



**Thursday, March 26, 2026  
MINUTES - Special Meeting**

**8:30pm - Special Meeting**

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

- Mrs. Heather Garcia - President**
- Mr. Michael Sprague - Vice President**
- Mrs. Rita Bodine - Trustee**
- Mrs. Juliana Lee - Trustee**
- Ms. Stephanie Machin - Trustee**
- Mr. Omar Pedraza - Trustee**
- Mrs. Kelly Wilson - Trustee**

- Dr. Timothy Gouraige, Superintendent**
- Mr. Michael Jordan, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary**

**A. OPEN Public Meeting**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>1. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT:</b>
Meeting	Mar 26, 2026 - MINUTES - Special Meeting
Category	A. OPEN Public Meeting
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

**B. Public Session Meeting**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b>
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Category	B. Public Session Meeting
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

<b>Subject</b>	<b>2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT:</b>
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Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of New Jersey 1975, notice of this meeting, its date, time and place have been posted on the Board's official bulletin board, and it has been delivered to The Record & Suburbanite newspapers circulated in the District at least 48 hours prior to the time for this meeting.

**Subject**                               **3. PUBLIC MEETING ROLL CALL; TIME: 8:35pm**

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Category                               B. Public Session Meeting

Access                                 Public

Type                                    Procedural

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIME
Mrs. Rita Bodine, Trustee	X		
Mrs. Juliana Lee, Trustee	X		
Ms. Stephanie Machin, Trustee	X		
Mr. Omar Pedraza, Trustee	X		
Mrs. Kelly Wilson, Trustee	X		
Mr. Michael Sprague, Vice President	X		
Mrs. Heather Garcia, President	X		

**Faculty & Community Members:** In-person - 2

**Others Present:** Dr. Gouraige, Mr. Jordan

**Subject**                               **4. FLAG SALUTE:**

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Category                               B. Public Session Meeting

Access                                 Public

Type                                    Procedural

**C. Open Public Participation - On and Off Agenda Items**

**Subject**                               **1. Open Public Participation - On and Off Agenda Items**

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Category                               C. Open Public Participation - On and Off Agenda Items

Access                                 Public

Type                                    Action, Procedural

**Moved by: K. Wilson**  
**Seconded by: J. Lee**  
**Time: 8:35pm**

### Public Participation Statement

- Each member of the public wishing to comment must state their Name and Address for the record
- Each public comment is limited to five (5) minutes
- Only members of the public physically present at the meeting will be heard

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- None

### **D. Close Public Participation - On and Off Agenda Items**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>1. Close Public Participation - On and Off Agenda Items</b>
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Type	Action, Procedural

**Moved by: K. Wilson**  
**Seconded by: J. Lee**  
**Time: 8:35pm**

Executive Content

## E. Finance

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**Subject** 1. Tentative Budget Approval  
Meeting Mar 26, 2026 - MINUTES - Special Meeting  
Category E. Finance  
Access Public  
Type Action (Consent)

**The Superintendent and Business Administrator recommend approval to adopt the Tentative Budget for school year 2026-2027:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the TENTATIVE budget be approved for the 2026-2027 school year, using the 2026-2027 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following TENTATIVE budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

2025-2026	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	LOCAL TAX LEVY
General Current Expense		\$ 15,089,040	
Total Capital Outlay		\$ 50,402	
Total General Fund	\$ 15,139,442	\$ 15,139,442	\$ 13,038,422
Total Special Revenue	\$ 142,700	\$ 142,700	
Total Debt Service	\$ 372,780	\$ 372,780	\$ 372,780
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 15,654,922	\$ 15,654,922	\$ 13,411,202

And to advertise said tentative budget in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$372,526. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a public hearing be held at the Norwood Board of Education located at 177 Summit Street, Norwood, New Jersey 07648 on Tuesday April 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the SY2026-2027.

**Subject** 2. Annual Maximum Travel Expenditure  
Meeting Mar 26, 2026 - MINUTES - Special Meeting  
Category E. Finance  
Access Public  
Type Action



## G. Meeting Adjournment

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>1. Meeting Adjournment</b>
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Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent), Procedural

**Moved by: K. Wilson**  
**Seconded by: J. Lee**  
**Time: 8:35pm**

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Michael Jordan  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary