank you and as always Old Bridge U-Knighted!

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

JODREY reports that a Student Services meeting was held on September 22nd and a brief synopsis was provided. The presentations are available from the meeting on the district website. First, the committee talked about the introduction of new staff, specifically, Dr. Denise Lombari, Supervisor of Secondary Special Education and then discussed special education updates talking about our 18- to 21-year-old special education program. JODREY shares the committee also talked abut new legislation for advanced notice of annual IEP meetings. There is now a two-date window in which schools must provide parents or guardians with all meeting documentation at least two business days prior to the annual IEP review meeting. And then there is information on mandatory document delivery. The following information is going to be presented under addressing our goals… Excellence in Education: The committee talked about New Jersey QSAC and beginning in September 2026 there is a new QSAC cycle. High-quality instruction was also discussed, and Mr. Yanuzzelli and Mrs. Kristen DeGregorio gave a presentation on the district's implementation of MagicSchool AI for Old Bridge High School starting November 1st, 2026. The committee also talked about our EDPuzzle subscription. Under the district goal of the Whole Child, the committee talked about Imagine Edgenuity which will be a new platform to support the A.L.A.M.O., credit recovery programming and students on home instruction. The committee discussed Insight Health, an on-site health program for the high school and the GNC, middle school scheduling and an elementary report card scheduling committee. Under Fiscal Resilience, there was a presentation about the district's new potential mathematics programs as three potential pilot programs were identified. The committee then took questions from those in attendance.

JODREY reports that the next meeting to mention was SEPAG's meeting. For this meeting, there was a new format where from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm, everyone was invited to stay and listen to presentations. Dr. Sasso & Dr. Tuohy were in attendance. From 7:40 pm to 8:30 pm, the public was dismissed and only parents were allowed to stay to hold parent conversations so this way it was more personal, and people could talk about things they wanted to talk about without worrying who was on or listening. Diana and Stefanie welcomed everybody at 7:00 pm and the first topic of discussion was the role of parent liaisons in schools – attending meetings, share updates, gather parent concerns. Dr. Arico, said that since having a parent liaison it has been a great experience for him at his school, especially for him being newer to the school. Dr. Arico shared that the liaisons are his "right hand". Mrs. Babitz shared that if anybody that would like to be a parent liaison, she would welcome that as they are still looking for liaisons at Miller, Shepard, Sandburg and Madison Park. Dr. Tuohy and Dr. Sasso then spoke with Dr. Sasso sharing that he appreciates the testimony of Dr. Arico and said that anything that Admin can do to support… Dr. Tuohy discussed that if there are any concerns, they should be raised with case managers. If resolutions are not found, families can contact Special Services. He shared that it was a successful start to the year. Couple of small bumps along the way, but they're looking forward to continued successes. Dr. Tuohy talked about the new legislation from the Student Services meeting on IEPs. Ms. Adinolfi, SEPAG, SEPTA and BOE hosted a very successful Resource Fair. Hundreds of hours of set up were dedicated to the success of the event. Everyone who walked out of the event took information for outside resources. Department of Special Services (DOSS) is actively working to integrate AI intro services, smart goals and meeting agenda. Mr. Michael Fina created a wonderful agenda with student photos and annual goals… a great way to start the IEP meeting. Ms. Adinolfi echoed what Dr. Tuohy said and discussed that it's been a successful school year so far… And even though there is a chain of command which everyone should follow, they are always there to support. Dr. Lombardi shared that she was happy that she was back and there were so many familiar names and faces at the meeting.

MAZZONE reports that her notes are not as in-depth as JODREY's but on October 6th, we had a Food Servie Meeting. Pomptonian shared that they had their first level featured favorite meal at Salk… It was sushi and they said they did phenomenal in sales for that day. Coming soon they will be doing sushi at the GNC, Ramen at the High School and then Mummy dogs at the elementary level. Pomptonian also shared that they started doing pasta making demonstrations at the elementary level, starting at Shepard School and they will also be making some available for purchase so that kids can take at home. The committee discussed the soda alternative, which we settled on Bloom. The price will be going up compared to the Diet Soda, but most of the people in the room agreed that they wanted the Bloom over the diet soda. A status update was provided on open, available positions – all but one position is left to be filled which is a great thing in comparison to our prior FSMC where it seemed like there were always openings posted. JODREY encourages all to come to the Food Service Committee meetings because they bring food! MAZZONE jumps back in stating, "and it's good food!"

DUNN reports that a Buildings & Grounds and Transportation, or what we know it as today as Operations had a meeting on October 15th and it was very well attended. In attendance were Dr. Sasso, Dr. Hoeker and Mr. Weidele, including Debbie Unglert and Ernie Tricomi – and we had a lively discussion. The meeting was broken up into two segments. The first segment was Transportation. DUNN provides the analogy that we are like Disney World in which we have the "front" and then we have the "back" and we have great resources in the back of our functions such as the transportation division and also maintenance. DUNN explains that he believes they're forgotten sometimes, but they shouldn't be because they're very critical to how this district functions. They are terrific professionals and we had a very lively discussion. Debbie Unglert gave a presentation regarding her efficiencies and how well the team is doing with our student pickups and all the wonderful things they do transporting our students. Debbie has made it very clear that we are in need of buses. Buses are a problem and while she is trying her best to keep all the vehicles on the road, there is a need to purchase four to six new buses in the coming years. The Board has some work to do to try to find the funds in these difficult times to fund our transportation and have viable vehicles and DUNN knows that Mr. Weidele will be racking his brain a bit to try to figure out how we can get those new vehicles. We also discussed a lot of the issues that we were having with third party operators… as we know, a lot our routes are handled by third parties, so we got into those specifics on how well they are doing. In some areas they are not doing as well so when that happens, in situations where they are not doing so well or don't show up, our district drivers and transportation network have to pick up the slack. We also discussed possible software help with timing and also notifications of pickups, but that is something that will be put on the backburner right now because there are so many other things that we need to address. As some may know, for our transportation department, we have mechanic bays that we lease from the Township for "x" amount of dollars a month, and we are trying to move away from that process. DUNN explains that while he knows Mr. Weidele has been working closely with the Township to continue that relationship for a period of time until we have our new location that's built out to have a facility of our own which will be at Carl Sandburg Middle School. We are working towards putting the two bays in operation at the building that are ancillary so that we can figure out that we can take care of our own buses and not pay anyone for the facilities. DUNN thanks Debbie Unglert and her team… she does a great job and we must remember that every time we see a bus on time and efficient and doing things well, we need to thank those drivers behind the scenes… the drivers, the aides, everyone in transportation that work wonderfully. We're blessed to have such great professionals.

DUNN reports that the second portion of the meeting, we had Buildings & Grounds and as you all know we have 15 plus buildings here. Hundreds of millions of dollars of real estate that we function and take care of on a daily basis. DUNN shares that quite honestly, he is amazed at how well our properties are. We had an in-depth analysis completed by Parette Somjen Architects saying that there is a considerable amount of work that needs to get done over the next 5 to 10 years which is part of our plan but Ernie and his team do a wonderful job and an incredible job every day trying to get things done. DUNN shares that the committee asked Ernie to look at his abilities when it comes to staffing needs because perhaps it will be in our best interest as a district to hire more so that we can outsource less because when we outsource work, it has to be through the process of bids and prevailing wage rates which causes our expenses to skyrocket. As a result, Ernie and his staff will look at exactly what he can do to pick up the slack so we don't have to outsource more. We discussed an engineer of record professional. We have an architect of record who is our professional consultant when it comes down to our buildings and making alterations and doing work – we also want to see if we can get a mechanical engineer to try to help us facilitate what we need to get done here. DUNN reports that we also discussed code enforcement and the fire districts and how they function and interface with our team. We are one and we shouldn't be adversaries – we need to work together for the betterment of all citizens. We are going to work to foster that relationship so that when the Township comes in or the fire department comes in, we are all on the same page and we "play nice in the sandbox". There was a lot discussed at the meeting, but one other thing that Mr. Tricomi said he was going to try to do is… There is only one building in the district that does not have air conditioning in its All-Purpose Room and that is Glenn School. Glenn School is one of our prestigious buildings where we have our Pre-K program and some of our special needs programs housed. Unfortunately, that building does not have air conditioning in their All-Purpose Room and that is the only building that doesn't have it so we have asked Ernie and his team to evaluate to see if they can do split units or something to accommodate because they need it and DUNN thinks they deserve it. The Board's going to look to see if we can get that done in the near future with his help. Also, there was one other thing that was brought up by Dr. Sasso and it's on tonight's agenda. DUNN shares that Dr. Sasso made the proposal to the committee that was present about moving graduation from the PNC Arts Center to Ruckers University. There were many factors on why this was necessary, but the key factor was that it's going to be a bigger facility, it's air conditioned, the atmosphere is better and it's going to save us a tremendous amount of money. DUNN wants to thank Dr. Sasso for making the suggestion as he believes the committee embraced it and DUNN believes it's on tonight's agenda to finalize. DUNN shares that while his report was a little long, he does appreciate everyone because this committee is very important because it's the transportation and the maintenance team that take care of all the things that keep this district going. Thank you.

VENKATESAN reports that we had a Finance & Planning Committee meeting on October 1st but has asked Mr. Weidele to provide updates on the medical provider evaluations that has been ongoing and the decommissioning of solar panels as well that is on the agenda this evening. Mr. Weidele provides clarification on the termination of the agreement for current solar facilities and the financial impact of such. Dr. Sasso then provides updates to health benefits including an update on our most recent R(x) (prescription) changes and the progress that has been made since our transition on July 1st. As for the medical / health portion, we have recently received our loss ratio data back from the State and have gone out to market in an attempt to come out of the State Health Benefits Plan and the impending 34% increase that will come January 1st. At this time, Dr. Sasso explains that we do not have an update but we should be getting something in the next week or so we are hoping, but as soon as we have something to report as we are actively seeking to try to find whatever kind of relief we can from that unsustainable 34% increase in the SEHBP. MAZZONE asks Mr. Weidele to explain to the public that the money we will be getting from the termination agreement of the solar panels and where it will go and what it can be used for. Mr. Weidele provides further information.

FRANCISCO reports that we had a Governance meeting on October 8th and reports on the general topics covered including reviewing our Board of Education onboarding additions from what we already have in place and then added suggestions on information for new board members when elected to help kickstart their development. FRANCISCO shares that it will be shared digitally with those members and also will be available in a binder. The majority of the discussion revolved around Policy # 2365 – the Policy just frames what the AI plan is going to be and the Administrative Team will come up with generating that plan and the AI task force will help to define the roles. FRANCISCO shares that the committee and Board in attendance reviewed our district and board of education goals and came up with benchmarks on how we are going to achieve those goals, so you will see the Board discussing those at meetings throughout the year. The committee also talked about the Parent Dashboard where we will have a link / landing page on the website just for the policies that pertain to parents just for easier access, but they are all policies that we already have in place.

FRANCISCO provides a statement on committee reports… these may have been lengthy and a lot of information tonight, but as you can notice, this is where the bulk of our discussions take place is within our committees. FRANCISCO encourages all of you, and those listening at home to come to our committee things because that is where a lot of discussion takes places for things to get done.

XIV 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.

Mirielle Cameau-Wicks approaches the microphone and offers her condolences to the Norwood family and secondly, appreciates the teachers of the recognition and coming back for service. It goes to show our teachers are dedicated. Ms. Cameau-Wicks has questions about the AI policy—questions on the AI policy in regard to the AI Plan and the Board / public oversight… since many of the details are in the AI plan, will the Board have the opportunity to review it as well as the parents in the community before its implemented? In regard to the student data and privacy portions, what safeguards are put in place to protect the student data, the privacy when they use the platform -- does it collect, retain or use anything? Can the students be identified by their credentials like when they sign in? Third, in regard to our special education and individual learning student needs, how does the AI plan work when it comes to IEPs, 504s and other accommodations? Will there be any kind of barriers – will they have equal access? And lastly, in regard to the cost in the budget of implementing AI… what's the anticipated financial impacted going forward as far as licensing, staff training, technology support… will the teachers be professionally developed or will they do like a "train the trainers" program? Ms. Cameau-Wicks states that she does support AI and thank you for putting a guideline in place for responsibility for teaching the children how to use it properly. Thank you.

Dr. Sasso interjects and responds immediately, sharing that there is a presentation from one of the committees available online in which Mr. Yanuzzelli and Ms. DeGregorio put together that is awesome and addresses some of those questions. Dr. Sasso shares he will work with Dr. Tuohy to address those questions specifically and get those out tomorrow.

Ryan Sobin, President of the OBEA, approaches the microphone for a quick note, stating that Linda Walters, Paraprofessional started in 1992 and actually has 34 years of service and not 14. It is a minor thing, but 20 years is pretty important. Thank you!

The Board thanks Mr. Sobin for the clarification stating that it is not minor at all and is a big difference. Thank you for pointing that out. It is important and valuable.

No one further approaches the microphone.

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."

XV CURRICULUM / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

Name/Position:	Conference/Workshop/Name/ Sponsor/Location:	DATE(s):	COST:
Vincent Sasso, Ed.D. Superintendent Budget Account Number 11-000-230-580-00-TRV	NJALAS Leadership Conference Kean University 1003 Morris Ave. Union, NJ 07083	November 13, 2026	Registration Fee: $200
Magnolia Kortland Guidance Counselor Budget Account Number 11-000-223-104-00-000	NJALAS Leadership Conference Kean University 1003 Morris Ave. Union, NJ 07083	November 13, 2026	Registration Fee: $200

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 Observation Hours for the 2026-2027 school year, effective October 2026 to December 2026:

Name	Child Study Team Member	Schools
Madelyn Sullivan	Marissa Pellichero	Grissom/Salk
Maria Hanna	Christina Gill	Carpenter/Schirra Southwood

3. Move the Board approve the following destinations for job coaching sites for the 2026-2027 school year to provide students with disabilities, who are over the age of 17 and enrolled in the Transition Planning course, with at least weekly structured learning experiences that are either coached by special education teachers who are trained to provide coaching for Work Based Learning or by mentors from the business:

Glenn School	Madison Park Elementary School
OBHS	YMCA, Old Bridge
MJ's Buttonwood Manor, Matawan	Old Bridge Public Library, Old Bridge
Panera Bread, Old Bridge	iPlay America, Freehold
Acme, Old Bridge	Walgreen's, Old Bridge

4. Move the Board approve the following Curriculum Guide: (JT)

DEPARTMENT	COURSE NAME & GRADE
Science	Nutrition Honors, Grade 12

5. 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)

Stacey Villa

6. Move the Board approve professional development for ESL faculty and staff from Furlong Educational Consulting LLC for $600.00. Budget Account # 20-241-200-300-00-000 (CC)

CURRICULUM / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Resolution 1 - 6				
Motion: DUNN		**Second: VENKATESAN**		
Roll Call Vote:		**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	✓		
	Slade, Jay D.	✓		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	✓		
2	Venkatesan, Kiran	✓		
	D'Antuono, Jennifer	✓		
1	Dunn, Richard	✓		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	✓		
	Mazzone, Kristina	✓		
	Francisco, Elena	✓		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		9	0	

XVI POLICY

1. Present for SECOND reading and APPROVAL the following ByLaw/Policy/Reg:

AS PER DISCUSSIONS HELD AT THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2026 @ 6:00 PM, THE FOLLOWING POLICIES / BYLAWS / REGULATIONS ARE BEING PRESENTED FOR SECOND READING AND APPROVAL.	
P 2365	Acceptable Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) (New) *(from Policy Alert 234)*

Discussion is held amongst several members of the Board of Education speaking on AI in general as well as their own personal beliefs and feelings towards the implementation of AI in our schools. Initial comments from VENKATESAN and questions from SLADE. Dr. Tuohy provides further information being that we had our first AI Task Force (formerly the Instructional Council) today. Dr. Tuohy shares that on the district website in the near future, will be under "Parent Resources" the "AI in Old Bridge Public Schools" and everything that we develop as a district will be in that one area of the district website for parents and staff to review. VENKATESAN adds clarification that this is not mandate for every high school class. Per Dr. Tuohy, the ultimate goal is that the kids and the staff are not only able to use AI safely but also provide it with exposure in a way that we are able to teach them how to use this new technology. Further thoughts, comments and discussion from members of the Board including MAZZONE, D'ANTUONO, SLADE, and RICHARDS-PATTERSON. Mr. Weidele offers some clarifying comments on the need for a policy. FRANCISCO adds her comments on the subject matter for discussion. Dr. Sasso concludes the discussion thanking the Board for their great suggestions and discussion as the Board offered many valid points on both sides of the matter. The Board will have a Student Services committee meeting on Tuesday, November 24th in which the AI Task Force will be sharing out new resources and documents. That meeting will serve as an opportunity to see what is going on at the high school as it pertains to our AI usage as well as be able to get feedback from our users.

POLICY – 2nd Reading and Approval **Resolution 1**				
Motion:	**VENKATESAN**	**Second:**		**D'ANTUONO**
Roll Call Vote:		**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
	Mazzone, Kristina		✓	
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	✓		
	Slade, Jay D.	✓		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	✓		
1	Venkatesan, Kiran	✓		
2	D'Antuono, Jennifer	✓		
	Dunn, Richard	✓		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	✓		
	Francisco, Elena	✓		
	RESOLUTIONS PASSED:	8	1	

XVII FINANCE

1. Move the Board approve the following bill lists dated **October 23, 2026**:

Batch #	Amount	Batch #	Amount
1	$2,150,798.04	2	$679,784.10

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

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

4. Move the Board of Education approve the Budget Development Schedule for the 2027-28 Budget **(Attachment B-3)** (DW)

5. Move the Board approve the following out-of-district placements for the 2026-2027 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
9/18	196542	CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	$2,500.00	SECURITY
9/17	196541	CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	$2,125.00	SECURITY
9/18	196543	CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	$5,625.00	SECURITY
9/17	30574	SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL	$32,629.68	SECURITY
9/17	Q084878	ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL	$123.38	TECHNOLOGY
9/17	6B1BV4H	CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	$1,003.43	TECHNOLOGY
8/11	2214726577	THE GODDARD SCHOOL	$429.00	TECHNOLOGY
9/30	681JCYZ	SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL	$3,770.43	TECHNOLOGY

7. Move the Board approve the Termination Settlement Agreement dated October 15, 2026 in reference to the Amended and Restated Power Purchase Agreement between DG Northeast Solar III, LLC by assignment from DG Northeast Solar 21, LLC, formerly known as DG New Jersey Solar II, LLC ("DG") by assignment from Geopeak Energy, LLC, and Old Bridge Township Board of Education ("Old Bridge"), dated May 16th, 2019 with a payment to the board in the amount of $2,586,972.00.

8. Move to approve the following resolution:

   WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit a three-year **Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1** form documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

   WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities, as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Old Bridge Township Public School District, are consistent with these requirements, and

   WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid.

   NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Old Bridge Township Public School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached **Comprehensive Maintenance Plan** for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 and **M-1** form for the Old Bridge Township Public School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements. (On file in the business office) (DW)

9. Move the Board of Education to authorize the submission of the United States Department of Agriculture National School Lunch Program FY 2026 Equipment Assistance Grant for funding intended to assist schools in purchasing equipment for important improvements to the food service program. (DW)

   Schools:

   - James A. McDivitt School
   - Madison Park School
   - William A. Miller School
   - Raymond E. Voorhees School
   - Ellen McDermott Grade Nine Center

10. Move the Board approve a **Shared Services Agreement** Between the Township of Old Bridge and Old Bridge Township Board of Education **for Use of the Department of Works Garage Bays and Equipment** for Board of Education buses and storage space and parking designation areas during the 2026-2027 school year, at a cost of $3,300 per month (no increase) retroactive to July 1, 2026 (on file in the Business Office). (DW).

11. Move the Board of Education approve the following Tuition Contract Agreement between the Old Bridge Board of Education (sending district) and the Monmouth County Vocational School District Board of Education (receiving district) for the attendance of **seven (7) students** to the following educational program for the 2026-2027 school year (On File in the Business Office): (DW)

Program	Annual Tuition per student	Monthly Tuition per student
MAST	$17,100.00	$1,710.00

12. Move the Board approve the First Addendum to Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Old Bridge and the Old Bridge Township Board of Education for Custodial Services for Before and Aftercare Program to reflect the elimination of Leroy Gordon Cooper School and a revised fee schedule effective for the 2026-2027 school year. On file in the Business Office (DW

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

13. Move the financial reports of the School Business Administrator for the month of **AUGUST 2026** be approved.
14. 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 AUGUST 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 - 14				
Motion: RICHARDS-PATTERSON		Second: JODREY		
Roll Call Vote:		Yes	No	Abstain / Pass
	Slade, Jay D.	✓		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	✓		
	Venkatesan, Kiran	✓		
	D'Antuono, Jennifer	✓		
	Dunn, Richard	✓		
2	Jodrey, Marjorie	✓		
	Mazzone, Kristina	✓		
1	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	✓		
	Francisco, Elena	✓		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		9	0	

XVIII ATHLETICS

1. Move the Board approve the employment of the following coaches for the 2026-2027 school year:

		Name	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective
A.	*/**	Brown, Darius	OBHS, Asst Boys Basketball	4/$7,128	11/16/26
B.	**	Hopping, Kimberly	OBHS, Asst Wrestling	4/$7,128	11/16/26
C.	**	LaConti, Roxanne	OBHS, Asst Unified Basketball	$2,326	11/16/26
D.	*/**	Morris, Kerry	OBHS, Asst Cheerleading	4/$7,128	11/16/26
E.	**	Flynn, Tara	OBHS, Asst Boys Winter Track	4/$7,128	11/16/26
F.	**	Borriello, Andrew	OBHS, Asst Boys Winter Track	4/$7,128	11/16/26

*out of district; **new person in position

2. Move the Board accept the resignation of Andrew Borriello, OBHS Assistant Swim Coach effective September 24, 2026.

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

XIX NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – OFFICE

1. Move the Board approve the transfer of the following office personnel effective November 1, 2026:

	NAME	FROM	TO
a.	Tyesha Pagnotta	Central Registration 11-000-251-110-00-152	Grissom School, Secretary 11-000-240-105-09-000
b.	Melissa Johnson	Glenn School, Secretary 11-000-219-105-00-000	Central Registration 11-000-251-110-00-152

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

	Name	Type	Paid	Unpaid
a.	Deliris Ramos	Medical	9/28/26 – 12/20/26	

NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL - OFFICE Resolutions 1 & 2				
Motion: MAZZONE		Second: VENKATESAN		
Roll Call Vote:		Yes	No	Abstain / Pass
2	Venkatesan, Kiran	✓		
	D'Antuono, Jennifer	✓		
	Dunn, Richard	✓		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	✓		
1	Mazzone, Kristina	✓		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	✓		
	Slade, Jay D.	✓		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	✓		
	Francisco, Elena	✓		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		9	0	

XX NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – OPERATIONAL

XXI NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – OTHER

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

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

Ann Vaphides	Madison Park Elementary School	Effective October 1, 2026

3. Move the Board approve transfer of the following Full Time Noon Hour Supervisor:

Dale Delaney	From Southwood to Voorhees	Effective October 14, 2026
Hoda Abdulla	From Miller to Voorhees	Effective October 26, 2026
Vaishali Patel	From Madison Park to Shepard	Effective November 2, 2026

4. Move the Board approve the employment of the following Substitute Noon Hour Supervisors for 2026-2027 School Year:

Hina Naqvi	OBTPS District	Effective 10/14/2026

5. 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.	Jeanine-Maire Reach	McDivitt/RE/ 11-213-100-106-00-000	2/30	22,867	10/19/2026	Yes	No
b.	Laura Aliberti	Schirra/ABA/11-214-100-106-00-000	3/30	22,867	10/28/2026	Yes	No
c.	Ekta Gupta	Southwood/ABA/11-214-106-00-000	4/30	23,253	10/29/2026	Yes	No

6. Move the Board approve the **resignation** of the following Paraprofessional Aide:

	Name	School	Effective
a.	Zankhana Patel	Schirra	10/31/26

7. Move the Board approve the **transfer** of the following Paraprofessional Aides effective 10/26/26.

	Name	From	Program/Budget Code	To	Program/Budget Code	$18 Lunch	LOD
a.	Marilyn Nolan	McDivitt	RE/ 11-213-100-106-00-000	Miller	RE/ 11-213-100-106-00-000	Yes	No

8. Move the Board to approve the following Paraprofessional Aide leave of absence:

	Name	Type	Paid	Unpaid
a.	Patricia Barone	CSMS, Para	12/1/26 - 1/12/27	1/13/27 - 3/1/27
b.	Joanne Ciaccia	Glenn, Para	10/19/26 – 11/16/26	
c.	Regina Natale	Glenn, Para	10/5/26 – 11/13/26 (extend)	
d.	Pari, AnnMarie	Shepard, Para	9/28 – 10/20 (1/2)	10/20 (1/2) – 12/18/26 Amended

NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL - OTHER
Resolutions 1 through 8

Motion: **D'ANTUONO** **Second:** **RICHARDS-PATTERSON**

	Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain / Pass
	Dunn, Richard	✓		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	✓		
	Mazzone, Kristina	✓		
2	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	✓		
	Slade, Jay D.	✓		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	✓		
	Venkatesan, Kiran	✓		
1	D'Antuono, Jennifer	✓		
	Francisco, Elena	✓		
	RESOLUTIONS PASSED:	9	0	

XXII 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.	Diega Amador-Rowe	Glenn, Behaviorist	11/12/26

4. Move the Board approve the following salary adjustments for the 2026-2027 school year. **(Attachment D-2)**
5. Move the Board approve the attached adjustments to the salary schedule regarding re-employment of attached certificated staff for the 2026-2027 school year effective September 1, 2026. **(Attachment D-4)**
6. Move the Board accept the resignation of Nicole Taylor, Esports Coordinator, effective November 25, 2026 for the 2026/2027 winter season.
7. Move the Board revise the previously approved resolution (XXI Certificated Personnel – Resolution #9 – 8/18/2026):

   Move the Board approve the following stipends for the high school extra-curricular positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

Extra-Curricular Position	Name	Effective Dates	Prorated Stipend*
Senior Class Advisor	Nicole Czysz	9/1/26 – 10/31/26	$6,040*
Senior Class Advisor	Brittany Fuentes	11/1/26 – 6/30/27	$6,040*

8. Move the Board approve the employment of **Tricia Barrett, McDivitt Elementary School Principal,** at OBAA Guide Step 9, $162,865, MA+30 stipend $6,000, for the 2026-2027 school year effective January 4, 2027 through June 30, 2027 replacing L. Coletti, retired. (Budget Account 11-000-240-103-11-000)

9. 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 for Emergent Hiring, where necessary. (Including authorization for employment in the Title I, NCLB or IDEA Federal Programs): (KH)

   10 MONTH EMPLOYEES

	NAME	SCHOOL	DEGREE/STEP	SALARY	TENURE
a.	Cole, Jennifer Job ID: 6047 Repl: Lalima Eff: 10/22/26	OBHS, Sped Math 11-213-100-101-00-000 Certificate(s): Standard	BA/Step 10	66,688	10/23/30
b.	Roemer, Lindsay Job ID 6042 Repl: Amador-Rowe Eff: 1/4/27	Glenn, Behaviorist 11-000-219-104-00-072 Certificate(s): Behaviorist	MA/Step 7 + stipend	$66,662 + $2,950	n/a

10. Move the Board **employ** the following **Long Term Substitute teacher(s)** for the 2026-2027 school year and approve submission of an application to the Middlesex County Superintendent of Schools for Authorization for Emergent Hiring, where necessary. (Including authorization for employment in the Title I, NCLB or IDEA Federal Programs): (KH)

	NAME	SCHOOL	DEGREE/STEP	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
A	Griffin (Owens), Brianna Job ID: 6005 Repl: McCartney	Voorhees, Grade 1 11-120-100-101-17-000 Certificate(s): CEAS	BA/Step 1	$55,638	9/1/26 – 5/31/27 (Extend)
B.	Ilaria, Melinda Job ID 6007 Repl: Masone/Perotta/Damico	OBHS, Phys Ed 11-120-100-101-00-060 (eff. 1/4/27) Certificate(s): Standard	MA/Step 6	$64,867	9/1/26 – 3/7/27 (extend & transfer)
C.	Levitt, Allison Job ID 5879 Repl: Altamore/Cali	McDivitt, Grade 3 11-120-100-101-11-000 Certificate(s): CEAS	MA/Step 1	$60,657	9/1/26 – 6/30/27 (extend & transfer)
D.	Jodar, Vanessa Job ID 5824 Repl: Iannone/Float	District/Nurse 11-000-213-100-05-000 Certificate(s): Registered Nurse	RN/Step 10	$62,674	9/1/26 – 6/30/27 (Extend)

11. Move the Board approve/amend the following teaching staff for covering a **6th period** for the 2026-2027 school year:

	LOCATION	REASON	ACCOUNT #	ATTACHMENT
A	OBHS	N.L. Resignation	Home Account	**D-3B**
B	District	Speech	Home Account	**D-3G**
C	OBHS	Adames (Whitney) LOA	Home Account	**D-3H**

12. 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
Megan Riemann	Juliana LoVaglio	JSMS – CE – Elem-K-6 & CE - TOSD
Stephanie Kitchenman	Maurice Crudup	Voorhees – The Limited CE – Elem-K-6
Pam Jung	Jessica Kokoszka	McDivitt- CEAS - K-6 CEAS - TOSD
Carol Addeo	Hailey Colacci-Smarsch	McDivitt - CEAS - Pre-Gr. 3
Rebecca Seiden	Jayna Gugliucci	Madison Park – CE – Elem – K-6

13. Move the Board to approve the following teachers and nurses for the Title I Before-School Program at Memorial, Shepard, Southwood and Madison Park effective December 1, 2026 through March 19, 2027 at an hourly rate of $50.38 per hour for up to 2 hours per week per teacher, 2 hours of staff training, and 5 hours of prep. Lead teachers will work 1 additional hour per week: Total cost not to exceed approximately **$52,143.30** (CC) (**Attachment Schedule D-12**)

14. Move the Board to approve the Title I Before School Teachers to be paid for parent involvement workshops under the Title I ESEA Grant. This cost is not to exceed **$10,000.00** total. (CC) (**Attachment Schedule D-13**).

15. Move the Board to approve the following substitute teachers and nurses for the Title I Before-School Program at Memorial, Shepard, Southwood and Madison Park effective December 1, 2026 through March 19, 2027 at an hourly rate of $50.38 per hour (account #s 20-231-100-101-07-211; 20-231-100-101-10-211; 20 231-100-101-12-211; 20-231-100-101-15-211; 20-231-100-101-16-211). (CC)

Batson-Pasqua, Wendy
Novak, Brooke
Hardish, Danielle
Percheski, Erica
Bruno, Jaclyn
Soffing, Rita
Caramancia, Michelle
Fiore, Lauren

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL **Resolutions 1 -15**				
Motion: DUNN		**Second: JODREY**		
Roll Call Vote:		**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
2	Jodrey, Marjorie	✓		
	Mazzone, Kristina	✓		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	✓		
	Slade, Jay D.	✓		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	✓		
	Venkatesan, Kiran	✓		
	D'Antuono, Jennifer	✓		
1	Dunn, Richard	✓		
	Francisco, Elena	✓		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		9	0	

XXIII NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL TRANSPORTATION

1. Move the Board approve the employment of the following, as Full Time School Bus Aide, effective November 2, 2026, at salary of $22,165.26 (Budget Account No. 90% 11-000-270-107-00-126; 10% 11-000-270-163-00-138).

   Kathleen Stapleton

2. Move the Board **revise** the following resolution that was previously approved at the Agenda Session of October 13, 2026 under XXII NCP-Transportation resolution #1 to reflect a change to the start date:

   Move the Board approve the employment of the following, as Full Time School Bus Aide, effective **November 2, 2026**, at salary of $22,165.26 (Budget Account No. 90% 11-000-270-107-00-126; 10% 11-000-270-163-00-138).

   Trinity Smith

3. Move the Board approve the employment of the following employee as Full Time School Bus Driver, effective, November 2, 2026, at Step 1 salary $38,550. (Budget Account# 90% 11-000-270-160-00-124: 10% 11-000-270-163-00-138).

   Marilyn Rivera

NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – TRANSPORTATION Resolutions 1, 2 & 3				
Motion: MAZZONE		Second: DUNN		
	Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain / Pass
1	Mazzone, Kristina	✓		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	✓		
	Slade, Jay D.	✓		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	✓		
	Venkatesan, Kiran	✓		
	D'Antuono, Jennifer	✓		
2	Dunn, Richard	✓		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	✓		
	Francisco, Elena	✓		
	RESOLUTIONS PASSED:	9	0	

XXIV TRANSPORTATION

1. Move the Board **deduct** Route amounts for the 2026-2027 School Year as per **Attachment E-1.**
2. Move the Board approve the following routes for the 26/27 SY:

ROUTE	SCHOOL	CONTRACTOR	ACTION/AMOUNT	EFFECTIVE
ND27-1	SANDBURG	SCHOOL DAYZ	$287.00/per diem	9/14/26 -1/27/27 84 DAYS
BSPL27-1	OBHS	SCHOOL DAYZ	$298.00/per diem	10/7/26-2/12/27 80 DAYS
SSB27-1	MEMORIAL	SCHOOL DAYZ	$287.00/per diem	10/7/26-2/19/27 84 DAYS
FCDAL27-1	SANDBURG	SHAMROCK	$162.50/per diem + Aide $25+=$187.50	9/14/26 -4/8/27 129 DAYS
ME1206-27-1	MEMORIAL	SHAMROCK	$162.50/per diem + Aide $25+=$187.50	9/14/26 -4/8/27 129 DAYS
EWLR27-1	COLLIER	SHAMROCK	$297.00/per diem + Aide $50.00 =	10/26/26-4/5/27 96 DAYS

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

XXV SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

1. Move the Board approve the professional services agreement submitted by Tokarski + Millemann Architects, LLC under Design Change Order Request 1R to provide Bidding and Construction Administration Services for the Bus Repair Garage at Carl Sandburg Middle School (Project 2640) in the amount of $15,475. (DW)

2. Move the Board approve the professional services proposal submitted by Tokarski + Millemann Architects, LLC to provide services for limited professional services support in reference to a new Ansul Suppression System under the kitchen hood at Jonas Salk Middle School in the amount of $3,000. (DW)

3. Move the Board of Education approve the following professional services agreement(s) for the 2026-2027 school year. Contract(s) on file in the Business Office.

Vendor	Description	Fee
FT Partners LLC, dba Interim Healthcare of South Plainfield	Nursing Services	LPN $64.00 per hour RN $70.00 per hour (KH)
Pyramid Healthcare, Inc.	Home Instruction	$150.00 per day (JT)
Silvergate Prep	Home Instruction	$65.00 per hour (JT)

4. Move the Board of Education approve the disposition by sale, donation or disposal of obsolete equipment: (KH)

Description	Quantity	Model/Serial Number
Delta 12" Radial Arm Saw	1	Delta RA 438-02-2067

5. Move the Board approve the disposition of the following obsolete equipment; all usable parts have been salvaged. (JY)

Item	Make/Model	Quantity	School
Laptops	HP Stream G3	78	OBHS-Main
Printers	HP	9	OBHS-Main
Monitors	HP	17	OBHS-Main
Desktops	HP	12	OBHS-Main
Monitors	HP #1748	8	Sandburg
Desktop	HP #5700, 6200, Z230, 6300	5	Sandburg
Laptops	HP Stream G3	33	Sandburg
Laptops	HP Stream G4	4	Sandburg
Laptops	HP 340 G1	1	Sandburg
iPad	Apple 2	13	Sandburg
iPad	Apple 3	1	Sandburg

6. Move the Board approve the following resolution authorizing the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use on an online auction website as follows:

   WHEREAS, the Old Bridge Township Board of Education (Board) is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

   WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of selling said surplus property in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties.

   NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Old Bridge, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey as follows:

   (1) The sale of surplus property shall be conducted through Auctions International, Inc. pursuant to the New Jersey State Contract (1-NJCP) # 24-GNSV2-103530 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the awarded State Contract from Bid #23DPP00896. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with Auctions International, Inc. is available online at www.auctionsinternational.com

   (2) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is www.auctionsinternational.com

   (3) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2019-15 and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.8.

   (4) A list of the surplus property to be sold is as follows:

Item #	Asset ID #	Vehicle #	Make/Model/Description	VIN #	Mileage
2627-01	26833	Bus # 18	2013 Starcraft / 24 Passenger	1GB3G3BGXC1161138	187,977
2627-02	901971	Bus # 31	2008 IC / 54 Passenger	4DRBUAAP88B642539	143,310
2627-03	901955	Bus # 15	2010 Girardin / 24 Passenger	1GBJG31K191116417	239,738
2627-04	26835	Bus # 21	2014 Chevrolet/Thomas / 24 Passenger	1GB3G3BG4C1192739	189,176
2627-05	901967	Bus # 26	2011 Starcraft / 24 Passenger	1GB6G3AG3A1106901	196,791
2627-06	901966	Bus # 25	2012 GMC Starcraft	1GD9G5AG1A1166983	161,164
2627-07	902013	B&G	2008 Chevrolet Van	1GCGG25C681226557	162,201
2627-08	902014	B&G	2005 Ford Van	1FTNS24L25HA53808	150,417
2627-09	27143	B&G	2006 Ford Van	1FTNS24W46HB39536	245,560
2627-10	902000	B&G	2006 Dodge Pick Up	1D7HW48K265703892	140,094
2627-11		B&G	2004 Chevrolet Van	1GCGG29V941238644	105,497
2627-12	27279	B&G	2006 Chevrolet Pick-Up	1GCEK19B006244830	208,333

   (5) The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.

   (6) The Board reserves the right to accept all apparent winning bids or reject all bids submitted if the Board determines such rejection to be in the public interest.

7. Move the Board of Education approve the following **Broker of Record Agreement for Energy Procurement Advisory Services:**

   This Broker of Record Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between the **Old Bridge Township Board of Education** (the "Client"), located at 4207 Route 516, Matawan, NJ 07747, and **Hyperion Energy Partners LLC** ("Hyperion" or the "Broker"), a New Jersey-based energy management and consulting firm, and shall be effective as of the date last signed below (the "Effective Date").

   RECITALS

   WHEREAS, the Client wishes to conduct ongoing due diligence with respect to its electric and natural gas supply arrangements and to identify opportunities for savings on future contracts; and

   WHEREAS, Hyperion provides advisory, procurement, benchmarking, and ongoing account management services to public sector clients including school districts and municipalities in New Jersey; and

   WHEREAS, the Client wishes to designate Hyperion as its Broker of Record for electric and natural gas supply matters, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below;

   NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth below, the parties agree as follows:

   1. **Designation as Broker of Record.** The Client hereby designates Hyperion Energy Partners LLC as its exclusive Broker of Record for the procurement of electric supply and natural gas supply. This designation authorizes Hyperion to act on the Client's behalf with respect to supplier communications, pricing solicitations, contract negotiations, invoice review, and ongoing account management for the commodities identified above.
   2. **Scope of Services.** Hyperion will provide the following services on an ongoing basis:
      - Market monitoring and periodic benchmarking of the Client's supply rates against prevailing market conditions;
      - Solicitation of indicative pricing from BPU-licensed third-party suppliers for the Client's electric and natural gas accounts;
      - Preparation of analyses comparing the Client's current spend against available third-party pricing, utility tariff rates, and aggregation options;
      - Coordination and administration of competitive procurement events, including electronic reverse auctions conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.6 and 5:34-5.7;
      - Review of supplier contracts and preparation of redline recommendations for Board attorney review;
      - Ongoing invoice audits and market updates throughout the term of any resulting supply agreement.
   3. **Exclusivity.** During the term of this Agreement, Hyperion shall serve as the Client's exclusive Broker of Record with respect to electric supply and natural gas supply only. The Client remains free to engage other advisors, brokers, or consultants for energy-related services outside of these two commodities, including but not limited to solar, energy efficiency projects, demand response, and capital equipment procurement.

4. **Term and Termination.** This Agreement shall remain in effect on an ongoing basis until revoked in writing by either party. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other. Termination shall not affect any existing supply agreements procured under this Agreement, which shall remain in force in accordance with their own terms.
5. **Compensation.** Hyperion's compensation for the services provided under this Agreement shall be paid by the winning energy supplier and built into the supply rate. The Client shall have no direct financial obligation to Hyperion under this Agreement.
6. **No Obligation to Transact.** This Agreement does not obligate the Client to enter into any supply agreement or to accept any pricing presented by Hyperion. All final procurement decisions rest solely with the Client, subject to applicable Board approval processes.
7. **Authorization to Obtain Usage Data.** The Client authorizes Hyperion, and any electronic procurement platform designated by Hyperion (including EMEX, LLC, a division of Mantis Innovation), to obtain the Client's historical usage data, billing information, and account details from the local distribution utility and any incumbent third-party supplier for the purpose of providing the services described herein. All such information shall be treated as confidential and used solely for the purposes of this Agreement.
8. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey. Any disputes arising under this Agreement shall be resolved in the state courts of Middlesex County, New Jersey.
9. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any prior communications, understandings, or agreements. Any amendment or modification must be in writing and signed by both parties.

8. Move the Board approve Change Order # 1 to Capela Construction Inc. for the Pedestrian Bridge Repairs at Old Bridge High School (Project No. 2457) in the amount of $18,701. The change order summary includes additional materials and labor services.

9. Move the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Old Bridge Board of Education has awarded the Pedestrian Bridge Repairs at Old Bridge High School project to Capela Construction Inc. at its Regular Meeting of June 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, during construction on the project by Capela Construction Inc. additional deteriorated steel has been uncovered once the decking was removed; and

WHEREAS, that as a result of these unforeseen conditions, replacement of additional components are required.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approve the withdrawal of $18,701 from the Capital Reserve for **Change Order # 1** of the Pedestrian Bridge Repairs at Old Bridge High School project (Project No. 2457). The Capital Reserve currently holds a sufficient balance for the necessary transfer of funds for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the transfer of sufficient funds from the capital reserve account to pay for the full and complete costs of Change Order # 1 of the Pedestrian Bridge Repairs at Old Bridge High School (OBHS) project in the amount of $18,701.

10. Move the Board of Education record Bids received on **October 27,2026**, **IFB 2627-12 Boiler Repairs & Service** (T&M)

Name	Grand Total Bid
Buist, Inc.	$831,450.00

11. Move the Board reject the one bid received under **IFB 2627-12** as **nonresponsive** under the terms of OBPS bid solicitation **IFB 2627-12** and the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, due to absent, required documents as listed in the instructions to bidders, including but not limited to DPMC certifications.

SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT & SERVICES Resolutions 1 - 11				
Motion: MAZZONE		Second: RICHARDS-PATTERSON		
	Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain / Pass
	Slade, Jay D.	✓		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	✓		
	Venkatesan, Kiran	✓		
	D'Antuono, Jennifer	✓		
	Dunn, Richard	✓		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	✓		
1	Mazzone, Kristina	✓		
2	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	✓		
	Francisco, Elena	✓		
	RESOLUTIONS PASSED:	9	0	

XXVIMISCELLANEOUS

1. Move the Board approve the following meetings:

Date	Type	Location	Time
Tuesday, November 17, 2026	Regular Meeting	O.B.H.S. – Main Cafeteria (Square Section)	7:00 PM

2. Move the fire/security drill dates, evacuation and generator tests for the month of **SEPTEMBER 2026** be recorded:

	Fire Drill Evacuation Time				Security Drill Evacuation Time			
School	Date	Min	Sec	Generator	Date	Min	Sec	Type
Carpenter	9/10	5	11	N/A	9/8	4	53	EVACUATION
Glenn	9/16	--	30	WORKING	9/18	--	22	LOCKDOWN
Grissom	9/16	1	07	N/A	9/4	10	0	TABLE TOP DISCUSSION
McDivitt	8/17 9/8	-- 1	20 30	N/A N/A	8/17 9/8	-- 1	20 30	EVACUATION DRILL EVACUATION DRILL
Madison Park	9/11	2	2	WORKING	9/23	4	--	LOCKDOWN - SHOOTER
Memorial	9/15	5	00	WORKING	9/24	3	30	LOCKDOWN DRILL
Miller	9/10	1	3	N/A	9/23	1	42	SAFE-CORNER
Schirra	9/4	3	--	WORKING	9/8	15	--	TABLETOP DISCUSSION
Shepard	9/9	1	53	N/A	9/4	2	49	LOCKDOWN
Southwood	9/8	1	30	N/A	9/8	4	50	EVACUATION DRILL
Voorhees	9/9	3	41	WORKING	9/11	27	49	EVACUATION
Salk	9/23	2	42	WORKING	9/15	22	19	EVACUATION DRILL
Sandburg	9/9	8	12	WORKING	9/15	16	10	EVACUATION TO LOMBARDI FIELD
OBHS-Main	9/16	4	--	WORKING	9/14	11	--	EVACUATION (NON-FIRE)
OBHS-EMGNC	9/16	4	00	WORKING	9/14	30	--	Non-Emergency SIP & EVACUATION

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

DATE	COMMITTEE / ATTENDEES
9/8/26	**PERSONNEL** ELENA FRANCISCO, KRISTINA MAZZONE, MATT SULIKOWSKI VINCENT SASSO, KATHLEEN HOEKER
09/10/26	**FOOD SERVICES - CANCELLED**
9/22/2026	**STUDENT SERVICES** KRISTINA MAZZONE, ELENA FRANCISCO, BROOKE RICHARDS-PATTERSON, JENNIFER D'ANTUONO, MARJORIE JODREY JAMES TUOHY, VINCENT SASSO, KATHY HOEKER

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

Name	Semester
Angelica Coffey	Fall 2026 Semester
Emily Stein	Fall 2026 Semester
David Sweitzer	Fall 2026 Semester
Gretchen Polst	Fall 2026 Semester
Navleen Virdi	Fall 2026 Semester
Lucas Miraglia	Fall 2026 Semester
Emily Fiorenze	Fall 2026 Semester
Giuliana Magliocco	Fall 2026 Semester
Elizabeth Reynolds	Fall 2026 Semester
Mackenzie Boe	Fall 2026 Semester
Savannah Martinez	Fall 2026 Semester
Kyra Mc Henry	Fall 2026 Semester
Kayla White	Fall 2026 Semester
Kimberly Machado	Fall 2026 Semester
Jessica Grasso-Finochio	Fall 2026 Semester

5. Move the Board approve the 2025/2026 New Jersey Department of Education School Self-Assessment Reports for determining grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights to be submitted to the NJDOE. (Attachment) (VS)

6. Move the Board approve the affiliation agreement with Seton Hall University to allow their athletic training students to student-teach and gain practical experience alongside our athletic trainers during the school day and at after-school athletic events (**On file in the Athletic Director's Office**) DD.

7. Move the Board of Education approve the **School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance** (VS/dk).

8. Move the Board of Education approve the **Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials** as an expression of our mutual concern and commitment to students, and to the level of cooperation and understanding described in the Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year. (VS/DK) (Copy of file in the Superintendent's office).

9. Move the Board acknowledge the 2026-2027 Nursing Services Plan on file in the Assistant Superintendent's office.

10. Move the Board approve the following local business advertising on school property at Lombardi Field for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with Policy 6163:

SETS Hybrid Training Old Bridge	

11. Move the Board of Education approve the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist submissions for the 2026-2027 school year. The submissions are due to the County by November 15, 2026. The submission for each school building will be held on file in the Business Office. (DW)

12. Move that the Board of Education approve Rutgers University as the venue for the **Old Bridge High School Class of 2027 graduation ceremony**, scheduled for June 21, 2027, pending contract review and approval.

13. Move that the Board of Education approve Brookdale Community College as the venue for the **2027 middle school graduation ceremony,** scheduled for June 14, 2027, pending contract review and approval.

MISCELLANEOUS **Resolutions 1 through 13**				
Motion: MAZZONE		**Second: RICHARDS-PATTERSON**		
Roll Call Vote:		**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
	Sulikowski, Matthew	✓		
	Venkatesan, Kiran	✓		
	D'Antuono, Jennifer	✓		
	Dunn, Richard	✓		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	✓		
1	Mazzone, Kristina	✓		
2	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	✓		
	Slade, Jay D.	✓		
	Francisco, Elena	✓		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		9	0	

XXVII BOARD SECRETARY AND BOARD BUSINESS

1. Move the Board **approve** the electronic submission of the **District Performance Review (DPR)** documents associated with the New Jersey **Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) for** the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 due no later November 15, 2026. (DW) (On file in the Business Office and uploaded to district website).

BOARD SECRETARY AND BOARD BUSINESS **Resolution 1**				
Motion: D'ANTUONO		**Second: MAZZONE**		
Roll Call Vote:		**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
	Venkatesan, Kiran	✓		
1	D'Antuono, Jennifer	✓		
	Dunn, Richard	✓		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	✓		
2	Mazzone, Kristina	✓		
	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	✓		
	Slade, Jay D.	✓		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	✓		
	Francisco, Elena	✓		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:		9	0	

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 first wants to say Happy Halloween to all of our students! Secondly, as this is the last week before elections, MAZZONE wishes her fellow candidates running "good luck" and all the other candidates running good luck next week. MAZZONE shares that SEPTA paired up with Sets of Old Bridge and lululemon for a huge, high intensity workout fundraiser. It will be happening on December 6th, 2026, from 8:00 to 11:00 am at the Fields Sports Complex in East Brunswick. All proceeds will be going to the Special Education PTA. MAZZONE will be there to support! Also, all SEPTA grants were completed district wide; all programs totaling over $6,000. Thank you to SEPTA for that! SEPTA's November meeting has been moved to November 23rd to accommodate all the teachers and parents. Once again, thank you to SEPTA for all that they do … all the give backs and what you do for the community. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to them directly.

JODREY wishes to congratulate the Old Bridge High School Marching Knights who were the NJMBDA Class I State Champions, scoring an 87! Congratulations to their director, Laura Nee as well as the Assistant Band Director and Band Staff. Great job! JODREY shares that they have consistently been doing amazing work and showing up at every competition that they have been in so congratulations to them!

VENKATESAN shares a good luck message to his fellow Board members who are re-running as well as to the others in the town who have stood up to the challenge and are running in this election… best of luck! VENKATESAN shares a reminder to please review all the candidates' information about themselves or reach out to each candidate to ask questions… it is not too late. Beyond that, VENKATESAN wishes everyone a Happy Halloween coming this Saturday… a full day holiday to celebrate and many schools have events planned as well in which VENKATESAN is looking forward to it. VENKATESAN also shares that Diwali is upcoming on November 8th, which is the Festival of Lights and like the New Year for the community, so he wishes everyone in the community a Happy Diwali! This year, Diwali falls on Sunday this year and this is why there is no accommodation for it but VENKATESAN has been talking to Dr. Sasso and also has been working with fellow Board members to see what we can do for the following years. VENKATESAN has also been reaching out to his fellow community members as many out there still have the questions of paying their dues (their taxes). VENKATESAN has been preparing some kind of content which he will be reviewing with Mr. Weidele to make sure the content is appropriate and right to share out with everyone. This will allow VENKATESAN to share out some data and he is happy to share with all the Board members obviously on what is shared out to the community.

MAZZONE also adds a congratulations to our Varsity Football team on advancing to the playoffs! Their first playoff home game is this Friday! So if you can make it, please come!

SLADE shares that through the Education Foundation, district shirts went out Friday, so everybody who ordered district shirts, you should have them at your schools. Typically, what happens is that when people start seeing the shirts distributed, they then want them and what to know where they can get access to ordering them. SLADE shares that on November 2nd, the OBEF will be re-opening up the online store. So if you see the district shirts and you like they way they look on your colleagues, November 2nd the online store is going to re-open to purchase them. Thank you! SLADE poses the question to Dr. Sasso if the shirts will be worn on a specific day. Dr. Sasso clarifies that not only are we going to encourage staff to wear those shirts on a specific day to support the OBEF who in turn support our teachers and staff, Mr. Boriello and the wood shop class who do amazing work have at work making some idols in support of our Survivor theme this year. Those idols are ready to start popping up at some of our schools with our shirts and there are going to be some good prizes if you find an idol! So just some more incentive to support the Foundation which obviously supports our staff.

JODREY adds that the shirts are only going to be on sale for 11 days – closing at 11:59 pm on November 13th so make sure if you want a shirt or hoodie, please order before then!

Dr. Hoeker mentions that having a shirt might help you find an idol!

D'ANTUONO jokingly adds if any real estate agent wants to make donations to the district with the great commercial that Dr. Sasso did with his Superintendent's Report as she could see the prices of houses going up because he reported amazing things that all of our schools are doing. Now every real estate agent can now use that speech for why move to Old Bridge…. At a cost… donations come to the district 😊

VENKATESAN shares that some of his community members visited the Township to have a collaborative session to answer some of the community members questions and some of those tax related questions and topics came up there. VENKATESAN explains that the other interesting thing to share is the collaboration that Dr. Sasso and the administration has already established with the Township, as he now heard from them, in the reverse way, the number of steps that we have taken and one of them is how to participate in the PILOT programs and how to get some revenue into the district. VENKATESAN shares there is progress being made. Some of them are visible right now like the upcoming energy payments and savings, but it is not always simple. There are a lot of efforts going in and there is more work being put up on by this Board and Administration equally. Progress is incremental, we all have the same challenges, but VENKATESAN just wanted to share.

MAZZONE shares one last thing on her behalf, that if anyone is looking for a holiday picture this year, the Old Bridge High School Class of 2029 is hosting a holiday card photo op on Saturday, November 14th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Old Bridge High School Media Center. It is $50 per appointment, and you will get one to three photos per session with a beautiful custom backdrop. If anyone has any questions or wants to reserve their spot, please contact Mrs. Erin Boriello and you can sign up on their Zeffy account.

FRANCISCO reminds the public to please take note that the Board only has one meeting in November and it will be on November 17th. FRANCISCO shares that the Board did just spent the last few days last week down in Atlantic City for the New Jersey School Boards Convention. FRANCISCO knows that some of the Board members already talked about some the classes that they took and some of the time we spent together. FRANCISCO wants to let the community know that we are out there, and always trying to learn – going down there in hopes of bringing something back that is going to benefit our students, our staff, our district as a whole… we had a nice time and learned quite a few things while we were there.

FRANCISCO also wants to point at that in the Schedules & Attachments for this evening (available online as well) is our 2027-2028 budget development calendar. FRANCISCO believes that this just shows how much work is being done on this budget throughout the entire year. It was a push as a Board that we wanted to make sure we were having those discussions and involving the community as much as possible. FRANCISCO shares that there are five finance meetings before we approve the budget. We had one and the next one is on December 1st, so FRANCISCO encourages everyone to please come to these committee meetings because that is where the bulk of our discussion takes place.

FRANCISCO shares that she got to come out to the high school this afternoon to see student, Kareem Samra's completed Eagle Scout Project, in which he dedicated to Mr. Joel Goodman, a former teacher at OBHS. The project honored Mr. Goodman and creating a beautiful area outside with benches and weather instruments and a beautiful reminder that our loved ones are always with us even if they are not here anymore. It was a beautiful moment today and FRANCISCO is appreciative to have been there today.

RICHARDS-PATTERSON wishes a Happy Halloween to everyone and a Happy Diwali as well. Also, RICHARDS-PATTERSON thanks the high school for inviting us to the Homecoming. It was phenomenal! It brought you down memory lane with its Candyland theme! It was gorgeous and RICHARDS-PATTERSON thanks the faculty for all they do because it is a long day and then when you come in, the energy is heightened… it is a lot especially probably coming to work the next day. So, thank you for that for our kids! RICHARDS-PATTERSON also gives a shoutout to Mr. Weidele for showing us a phenomenal time in Atlantic City, especially as a new board member. It was like they rolled out the red carpet for us… it was really special and RICHARDS-PATTERSON had a great time. RICHARDS-PATTERSON shares that she learned a lot and took a lot of great classes and enjoyed interacting with our Admin team and our Board members. On that note, see you all next month!

FRANCISCO gives a thank you to all for sticking with us through this meeting. We made it. Thank you for staying and being here. We are super appreciative. Happy Halloween! Have a wonderful night. Get home safe and stay safe this weekend trick or treating out there.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION (not applicable)

ADJOURNMENT:

❑ **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT** **Time: 9:10 PM**

Motion:	**MAZZONE**	**Second:**	**RICHARDS-PATTERSON**	
		YES	NO	
	D'Antuono, Jennifer	✓		
	Dunn, Richard	✓		
	Jodrey, Marjorie	✓		
1	Mazzone, Kristina	✓		
2	Richards-Patterson, Brooke	✓		
	Slade, Jay D.	✓		
	Sulikowski, Matthew	✓		
	Venkatesan, Kiran	✓		
	Francisco, Elena	✓		

Respectfully submitted,

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School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

Certified as to legality only
Chris Parton, Esq.