

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, November 12, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Giuseppe Peluso, Joanne Greene Tobias

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
Mr. Tom Callanan, Hanover Park High School Principal
Mr. Chris Kelly, Whippany Park High School Principal
Mr. Dennis McKeever, Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Albert 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 at the Board of Education Building on the Friday immediately preceding the meeting.

V. In accordance with Bylaw No. 0164, in the absence of the Board President and Vice President any member shall be designated by a plurality of those present. Mr. Albert opened the floor.

It was motioned by Mr. Lomio and seconded by Mrs. Davis that Donna Anello-Feldman be designated as the presiding officer.

Carried: 6 yea, 0 no, 2 absent, 1 abstain (Donna Anello-Feldman)

VI. Student Representative Reports

Jonathan Callanan – Hanover Park High School
Kathryn Schlesier – Whippany Park High School

VII. PRESENTATION(S)

Christine Hietanen, Supervisor of Instruction, and Noemi Schlecht, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, will present the integrated and comprehensive approach to the instructional and student learning focus across all subjects.

VIII. 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:

- Any individual desiring to speak shall give his or her name, address, and the group, if any, that is represented.
- The presentation shall be as brief as possible but no more than five (5) minutes per individual.
- The Board vests in its president, or other presiding officer, authority to terminate the remarks of any individual if he/she deems it in the best interest of those present to do so.

There was no public comment.

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTE(S)

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

October 15, 2025 Workshop
October 15, 2025 Regular Meeting

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Buildings, Grounds and Transportation – M. Pombo, Chairperson; D. Davis, T. Donohue

The Committee has worked with the district administration to follow-up with Field Turf to begin to obtain co-op pricing for turf fields, curb repairs and track restorations to be included in the 2026-27 budget.

The district also continues to meet with vendors to address a phased in process to refurbish our auditoriums. As we are awaiting pricing, we anticipate phase 1 of the auditorium restorations to be included in the 2026-27 budget.

On the Hanover Park Stream Restoration Project, the Property Owner Certification has been completed. As the engineer recently received the current certified list of property owners from East Hanover Township, public notices will be sent to all property owners within 200 feet via certified mail shortly, and a hardcopy of the entire application package will be sent to the Municipal Clerk. After that, the application is submitted to NJDEP via their website. The final step is payment of the application fee.

As the Whippany Park Security vestibule plans are nearing completion, it is anticipated that a January bid will be in place for construction in the Summer 2026.

The Hanover Park Canopy Project is still under review. We anticipate that this will go out to bid in the Spring/Summer 2026 for construction in the Summer 2027.

Field work on the Hanover Park Roofing project is completed and plans are being updated with the architect. Final roofing replacements for buildings 2, 3, 4 and the final section of 5 will be sent out to bid in January for Summer 2026 construction.

The work on the Hanover Park JV Baseball field has been completed. Future work on the Whippany Park Varsity Softball Field is currently being reviewed for possible work shortly.

The windows and doors at Whippany Park High School are complete and down to punchlist items. The Hanover Park window and door project is nearing completion as we are awaiting the fronts doors to be replaced shortly.

The HVAC project is continuing work on a second shift at both schools. This project will continue throughout the summer.

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

The committee would like to report that the independent reading letter will be enhances for next year to include books which are considered to be student choice withing the district curriculum and library materials. The letter will encourage parents/guardians to discuss all reading choices with their child and to foster meaningful conversations about content and ideas in connection with the family's own beliefs and expectations for age-appropriate content and guidelines.

In addition, it is anticipated that the Curriculum Committee will be meeting later this month to discuss the 2026-27 Curriculum Bulletin/Program of Study.

The Curriculum Committee is also pleased to report that Live Hive Nutrition and US Wellness will be hosting health and wellness sessions ranging from wellness challenge, virtual educational seminars and webinars and in-person/virtual fitness, health, and wellness coaching programs. The cost will be covered by the wellness grant funding provided by the Schools Health Insurance Fund (SHIF). The district applies for the wellness grant funding in June 2025 and received a \$10,000.00 grants from Schools Health Insurance Fund (SHIF). The health and wellness program in line with the district and school initiatives outlined in the Educational Plan 2023-28.

C. Finance – T. Donohue, Chairperson; D Davis, J. Tobias

Mr. Donohue noted the Committee has not met.

D. Negotiations – D. Davis, Chairperson; B. Perillo, J. Tobias

Mrs. Davis noted the Committee has not met.

E. Personnel – J. Tobias, Chairperson; D. Anello-Feldman, K. Cortright

Mr. Cortright noted the Committee has not met.

F. Policy – B. Perillo, Chairperson; M. Lomio, M. Pombo

Mr. Perillo noted there was nothing to report.

G. Public Relations – M. Lomio, Chairperson; D. Anello-Feldman, M. Pombo

The district developed a new fall survey open to both teachers and parents. Using questions from the Spring 2025, the new Fall 2025 survey was previously shared with the Public Relations Committee and will open on Monday, November 17. Participation in the survey will be optional, and it will feature open-ended questions designed to gather detailed and thoughtful feedback. At this time, there are no plans to survey students.

The committee is pleased to report on the Middle School Open Houses held earlier this month. Both evenings were highly successful, as the district welcomed many middle school families eager to learn about the wide range of academic, extracurricular, and athletic opportunities available at each high school. The events provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase the strengths of both schools and to engage with future members of the high school community.

Additionally, the district's social media efforts continue to be strong and effective in highlighting positive happenings, achievements, and initiatives within both school buildings. The committee commends these efforts as an important means of promoting transparency and fostering a positive connection with the community.

H. Student Affairs – K. Cortright, Chairperson; T. Donohue, M. Perillo

Mr. Cortright noted there was nothing to report.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel

26.247. Employee Termination

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve Employee #5253 to be terminated effective October 31, 2025.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.248. Leave of Absence

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve the request of Patricia Gero, District Bus Driver, for an unpaid leave of absence effective October 25, 2025 through on or about October 31, 2025.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.249. Bus Driver Resignation for Retirement Purposes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board accept the resignation for retirement purposes from Patricia Gero, District Bus Driver, effective November 1, 2025.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.250. Bus Driver Resignation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board accept the resignation from Mary Jo Senkier, District Bus Driver, effective November 1, 2025.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.251. 2025-2026 District Bus Driver Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve Mychau Le as 2025-2026 District Bus Driver at Step 2 (2025-2026 Guide = \$42.42/hr.) effective December 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. This appointment is pending successful completion of the background check and receipt of criminal history clearance.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve Grady Lawson as 2025-2026 District Bus Driver at Step 2 (2025-2026 Guide = \$42.42/hr.) effective December 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. This appointment is pending successful completion of the background check and receipt of criminal history clearance.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.252. 2025-2026 Extra-Pay Resignation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve the following 2025-2026 Extra-Pay resignation:

Brian Lynch Whippany Park Assistant Drama

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.253. 2025-2026 Extra-Pay Co-Curricular and Spring Athletic Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve the following 2025-2026 Extra-Pay Co-Curricular and Spring Athletic appointments (2025-2026 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.

Ian Curley	Park Head Boys Lacrosse	Step 1
Hailey Ortega	Whippany Park Assistant Girls Basketball	Step 1
Nancy Byron*	Hanover Park School Accounts	Step 1

**effective January 19, 2026-June 30, 2026*

Katerina Molnar**	Hanover Park School Accounts	Step 4
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***effective July 1, 2025-January 18, 2026*

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.254. 2025-2026 6th Period Assignments Extension

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve to extend 6th period assignments for the following teachers effective October 1, 2025 through on or about November 13, 2025. Per diem compensation is based on the 2025-2026 salary guide and will be paid upon voucher submission:

Julie Lane	\$ 89.27	Pete Talarico	\$146.09
Kyle Mednick	\$ 89.97	Megan Wilson	\$101.97
Donna Raguseo-Mahar	\$118.52		

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.255. 2025-2026 Mentor

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve the following mentor for 2025-2026 Provisional Teacher as indicated:

<u>Provisional Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Department</u>
<u>Whippany Park</u>		
Stephanie Allen	Beth Molinaro	Special Education

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.256. Spring 2026 Unified Sports Positions

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board appoint the following personnel to the Unified Sports Positions for the Spring 2026 season. All positions will be covered through a grant sponsored by the Special Olympics of New Jersey:

Unified School Coordinator

Stacey Stochel - \$1,571.04 District

Unified School Club Advisors

Gia Lomio - \$500.00 Hanover Park
Tara Setzer - \$500.00 Hanover Park
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: 6 yea, 0 no, 2 absent, 1 abstain (Michael Lomio)

26.257. Medical Leave of Absences

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve the request of Julie Lackaye, Hanover Park Secretary, for a medical leave of absence effective October 14, 2025 through October 21, 2025. This absence will run concurrently with FMLA and her accumulated sick days.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve the request of Margherita Serillo, Hanover Park Health & Physical Education Teacher, for an intermittent medical leave of absence effective November 3, 2025 through on or about November 14, 2025. This absence will run concurrently with FMLA and her accumulated sick days.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve the request of Katherine Rosamilia, District Bus Driver, for a medical leave of absence effective October 28, 2025 through on or about February 1, 2026. This absence will run concurrently with FMLA and her accumulated sick days.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.258. 2025-2026 Volunteer Club Advisors

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve the following 2025-2026 Volunteer Club Advisors:

Whippany Park High School
Paws for a Cause

Melyssa Savela & Amanda Stasyshyn

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.259. 2025-2026 Volunteers

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve Jason Cirillo, Joseph DeCicco and Michael J. Filippone as Tier II 2025-2026 Volunteers.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

B. Curriculum and Instruction

26.260. 2026-2027 School Calendar – Attachment No. 1

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the 2026-2027 school calendar as presented in Attachment No. 1.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.261. 2026-2027 Holiday Calendar for Twelve Month Employees – Attachment No. 2

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the 2026-2027 holiday calendar for twelve-month employees as presented in Attachment No. 2.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.262. Guest Speakers

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Dr. Kevin Valvano, Doctor of Osteopathic, Dr. Steve DeRosa, Chiropractor, Dr. Chike Okafor, Sports Medicine Physician, Vito Pascarelli, Head Nurse Administrator, and Arianna Clingen, Occupational Therapist, to speak to Hanover Park and Whippany Park Dynamics of Healthcare classes during the months of November 2025 through January 2026 about healthcare careers.

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Marissa Flood, NJ Society of CPA's, to speak to Hanover Park Personal Finance classes during the month of November 2025 about careers in accounting and business.

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Millie Kowalski, Nurse Director at Morristown Medical Center, to speak to the Hanover Park Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Club during the month of December 2025 to learn about medical careers.

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Joe Rigoli, Saint Louis Cardinals Baseball Scout, and Alexandria Rigoli, San Francisco Giants Coordinator of Minor League Operations, to speak to Hanover Park Sports and Entertainment Marketing and Management classes during the month of December 2025 about career exploration and preparation.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.263. Individual Instruction

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Student No. 5280585 to begin home instruction effective October 31, 2025 with the anticipated end date of November 5, 2025.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.264. Wellness Challenge Program

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Life Hive Nutrition to host a Wellness Challenge Program for staff and administration during the months of December 2025 through March 2026. The program includes topics in health, nutrition, mindfulness, and mindset. This is in line with the district and school initiatives outlined in the Educational Plan 2023-2028. There will be no cost to the district.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.265. Wellness Sessions

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve US Wellness to provide a variety of health and wellness sessions for staff and administration during the months of January through June 2026. The cost will be covered by the wellness grant funding provided by the Schools Health Insurance Fund (SHIF). This is in line with the district and school initiatives outlined in the Educational Plan 2023-2028. There will be no cost to the district.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.266. Feeding Therapy Services

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Student No. 1280025 to receive feeding therapy services at Pillar High School, from HMS Associates, in Florham Park, NJ. Services will be provided at the rate of \$120.00 per session for 15 sessions in the total amount of \$1,800.00 effective October 27, 2025 through January 31, 2026.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

C. Policy

26.267. Field Trip/Structured Learning Destinations

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

Aunt Lillie's, South Amboy Kitchen LLC – South Amboy, NJ
Clean Water Café – Parsippany, NJ
Growing Green Kids Consignment Shop – East Hanover, NJ
Sorrento Bakery – East Hanover, NJ
Surf Taco – Manasquan, NJ
Valley Hospital – Paramus, NJ

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.268. Authorization of Travel

Motioned by Mr. Perillo, seconded by Mr. Pombo, 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.

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dan Cocco	HIB Law Update	\$170.00	November 20, 2025
Vanessa Cordeiro	HIB Law Update	\$195.00	November 20, 2025
Thomas Fields	CDW Educated Connected Classroom-PA	\$ 0.00	December 15, 2025
Sarah Johnston	Climate Change	\$150.00	January 21, 2026
Kathryn Margerison	Tools to Differentiate Instruction	\$295.00	December 15, 2025
Kyle O'Neill	Explanation & Argument to Assess Learning	\$150.00	February 25, 2026
Brian Propfe	HIB Law Update	\$195.00	November 20, 2025
Pete Sciaino	Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic-IL	\$ 0.00	December 16-19, 2025
Pete Sciaino	Music Educators Clinic/Conference-TX	\$ 0.00	February 11-13, 2026

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.269. Approval of Signage – Attachment No. 3

Motioned by Mr. Perillo, seconded by Mr. Pombo, that the Board approve the Hanover Park Between the Lines Club to display temporary signage on the Hanover Park Girls Varsity Softball backstop and third base dugout during the 2025-2026 season. This is in accordance with Policy 6162 - Corporate Sponsorships. The signage will list Class of 2026 Seniors with photos and families and businesses that donate to the Hanover Park Between the Lines Club as presented in Attachment No. 3.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

D. Student Affairs

26.270. Service Agreement for Residency Investigation Services – Attachment No. 4

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve to enter into an agreement with Jeff Oster, Private Investigator, for the 2025-2026 school year as presented in Attachment No. 4.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.271. Whippany Park Class of 2026 to Host a Holiday Movie Night Fundraiser

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the Whippany Park Class of 2026 to host a Holiday Movie Night fundraiser in the theater during the month of December 2025. This Movie Night will permit parents to drop off their young children for a holiday-themed movie and refreshments. All proceeds will benefit the Class of 2026 as there is no cost to the district.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.272. Whippany Park Veteran's Day Luncheon

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the Whippany Park High School Veterans' Day Luncheon during the month of November 2025 in the Whippany Park Library. The following veterans will be invited to attend:

Kevin Braine
Tom Fields
Daniel Holowienka

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.273. 2025-2026 Establishment of a Philosophy Club at Hanover Park

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the establishment of a Philosophy Club at Hanover Park High School. The mission of the Philosophy Club is to cultivate a genuine love of wisdom. The club seeks to question the assumptions and aspects of life that are often taken for granted. Through thoughtful discussion, critical inquiry, and open-minded exploration, the club aims to not only deepen understanding of themselves, but also seeks to find meaning and fulfillment in discovering purpose and role within the community. Sheryl Sarno-Granet, Hanover Park Business Education Teacher, has agreed to serve as the volunteer advisor.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.274. Classroom Observation

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve for Megan Maguire, M.Ed., MA, BCBA, Assistant Principal of Academy360 Upper School, to view the PAES Lab Program at Hanover Park High School during the months of November or December 2025. She will be under the direction of Joseph Cozine, Supervisor of Special Services.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

E. Buildings, Grounds and Transportation

26.275. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2, motioned by Mr. Pombo, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve that the District conducted School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drills on October 23, 2025 at Hanover Park High School on Route Numbers H001-H017, S103, VT2 and on October 24, 2025 at Whippany Park High School on Route Numbers W001-W009, VT1, OOD1.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

F. Finance

26.276. Report of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary – Attachment No. 5

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, 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 September 30, 2025. Further, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 the Board of Education certifies that as of September 30, 2025, 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 September 30, 2025 no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (Attachment No. 5).

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.277. Report of the Treasurer – Attachment No. 6

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board accept the Report of the Treasurer submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36 for the period ending of September 30, 2025 (Attachment No. 6).

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.278. Payment of Invoices

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, 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 October 11, 2025 through November 5, 2025.

Payroll:	10/15/2025:	\$1,200,012.45
FICA:	10/15/2025:	\$86,075.02
DCRP:	10/15/2025:	\$3,855.55
Payroll:	10/31/2025:	\$1,055,418.46
FICA:	10/31/2025:	\$75,182.11
DCRP:	10/31/2025:	\$178.01
Medical:	10/2025:	\$555,891.85
Dental:	10/2025:	\$16,534.98
Invoices:	10/11/2025 – 11/05/2025:	\$921,520.92
Hand Checks:	10/11/2025 – 11/05/2025:	\$2,106,198.05
Total:		\$6,020,867.40

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.279. 2025-2026 Transfer of Funds

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve the following fund transfers for the reasons noted:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
11-000-100-566-A-300-070	11-000-100-561-A-300-070	\$38,902.00	WP McKinney Vento tuition
11-000-252-600-E-300	11-000-252-600-A-300	\$1,100.00	Technology supplies
11-000-213-330-A-300-050	11-000-211-300-A-300-050	\$2,000.00	HP residency investigation service
11-000-218-610-A-100-050	11-000-218-440-A-100-050	\$160.00	HP cost of copies from July – Sept. 2025
11-000-240-890-A-200-070	11-401-100-890-A-200-070	\$1.00	WP academic decathlon fee
11-190-100-610-E-235-070	11-190-100-610-A-235-070	\$30.00	WP supplies for CADD classes
11-000-262-300-A-300	11-000-262-490-B-200	\$1,110.00	WP equipment rental
11-000-291-270-B-300	11-140-100-101-F-300-050	\$7,600.00	HP curriculum writing
11-000-291-270-B-300	11-140-100-101-F-300-070	\$7,600.00	WP curriculum writing
11-000-240-890-A-100-050	11-000-240-500-A-100-050	\$776.00	HP police services
11-190-100-890-A-110-050	11-190-100-500-A-110-050	\$201.00	HP Quicken program
11-000-262-610-D-100	11-000-266-610-E-100	\$1,250.00	HP portable radios for custodial staff
11-000-240-610-A-100-050	11-000-240-500-A-100-050	\$552.00	HP police services

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.280. Payment #5 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. – Hanover Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project – Phase 2

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve Payment #5 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,189,700.40 for the Hanover Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project - Phase 2.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.281. Payment #5 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. – Whippany Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve Payment #5 to DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,182,509.16 for the Whippany Park High School Mechanical Replacement Project.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.282. Payment #9 to D&E Window & Door – Whippany Park High School Window Replacement Project

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve Payment #9 to D&E Window & Door in the amount of \$47,555.64 for the Whippany Park High School Window Replacement Project.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.283. Approval of FY 2026 IDEA Final Report – Attachment No. 7

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve the FY 2026 IDEA Final Report as presented in Attachment No. 7.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.284. Approval of Submission FY 2026 ESEA Final Reports – Attachment No. 8

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve the submission of FY 2026 ESEA Final Reports as presented in Attachment No. 8.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.285. Whippany Park Donation

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board accept the donation of home and away uniforms for the Whippany Park Boys Basketball program from Chris Conklin, representing Whippany families who donated through GoFundMe, at an approximate value of \$7,900.00.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.286. Hanover Park Donation

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board accept the donation of two 10x20 storage sheds for the Hanover Park Football program from Hanover Park Fifth Quarter Club, at an approximate value of \$8,600.00.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

G. Other Items

Superintendent's report for Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying for the period of October 16, 2025 through November 12, 2025.

26.287. Acceptance of Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying Report – Attachment No. 9

Motioned by Mr. Pombo, seconded by Mr. Cortright, that the Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying report be affirmed and accepted for the period of September 11, 2025 through October 15, 2025 as presented in Attachment No. 9.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.288. 2025-2026 School Nursing Plans - Attachment No. 10

Motioned by Mr. Pombo, seconded by Mr. Cortright, that the Board approve the School Nursing Plans for the 2025-2026 school year as presented in Attachment No. 10.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.289. 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. MMotioned by Mr. Pombo, seconded by Mr. Cortright, that a copy of the Agreement is available in the Superintendent's Office. The Hanover Township Police Chief and the East Hanover Police Chief met with the Superintendent on October 17, 2025.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Achievements

1. Congratulations to the following Hanover Park and Whippany Park Seniors who earned the Global Seal of Biliteracy based on their phenomenal scores on the AP Spanish Language test last May. This achievement reflects not only their hard work but also their commitment to being a global citizen. Keep embracing the power of language to bridge communities and inspire the world.

Whippany Park

Nimisha Anand	Susan Izara-Lopez
Nicholas DeAngelis	Kathryn Schlesier

Hanover Park

Daniel Amalfitano	Margaret Dolan	Dev Ramcharan
Natasha Blumberg	Piotr Dymnicki	Brando Soc
Jonathan Callanan	Cristina Galhofo	Madison Viana
Tanvi Daita	Kelly Lu	
Christopher DeTitta	Valentino Martinez	

2. Congratulations to the Hanover Park Girls Cross Country team for winning the NJAC Independence Division Championship.

3. Congratulations to Whippany Park Senior Alexa Bowe for achieving the 100 point milestone in soccer on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.
4. Congratulations to the Whippany Park Girls Tennis Team and their coaches, Matt Samson & Colleen Moriarty on winning the Conference Title and North 2 Group 1 State Sectional Championship, which is the first ever title in school history. Additionally, the team finished the year with 17 wins and only loss coming in the Group 1 finals. The Varsity Girls tennis team capped off an unbelievable historic season, finishing as the second-best Group 1 team in the entire state of New Jersey.
5. Congratulations to the Whippany Park Boys Cross Country Team for winning the NJAC Independence Division Championship. Special congratulations to Junior Brayden Lo who placed 8th in the Small School 5k Championship race.
6. Congratulations to the Pride of Hanover Township for receiving a GOLD Rating following their outstanding performance at the 2025 NJSMA Region Marching Band Festival at Wayne Hills High School. Special awards were also given to trombone soloist Junior Jack VanSeggern for Outstanding Musical Contribution and the Pride Color Guard for Outstanding Visual Contribution.
7. Congratulations to Whippany Park Senior Brandon Giangeruso and Hanover Park Senior Dante Rosato who were honored at the Jets game on October 19th with the Steve DiGregorio Young Man of the Year Award. This award is presented to one individual from each member school who demonstrates a selfless commitment to his community, his school, his teammates and peers.

B. Fire and Security Drills

Fire and Security drills were held in Hanover Park and Whippany Park during the month of October 2025.

C. Student Attendance Summaries – Attachment No. 11

Student Attendance Summaries for the month of October are presented in Attachment No. 11.

D. Staff Attendance – Attachment No. 12

Staff Attendance Summaries for the month of October are presented in Attachment No. 12.

E. Discipline Report – Attachment No. 13

Those suspensions which occurred during the period of September 25, 2025 through October 31, 2025 are presented in Attachment No. 13.

F. Graduate Study – Attachment No. 14

Graduate courses of study approved for staff members for the Spring and Summer of 2026 semesters are presented in Attachment No. 14.

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

A. Personnel

26.290A. Employee Termination

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Employee #5255 to be terminated effective November 21, 2025.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.291A. 2025 Fall Drama Assistants

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the following individuals as assistants for the 2025 Whippany Park Fall Drama. The cost of these individuals will be paid out of the high schools' proceeds from the Fall Drama. There will be no cost to the district.

<u>Non-Faculty</u>	
Perrin Limey	\$2,500.00
Brian Lynch	\$2,500.00

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.292A. Medical Leave of Absence

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the request of Bogdan Malantchouk, Whippany Park Head Custodian, for a medical leave of absence effective October 20, 2025 through November 7, 2025. This absence will run concurrently with FMLA and his accumulated sick days.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.293A. 2025-2026 Substitute Teacher

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve Robert Madison as a 2025-2026 Substitute Teacher.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.294A. 2025-2026 Volunteer Club Advisors

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Lomio, that the Board approve the following 2025-2026 Volunteer Club Advisors:

<u>Whippany Park High School</u>	
Spanish Club	Lauren Pannucci & Rebecca Weinberg

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

B. Curriculum and Instruction

26.295A. Out of District Placements

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mr. Pombo, that the Board approve the placement of Student No. 1260905 to attend Windsor High School in Pompton Plains, NJ effective November 13, 2025 through June 25, 2026 with a tentative tuition of \$63,175.00.

Motioned by Mr. Lomio, seconded by Mr. Pombo, that the Board approve the placement of Student No. 1260904 to attend Academy 360-Upper School in Livingston, NJ effective September 22, 2025 through June 25, 2026 with a tentative tuition of \$74,021.42. The extraordinary services tentative tuition is \$36,340.00.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

C. Student Affairs

26.296A. 2025-2026 Establishment of a TSA: Technology Students Association Club at Whippany Park

Motioned by Mr. Cortright, seconded by Mr. Pombo, that the Board approve the establishment of a TSA: Technology Students Association Club at Whippany Park High School. The purpose of this club is to engage students in activities that revolve around the basics of architecture, engineering, and design fields. Members will be able to plan, design, and create different structures and projects and compete individually and in teams. Adam Jacoby, Whippany Park Business Education Teacher, has agreed to serve as the volunteer advisor.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

D. Finance

26.297A. 2025-2026 Transfer of Funds

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mr. Pombo, that the Board approve the following fund transfers for the reasons noted:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
11-190-100-640-A-250-070	11-190-100-610-A-250-070	\$739.00	WP Science supplies

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

26.298A. Hanover Park Donation

Motioned by Mr. Donohue, seconded by Mr. Pombo, that the Board accept the donation of material and labor to install two concrete pads for new equipment sheds for the Hanover Park Football program from Ed Enderle of Florham Park, NJ at an approximate value of \$4,000.00.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motioned by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Pombo, that, whereas, Chapter 231, P.I., 1975 also known as the Sunshine Law, authorizes a public body to meet in Executive Session under certain limited circumstances; and

Whereas, said law requires the Board of Education to adopt a Resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such an Executive or Private Session.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Hanover Park Regional Board of Education that it does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session at this time, 8:15 pm, to discuss Legal Matters and Student Affairs Matters determined confidential. Action may be taken on these items when the Board later returns to public session. The matters discussed will be made public if and when confidentially is no longer required, and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only in a public meeting. Executive Session should last approximately 30 minutes. No action will be taken.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

XV. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motioned by Mr. Pombo, seconded by Mr. Perillo, that the meeting return to public session at this time 8:50 pm.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Mr. Pombo, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the meeting be adjourned at this time.

Carried: 7 yea, 0 no, 2 absent

Adjournment 9:02 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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