MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Hanover Park Regional High School District, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, was held at the Hanover Park Regional High School District, 75 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Donna Anello-Feldman, Keith Cortright, Deborah Davis, Tim Donohue, Michael Filippone, Michael Lomio, Brian Perillo, Michael Pombo

ABSENT: John Miscia

ALSO
PRESENT: Mrs. Maria Carrell, Superintendent
Mr. William F. Albert, Jr., Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mrs. Noemi V. Cartaño Schlecht, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Jaclyn Morgese, Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Perillo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

IV. SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests in, discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, due notice of this meeting was sent to the Morris County Daily Record, the Madison / Florham Park / Hanover Eagle and the town clerks of the constituent districts as well as posted on the District's website and at the Board of Education Building on the Friday immediately preceding the meeting.

V. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Liana LaValle – Hanover Park High School
Andrew S. Grosso – Whippany Park High School

VI. PRESENTATION(S)

Noemi Schlecht, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment will present on New Jersey State Standardized Testing Spring 2026 results.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

In accordance with Board of Education Bylaw 0167 - Public Participation in Board meetings, for the Board to conduct its meetings properly and efficiently, the Board shall require the following procedures pertaining to public participation at Board meetings:

Mr. Mercadante asked what grades were tests given to graduate four years ago.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTE(S):

Motioned by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Pombo, that the Board approve the following minutes:

September 9, 2026

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 1 absent, 2 abstain (Donna Anello-Feldman, Michael Filippone)

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Buildings, Grounds and Transportation – M. Pombo, Chairperson; M. Filippone, J. Miscia

The Buildings & Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

The Committee reviewed the field designs and quotes presented by FieldTurf. The Committee approved the designs for both Hanover Park High School and Whippany Park High School as presented.

The anticipated construction schedule will allow the district to maintain access to one field while the other is under construction. Work on the Hanover Park field is expected to begin in mid- to late November, while work on the Whippany Park field is anticipated to begin after graduation in June. Both tracks will be completed following graduation, as the installation process is temperature dependent.

A significant portion of the discussion focused on the type of infill to be utilized on the fields, particularly concerns regarding the buoyancy of certain products. After reviewing the options, the Committee decided not to move forward with cork or TrueBlend due to concerns related to buoyancy. The Committee discussed ambient rubber, cryogenic rubber, and CoolPlay as a potential top coat over ambient rubber. Ultimately, the Committee agreed to move forward with cryogenic rubber infill for both schools.

The district is also exploring opportunities to enhance the appearance of the front of Hanover Park High School along Mount Pleasant Avenue. The district will determine the costs to pursue the necessary permits through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to allow for plantings and beautification efforts along the roadway.

The Committee also discussed continued flooding concerns in the area behind the Hanover Park High School swale. Although the swale mitigation project has been completed, the Commons area continues to experience flooding.

The first step will be to have the existing pipes blown out to determine whether blockages or other issues are contributing to the flooding. If this does not resolve the issue, the district will conduct an assessment of the flood elevations to better understand the drainage patterns and determine appropriate next steps.

In addition, the Florham Park Environmental Commission recently contacted the district regarding potential assistance with the Hanover Park swale. The Commission has funding available that may be used to support environmental improvements in the area.

The district will follow up with the Florham Park Environmental Commission to determine what assistance or additional improvements may be possible further down the swale.

Overall, the Committee continues to focus on maintaining and improving our athletic facilities, addressing drainage and flooding concerns, and identifying opportunities to enhance the appearance and functionality of our school grounds.

B. Curriculum – K. Cortright, Chairperson; D. Anello-Feldman, D. Davis

Mr. Cortright noted there was nothing to report.

C. Finance – M. Lomio, Chairperson; D Davis, T. Donohue

Mr. Lomio noted the Committee had not met and there was nothing to report.

D. Negotiations – D. Davis, Chairperson; D. Anello-Feldman, M. Pombo

Mrs. Davis noted there was nothing to report.

E. Personnel – D. Anello-Feldman, Chairperson; K. Cortright, M. Filippone

Mr. Cortright noted there was nothing to report.

F. Policy – J. Miscia, Chairperson; M. Lomio, M. Pombo

Mr. Lomio noted there was nothing to report.

G. Public Relations – M. Filippone, Chairperson; K. Cortright, M. Pombo

This past month has been a wonderful opportunity to welcome our families into our schools and showcase all that the Hanover Park Regional High School District has to offer.

We recently held Back-to-School Nights at both Hanover Park High School and Whippany Park High School, giving parents and guardians the opportunity to learn more about their students' academic experiences, meet their teachers, and better understand the many opportunities available throughout the school year.

We also welcomed our middle school families to our High School Open House events. These evenings provided families with an overview of our high school programs and helped them begin to understand the many pathways available to our students. Families learned about our Advanced Placement and dual-credit opportunities, comprehensive curriculum offerings, extracurricular activities, and athletic programs.

These events are an excellent reminder of one of the greatest benefits of attending a comprehensive high school. Our students have access to a wide range of opportunities that allow them to explore their interests, challenge themselves academically, develop their talents, build relationships, and find meaningful ways to become involved in their school community.

Whether a student is interested in advanced academics, career and technical education, athletics, the arts, clubs and activities, or a combination of these experiences, our schools provide opportunities for students to discover their passions and develop as whole students.

We are grateful to our teachers, administrators, coaches, advisors, and staff who continue to create these opportunities and make our schools such vibrant and welcoming communities for students and families.

H. Student Affairs – T. Donohue, Chairperson; M. Lomio, J. Miscia

Mr. Donohue noted the Committee did not meet.

X. ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel

27.198. Administrative Leave

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the unpaid leave of absence for Debra Sylvestro, District Bus Driver, effective September 18, 2026 through November 30, 2026.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.199. Rescind 2026-2027 Whippany Park Groundsman Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board rescind the appointment of Joseph McNally as Hanover Park Groundsman effective September 23, 2026.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.200. 2026-2027 District Bus Driver Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Francesco Peluso as 2026-2027 District Bus Driver at Step 2 (2026-2027 Guide = $43.85/hr.) effective on or about October 16, 2026 through June 30, 2027. This appointment is pending successful completion of the background check and receipt of criminal history clearance.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.201. 2026-2027 Leave Replacement Teacher Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Thomas Nichols III as Leave Replacement Whippany Park Health & Physical Education Teacher effective on or about January 6, 2027 through on or about May 3, 2027. Compensation for this appointment will be BA Step 2 (2026-2027 Guide = $62,294.00) prorated. This appointment is pending successful completion of the background check and receipt of criminal history clearance.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.202. Rescind 2026-2027 Extra-Pay Co-Curricular Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board rescind the appointment of Michael Dougherty as Whippany Park Assistant Drama effective September 14, 2026.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.203. 2026-2027 Extra-Pay Co-Curricular and Winter Athletic Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the following 2026-2027 Extra-Pay Co-Curricular and Winter Athletic appointments (2026-2027 Guide). These appointments are subject to receipt of CPR/AED/First Aid certification as outlined in N.J.S.I.A.A. and pending approved certification, successful completion of the background check and receipt of criminal history clearance.

Lucius Patti	Whippany Park Assistant Drama	Step 1
Lucius Patti	District Assistant Swim	Step 1

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.204. Medical Leave of Absences

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the request of Daniel Gregory, Hanover Park English Teacher, for a medical leave of absence effective on or about December 1, 2026 through on or about January 10, 2027. This absence will run concurrently with FMLA and his accumulated sick days.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the request of Lauren VanDerhoef, Hanover Park English Teacher, for a medical leave of absence effective on or about October 21, 2026 through on or about December 15, 2026. This absence will run concurrently with FMLA and her accumulated sick days

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.205. Maternity/Child Rearing Leave of Absence

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the request of Rachel Maggioncalda, Hanover Park Social Studies Teacher, for a maternity/child rearing leave of absence to begin on or about March 22, 2027 through on or about October 15, 2027. Ms. Maggioncalda plans to use 40 accumulated sick days during this leave. It is anticipated that Ms. Maggioncalda will return to her teaching position effective October 18, 2027.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.206. Maternity/Child Rearing Leave of Absence Extension

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the request of Tara Setzer, Hanover Park Special Education Teacher, to extend her previously approved maternity/child rearing leave of absence to begin May 4, 2026 through on or about November 22, 2026. It is anticipated that Ms. Setzer will return to her teaching position effective November 23, 2026.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.207. 2026-2027 6th Period Assignments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve to extend 6th period assignments for the following teachers effective September 1, 2026 through on or about November 20, 2026. Per diem compensation is based on the 2026-2027 salary guide and will be paid upon voucher submission:

Michele DeFillippes	$ 88.53
Brian Evans	$130.38
Amanda Hinton	$ 84.64
Rob Lenox	$117.84
Kim Wood	$136.83

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve 6th period assignments for the following teachers effective on or about October 21, 2026 through on or about December 15, 2026. Per diem compensation is based on the 2026-2027 salary guide and will be paid upon voucher submission:

Kate Daidone	$136.83
Colleen Doman	$141.72
Nicole Fluellen	$118.27
Stephanie Keat	$137.77
Joseph Lunetta	$130.19

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.208. Settlement Agreement – Attachment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the Settlement Agreement for Employee No. 4104.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.209. 2026-2027 Substitute Teachers

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Kathleen Mulligan and David Reich as 2026-2027 Substitute Teachers.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.210. 2026-2027 Volunteers

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the following 2026-2027 Volunteers:

Tier I	Tier II
Josh Makowski	Michael Dougherty

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.211. 2026 Fall Drama Assistants

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the following individuals as assistants for the 2026 Hanover Park and Whippany Park Fall Dramas. The cost of these individuals will be paid out of the high schools' proceeds from the Fall Dramas. There will be no cost to the district.

Non-Faculty	
Tom Corea	$ 500.00
Michael Dougherty	$2,500.00
Perrin Limey	$2,500.00
Brian Uychich/The Other Members Entertainment LLC	$3,000.00

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.212. Spring 2027 Unified Sports Positions

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board appoint the following personnel to the Unified Sports Positions for the Spring 2027 season. All positions will be covered through a grant sponsored by the Special Olympics of New Jersey:

Unified School Coordinator	
Stacey Stochel - $2,500.00	District
Unified School Club Advisors	
Gia Lomio - $579.62	Hanover Park
Tara Setzer - $420.38	Hanover Park – *prorated November 23-June 21, 2027*
Elissa Piegaro - $1,000.00	Whippany Park
Unified Coaches	
Gia Lomio - $1,000.00	Hanover Park
Tara Setzer - $1,000.00	Hanover Park
Beth Molinaro - $1,000.00	Whippany Park
Kimberly Senius - $1,000.00	Whippany Park

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.213. Revised 2026-2027 Rates of Pay – Attachment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the revised 2026-2027 Rates of Pay.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.214. 2026-2027 Volunteer Club Advisor

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Amanda Stasyshyn as the Whippany Park Healthcare Visionaries Club Volunteer Advisor.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.215. 2026-2027 Individual District Athletic Site Supervisors

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Matthew D'Antuono and Ricky Gathen as Individual District Athletic Site Supervisors for the 2026-2027 school year.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.216. 2026-2027 Ticket Manager, Announcers and Score Board/Clock Operators

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the following individuals to the 2026-2027 positions as listed below:

Ticket Manager

Matthew D'Antuono

Announcers and Score Board/Clock Operators

Fox Beyer	Ricky Gathen
Matthew D'Antuono	Jason Langer

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

B. Curriculum and Instruction

27.217. Individual Instruction

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Student No. 7280435 to begin home instruction effective September 25, 2026 with the anticipated end date of January 8, 2027.

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Student No. 5291935 to begin home instruction effective October 15, 2026 with the anticipated end date of October 23, 2026.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.218. Feeding Therapy Services

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Student No. 1280025 to receive feeding therapy services at The Midland School, from HMS Associates, in Florham Park, NJ. Services will be provided at the rate of $120.00 per session for 10 sessions in the total amount of $1,200.00 effective August 31, 2026 through April 20, 2027.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.219. Articulation Visits

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve middle school teachers and administrators from Florham Park Ridgedale Middle School, East Hanover Middle School, and Hanover Township Memorial Junior Middle School to perform classroom articulation visits at Hanover Park and Whippany Park during the 2026-2027 school year.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.220. Guest Speakers

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Whippany Park graduates David Farrell, cadet at the Naval Academy, and Jaycen Burke, cadet at West Point, to speak to interested Whippany Park students during the month of November 2026 about the process for applying to the United States Naval Academy and West Point.

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Brian Kenney, Assistant Deputy Public Defender, to speak to Hanover Park Mock Trial Club from November 2026 through February 2027 on questioning techniques and trial strategies.

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Liam Fitzgerald, a Senior Accountant from Nisivoccia, LLP, to speak to Whippany Park Accounting and CLEP Accounting classes during the month November 2026 about career awareness, exploration, preparation and training.

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Katie Rinaldi, Florham Park School Psychologist, to speak to Hanover Park student volunteers for the RISE program during the month of October 2026.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

C. Policy

27.221. Field Trip/Structured Learning Destinations

Motioned by Mr. Pombo, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:5.8 the Board of Education approve the following field trip/structured learning destinations:

Aunt Lullie's – Garwood, NJ
C&J's Deli – Madison, NJ
Esquire Barber Shop – Madison, NJ
Gencarelli's Bakery & Italian Market – Wayne, NJ
Stage Door Delicatessen/Pizzeria – New York, NY
Stony Hill Farm – Chester, NJ
Sussex County Fairgrounds – Augusta, NJ
Tacoria Restaurant – Morristown, NJ

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.222. Authorization of Travel

Motioned by Mr. Pombo, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1, the Board of Education approve the proposed travel and attendance of board members and/or staff members at the conferences, workshops, meetings etc. as detailed below.

Attendance at the specified functions promotes delivery of instruction or furthers efficient operation of the school district and is fiscally prudent. Unless indicated, travel and related expenses for the specified functions is expected to adhere to state guidelines established in Circular A-87 of the New Jersey Office of Management and Budget. Where travel and related expenses for the indicated function is expected to exceed state travel guidelines, the Board finds the specified travel and related expenses to be both necessary and unavoidable.

Travel and related expenses for employees have been approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

Staff Member	Activity	Cost	Date
Larry Bissett	Maximize Success for Geometry Students	$ 295.00	November 12, 2026
Adrianna Ferreira	Science Standards vs. Engineering Standards	$ 200.00	December 18, 2026
Thomas Fields	Brain Storm Educational Tech. Conf.-PA	$1,039.00	November 15-17, 2026
Kristen Hogan	Accelerate Progress for Students with IEP'S	$ 295.00	December 14, 2026
Karen Holeczko	CIA Professional Day-NY	$ 0.00	November 3, 2026
Chris Kelly	NJPSA Fall Conference	$ 705.00	October 15-16, 2026
Kathryn Margerison	Science Standards vs. Engineering Standards	$ 200.00	December 18, 2026
Lisa Marino	NJSSNA Conference 2027	$ 249.00	February 6, 2027
Lauren Pannucci	AP Spanish	$ 185.00	November 12, 2026
Pete Sciaino	Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic-IL	$ 0.00	December 15-18, 2026
Manuela Silva	NJ Science Convention	$ 240.00	October 20, 2026
Christine Talarico	AP French Language & Culture	$ 175.00	October 20, 2026
Marc Tuminaro	NJ Science Convention	$ 240.00	October 21, 2026

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

D. Student Affairs

27.223. NFHS School Broadcast Program Renewal - Attachment

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve the district to renew the NFHS School Broadcast Program - Special Pixellot Term Renewal Agreement.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.224. 2026-2027 Establishment of a Christian Music and Fellowship Club at Hanover Park

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve the establishment of a Christian Music and Fellowship Club at Hanover Park High School. The purpose of a Christian Music and Fellowship Club aims to provide a collaborative space for students interested in live music performance, audio production, and leadership. By forming an organized student ensemble, members will develop musical skills, build community, contribute to the school environment through acoustic sets and organized performances. Jamie Ott, Hanover Park Business Education Teacher, has agreed to serve as the volunteer advisor.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.225. Hanover Independence and Vocational Education (HIVE) Program Holiday Craft Vendor Sale

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve for the Hanover Independence and Vocational Education (HIVE) Program to host a Holiday Craft Vendor Sale during the month of December 2026 at Hanover Park High School. Members of the public will be invited to purchase holiday crafts made by the HIVE students and outside vendors. All proceeds will be deposited into the student activities account for future programmatic use.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.226. Hanover Park Choir Recruitment

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve students from the Ridgedale Middle School Choir Program in Florham Park to visit Hanover Park High School during the month of October 2026. The purpose of this visit will be for articulation, peer-to-peer learning, and recruitment efforts.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.227. Whippany Park Annual Veteran's Day Luncheon

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve the Whippany Park Annual Veterans' Day Luncheon during the month of November 2026 in the Whippany Park Library. The event will be facilitated by Alexandria Hill, Whippany Park Social Studies Teacher. The following veterans have been invited to speak at the event:

Kevin Braine	Daniel Holowienka
James Carlson-Zyats	Connor Olhsson
Tom Fields	Patrick Thompson
Kristine Gurcan	Shannon Ziccarello

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.228. Whippany Park Blood Drive

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve a blood drive sponsored by the Whippany Park Healthcare Visionaries Club. The blood drive will take place during the month of November 2026 and will be run by the New York Blood Bank.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.229. Hanover Park and Whippany Park Haunted Houses

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve Haunted Houses by the Class of 2027 at Hanover Park and Whippany Park High Schools during the month of October 2026.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.230. Atlantic Health Sexual Assault Prevention Services

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve Atlantic Health's Sexual Assault Prevention Services to provide interactive prevention education presentations to all 11th and 12th grade health classes at Hanover Park High School and Whippany Park High School during the months of November 2026 through January 2027. As this is part of the district's wellness initiative, there is no cost to the district. The presentations will address consent, age of consent, sexual violence, identifying trusted adults and resources, and online safety. Families will be notified in advance and given the opportunity to opt their child out of the presentations.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.231. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Fall Leadership Conference

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve one Hanover Park student from Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) for a trip to the National Fall Leadership Conference held in Washington, DC from November 5, 2026 through November 7, 2026. An overnight stay is required. The FBLA member will hear a keynote speaker, take part in workshops on business strategies, career planning, communication, and leadership, and meet other students, business professionals, and university representatives. Faculty Advisor, Jamie Ott, will accompany the student. The student's conference registration, travel and lodging fees will be paid for through the NJ FBLA State Office. The cost of chaperone registration and travel will be paid for by the district's FBLA chapters and the district will pay for chaperone lodging. Transportation to/from the train will be done on an individual basis.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.232. New Jersey Consumer Bowl Participation

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve business education students to participate in the 2026 New Jersey High School Consumer Bowl competitions. With the participation, the district also gives permission to the Department of Law and Public Safety along with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs to utilize the name of the school district and high schools for purposes of publicizing this event.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.233. Beast of the East Wrestling Tournament

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve participation of the Hanover Park Wrestling Team in the annual Beast of the East National Wrestling tournament scheduled for December 19, 2026 through December 20, 2026 at the University of Delaware. An overnight stay is required. Coaches Tyler Branham, Anthony Olivieri, James LaValle, and Kevin Braine will accompany the team. The tournament entry fee will be paid for through the Hanover Park athletic budget and lodging will be paid for by the Hanover Park Wrestling Booster Club. Alternate transportation forms will be filled out in advance for alternate transportation to and from the event.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.234. Girls Beast of the East Wrestling Tournament

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve participation of one Hanover Park wrestler in the Girls Beast of the East National Wrestling tournament scheduled for December 17, 2026 through December 18, 2026 at the University of Delaware. An overnight stay is required. Coaches Tyler Branham, Anthony Olivieri, James LaValle, and Kevin Braine will accompany the wrestler. The tournament entry fee will be paid for through the Hanover Park athletic budget and lodging will be paid for by the Hanover Park Wrestling Booster Club. An alternate transportation form will be filled out in advance for alternate transportation to and from the event.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.235. Escape the Rock Wrestling Tournament

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve participation of the Hanover Park Wrestling Team in the Escape the Rock Tournament scheduled for January 16, 2027 through January 17, 2027 in Holland, PA. An overnight stay is required. Coaches Tyler Branham, Anthony Olivieri, James LaValle, and Kevin Braine will accompany the team. The tournament entry fee will be paid for through the Hanover Park athletic budget and lodging will be paid for by the Wrestling Booster Club. Alternate transportation forms will be filled out in advance for alternate transportation to and from the event.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.236. State Wrestling Tournament

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve participation of Hanover Park and Whippany Park wrestlers who qualify for the State Wrestling Tournament scheduled for February 25, 2027 through February 27, 2027 in Atlantic City, NJ. A three night overnight stay is required in Atlantic City, NJ. Coaches Tyler Branham, Anthony Olivieri, James LaValle, Kevin Braine, Devon Engelberger, Andrew Flanagan and Adam Jacoby will accompany the teams. The tournament entry fees and lodging will be paid for through the Hanover Park and Whippany Park athletic budgets. Alternate transportation forms will be filled out in advance for alternate transportation to and from the event.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

E. Buildings, Grounds and Transportation

27.237. Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M1 – Attachment

The Department of Education requires New Jersey school districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities. Motioned by Mr. Pombo, seconded by Mr. Filippone, that the Board of Education approve the submission of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the years, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and M1.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.238. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2, Motioned by Mr. Pombo, seconded by Mr. Filippone, that the Board approve that the District conducted School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drills on September 23, 2026 at

Hanover Park High School on Route Numbers H001-H017, S103, VT2 and on September 24, 2026 at Whippany Park High School on Route Numbers W001-W009, VT1, OOD1.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

F. Finance

27.239. Report of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary – Attachment

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that it be resolved, that the Board of Education of the Hanover Park Regional High School District accept the Board Secretary Report pursuant to 18A:17-9 for the period ending and investments made during the month of August 31, 2026. Further, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 the Board of Education certifies that as of August 31, 2026, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriate section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I certify that as of August 31, 2026 no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.240. Report of the Treasurer – Attachment

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board accept the Report of the Treasurer submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36 for the period ending of August 31, 2026.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.241. Payment of Invoices

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that it be resolved that the Board of Education of the Hanover Park Regional High School District authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay bills and claims from September 5, 2026 through October 9, 2026.

Payroll:	9/15/2026:	$1,064,666.97
FICA:	9/15/2026:	$75,740.16
DCRP:	9/15/2026:	$176.21
Payroll:	9/30/2026:	$1,015,502.47
FICA:	9/30/2026:	$72,019.49
DCRP:	9/15/2026:	$176.21
Medical:	9/2026:	$661,938.89
Dental:	9/2026:	$17,284.37
Invoices:	9/05/2026 – 10/09/2026:	$1,386,449.24
Hand Checks:	9/05/2026 – 10/09/2026:	$1,830,992.27
Total:		**$6,124,946.28**

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.242. 2026-2027 Transfer of Funds

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve the following fund transfers for the reasons noted:

From	To	Amount	Reason
11-190-100-610-A-225-070	11-401-100-890-A-200-070	$500.00	WP registration for Academic Decathlon
11-000-222-500-A-200-070	11-401-100-890-A-200-070	$850.00	WP registration for Academic Decathlon
11-190-100-640-A-235-070	11-190-100-610-E-235-070	$342.00	WP Math Department calculators
11-000-262-590-A-100	11-000-262-420-C-100	$1,095.00	Clean HP carpets at entry way of commons, gym lobby, Building 2, 3 and 4
11-190-100-610-E-150-050	11-190-100-610-A-150-050	$200.00	HP Science Department supplies
11-190-100-610-A-235-070	11-190-100-500-A-235-070	$500.00	WP digital testband program for AP Statistics
11-190-100-610-A-235-070	11-190-100-610-E-235-070	$252.00	WP whiteboard for Room 203
11-190-100-610-A-235-070	11-190-100-610-E-235-070	$108.00	WP Math Department calculators
11-190-100-640-A-235-070	11-190-100-610-E-235-070	$342.00	WP Math Department calculators
11-401-100-890-K-100-050	11-401-100-890-G-100-050	$385.00	HP National Honor Society membership
11-000-217-320-A-400-070	12-000-217-730-A-400-050	$4,407.00	HP Gate Trainer for OOD Student
11-000-262-300-A-300	12-000-263-730-A-200	$35,706.00	WP replacement lawn mower
11-000-252-600-E-300	11-190-100-610-E-700-050	$1,600.00	HP new PC laptops for staff
11-000-252-600-E-300	11-190-100-610-E-800-070	$1,600.00	WP new PC laptops for staff
11-190-100-610-A-135-050	11-190-100-500-A-135-050	$300.00	HP DeltaMath license
11-190-100-640-A-150-050	11-000-240-530-A-100-050	$49.00	HP return cost of science books
11-000-240-890-A-200-070	11-000-240-580-A-200-070	$300.00	WP Administrator attendance at NJPSA/FEA Conference
11-000-230-590-A-300	11-000-230-890-A-300	$645.00	2026-2027 NJECC Membership
11-000-240-610-E-200-070	11-000-263-610-B-200	$25.00	WP outside signs

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.243. Change Order HP-023 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. – Hanover Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project – Phase 2

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Change Order #HP-023 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. in the amount of $4,507.00 to provide control wiring to 50 UV's for automatic shutoffs for the Hanover Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project – Phase 2.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.244. Change Order HP-024 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. – Hanover Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project – Phase 2

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Change Order #HP-024 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. in the amount of $14,141.00 for control work related to the existing auditorium RTU for the Hanover Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project – Phase 2.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.245. Change Order WP-021 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. – Whippany Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project – Phase 2

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Change Order #WP-021 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. in the amount of $3,000.00 for cafeteria floor repair work for the Whippany Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project – Phase 2.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.246. Change Order WP-022 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. – Whippany Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project – Phase 2

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Change Order #WP-022 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. in the amount of $4,979.00 to furnish and install power for condensate pumps for the Whippany Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project – Phase 2.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.247. Change Order WP-023 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. – Whippany Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project – Phase 2

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Change Order #WP-023 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. in the amount of $13,984.00 for control work associated with the auditorium RTU for the Whippany Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project – Phase 2.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.248. Approval of Payment #5 to Northeast Roof Maintenance – Hanover Park High School Roof Replacement Project Phase 4 FKA Project #2550 - Attachment

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Payment #5 to Northeast Roof Maintenance in the amount of $248,087.00 for the Hanover Park High School Roof Replacement Project Phase 4 FKA Project #2550.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.249. Payment #16 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. – Whippany Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project FKA Project #2310 – Attachment

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Payment #16 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. in the amount of $159,278.42 for the Whippany Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project FKA Project #2310.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.250. Payment #16 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. – Hanover Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project Phase 2 FKA Project #2309 – Attachment

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Payment #16 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. in the amount of $85,541.26 for the Hanover Park High School Mechanical

Replacement Project Phase 2 FKA Project #2309.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.251. Approval of Payment #2 to CMS Construction, Inc. – Hanover Park High School Stream Restoration Project FKA Project #2409 - Attachment

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Payment #2 to CMS Construction, Inc. in the amount of $69,177.10 for the Hanover Park High School Stream Restoration Project FKA Project #2409.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.252. Approval of Parental Transportation Reimbursement 2026-2027– Attachment

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve transportation reimbursement for Student No. 1290040 at a rate of $52.50/day for the period July 6, 2026 through June 25, 2027.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.253. Hanover Township Board of Education Transportation Agreement 2026-2027 School Year – Attachment

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve the request for the Hanover Township Board of Education to enter into a Transportation Agreement with the Hanover Park Regional Board of Education to provide transportation to all sports trips and field trips for the 2026-2027 school year.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.254. Madison Board of Education Transportation Agreement 2026-2027 School Year – Attachment

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve the request for the Madison Board of Education to enter into a Transportation Agreement with the Hanover Park Regional Board of Education to provide transportation to all sports trips and field trips for the 2026-2027 school year.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.255. Approval of Acer Service Corporation Agreement – Attachment

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Hanover Park Regional Board of Education enter into an agreement with Acer Service Corporation to provide repair service.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.256. Tuition Students Contracts 2025-2026 - Attachment

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve tuition for SID No. 1742537470 and SID No. 6028466288 to attend Paterson Public Schools at a tuition of $10,355.40 each effective September 4, 2025 through February 3, 2026.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.257. Approval of Mail Machine Service Agreement - Board Office/Hanover Park HS – Attachment

Pursuant to changes in the law by the United States Postal Service that now requires a bar code for non first class packages, motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve the attached Service Agreement for the postage machine serving the Board Office and Hanover Park High School.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.258. Approval of Mail Machine Service Agreement - Whippany Park HS – Attachment

Pursuant to changes in the law by the United States Postal Service that now requires a bar code for non first class packages, motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve the attached Service Agreement for the postage machine serving Whippany Park High School.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.259. Hanover Township Education Foundation Grant Submissions

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve the submission of a grant to the Hanover Township Education Foundation for up to $300.00 to support the World Language program at Whippany Park.

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve the submission of a grant to Hanover Township Education Foundation for up to $2,000.00 to support the robotics program at Whippany Park.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.260. Approval of Submission of School Lead Filter Program Grant

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that it be resolved, that the Board of Education of the Hanover Park Regional High School District approve the submission of the School Lead Filters Program Grant for reimbursement of the installation of faucets and filters at Hanover Park and Whippany Park High Schools and affirming the work has been completed.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.261. Hanover Park High School Walkway Cover Renovations Project

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by the Superintendent of Schools to the Hanover Park Regional High School Board of Education ("Board") to seek a contract for construction services for a Project entitled Hanover Park High School Walkway Cover Renovations Project (hereinafter "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project was properly advertised to prospective bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2026, the Board received the following bids from potential bidders at 10:00 a.m. in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A-1, et seq.;

Bidder	Base Bid	Alt No. 1	Alt. No. 2	Total
Cynna Enterprises	2,314,400	120,000	25,600	2,460,000
DeSapio Construction, Inc.	4,747,000	239,000	45,000	5,031,000
Drill Construction	4,964,000	430,000	80,000	5,474,000
Wallkill Group, Inc.	5,361,555	393,827	62,823	5,818,205
Senco Metals LLC	5,900,000	365,000	61,000	6,326,000

WHEREAS, the apparent low bidder, Cynna Enterprises, has submitted a letter indicating that they made a typographical error in the calculations of their bid and they now seek to withdraw same; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bid submitted by apparent second low bidder, DeSapio Construction, Inc., together with the bid specifications and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and in consultation with the Design Professionals for the Project, the Board has determined DeSapio Construction, Inc., is the lowest responsible bidder for the Project; and

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that *IT NOW, THEREFORE,* the Board hereby grants Cynna Enterprises' request to withdraw its bid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board awards the Project to DeSapio Construction, Inc., at a total contract amount, of $5,031,000.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

G. Other Items

Superintendent's report for Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying for the period of September 10, 2026 through October 14, 2026.

27.262. Acceptance of Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying Report – Attachment

Motioned by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Filippone, that the Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying report be affirmed and accepted for the period of August 27, 2026 through September 9, 2026.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.263. Affirmation of Police Agreement

School districts and local police authorities are required to maintain a "Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials." The Agreement mandates annual meetings between the Superintendent and the East Hanover and Hanover Township Chiefs of Police and annual affirmation of the Agreement by the Board of Education. Motioned by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Filippone that the Board approve the Agreement. A copy is available in the Superintendent's Office. The East Hanover Police Chief met with the Superintendent on September 29, 2026 and the Hanover Township Police Chief met with the Superintendent on September 30, 2026.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.264. Adoption of District Performance Review (DPR) for QSAC – Attachment

Motioned by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Filippone, that the Board approve the adoption of the District Performance Review (DPR) for the 2026-2027 school year according to the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A and N.J.A.C. 6A:30.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Achievements

1. Congratulations to the following Hanover Park and Whippany Park students who were recognized in the National Merit Scholarship Program due to their outstanding performance on the 2026 PSAT/NMSQT:

   Hanover Park
   Semi-Finalist: Diva Bhardwaj

   Commended Student: Evan Cushman

   Whippany Park
   Semi-Finalists: Claire Cho, Audrey Lee and Lucas Wu

   Commended Students: Ciara Geary, Tanishi Gupta, Kenneth Lin, Amelia Savastano and Rick Wang

2. Congratulations to the following Hanover Park and Whippany Park students who placed at the FBLA National Competition in San Antonio this past July:

   Hanover Park
   Aakar Annamalai and Sabas Vega - 7th place in Supply Chain Management

   Whippany Park
   Ciara Geary - 9th place in Journalism

B. Fire and Security Drills

Fire and Security drills were held in Hanover Park and Whippany Park during the month of September 2026.

C. Student Attendance Summaries – Attachment

Student Attendance Summaries for the month of September 2026.

D. Staff Attendance – Attachment

Staff Attendance Summaries for the month of September 2026.

E. Discipline Report – Attachment

Those suspensions which occurred during the period of September 1 through September 30, 2026.

XI. NEW ITEMS
(Items Not Known at Time Agenda was Prepared)

A. Personnel

27.265A. 2026-2027 Groundsman Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve David Lopez Recinos as Hanover Park Groundsman effective on or about November 2, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 11 (2026-2027 Guide = $59,190.00) prorated plus $650.00 for black seal license prorated. This appointment is pending successful completion of a physical, background check and receipt of criminal history clearance.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.266A. 2026-2027 Substitute Teacher

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Radon Belarmino as a 2026-2027 Substitute Teacher.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

27.267A. 2026-2027 Volunteer

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Joseph Borrello as a Tier II 2026-2027 Volunteer.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

B. Curriculum and Instruction

27.268A. Field Experience

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, that the Board approve Whippany Park English Teacher, Donna Raguseo-Mahar, to complete a 75-hour field experience during the 2026-2027 school year as part of the School Library Media Specialist endorsement program at William Paterson University. Christopher Kelly, Whippany Park Principal, has agreed to be the cooperating supervisor and mentor.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

C. Policy

27.269A. Approval of Signage – Attachment

Motioned by Mr. Pombo, seconded by Mr. Filippone, that the Board approve the Park Lacrosse Club to display temporary signage on the Hanover Park fence, online program and social media during the 2026-2027 season. This is in accordance with Policy 6162 - Corporate Sponsorships. The signage will list families and businesses that donate to the Park Lacrosse Club.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Mrs. Anello-Feldman, seconded by Mr. Donohue, that the meeting be adjourned at this time.

Carried: 8 yea, 0 no, 1 absent

Adjournment 8:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

William F. Albert, Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary