MILLBURN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Millburn, New Jersey
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REGULAR MEETING
Millburn Township Board of Education
Monday, September 14, 2026
7:00 PM – EDUCATION CENTER

The mission of Millburn Township Public Schools is to prepare resilient, capable learners who think critically, act compassionately, lead with integrity, aspire with purpose, communicate effectively, and evolve confidently.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of New Jersey, notice of this September 14, 2026, meeting of the Millburn Township Board of Education was posted electronically on the District website and provided on January 12, 2026, by sending notices to the Millburn-Short Hills Item, the Star-Ledger, the Millburn-Short Hills Independent Press, and the Township Clerk, along with posting at the Education Center.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. SILENT COUNT OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

E. MINUTES

1. Regular Public Meeting of Monday, August 24, 2026

F. PRESENTATIONS
1. National Merit Scholar Recognitions
2. MHS Grading and Assessment Update (District Goal #2) - Mr. Nixon, MHS Principal

G. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Program
2. Governance
3. Finance, Facilities, and Sustainability
4. Negotiations

J. OTHER REPORTS

1. Assistant Superintendent report

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- *Please state your name and address for the record.*
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0167 - Public Participation in Board Meetings

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide for two periods of public comments at every regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Public participation shall be governed by the following rules:

1. *A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his or her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate.*

2. *Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to a reasonable time as determined by the presiding officer.*

3. *No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.*

4. *All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually.*

5. *The presiding officer may (a) Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant to the district; (b) Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum; (c) Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting; (d) Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.*

L. DISCUSSION

M. BOARD ACTION ITEMS **(Roll Call Votes)**

1. Instruction Agenda Items

a. RESOLVED, to approve Professional Development Requests / Staff Conferences as per policy 6471, requiring prior approval of travel reimbursement expenses. (BOE Goal #1, #3 & District Goal # 2, # 3)

Name	Position/ Building	Conference Name & Location	Dates	Maximum Expenses
Melissa Bryan	Supervisor of English (6-12)	2026 CEL Annual Convention	11/22/26-11 /24/26	$616.46
Kerry Emmanouilidis	Principal/Glen wood	NJPSA Annual Conference: Onward	10/15/26-1 0/16/26	$580
Andrea Knorr	Sci/Tech Supervisor	New Jersey Science Convention	10/20/26 -10/21-26	$592.86
Chrystie Young	STEM Director	New Jersey Science Convention	10/20/26 -10/21-26	$592.86
Dena Leslie	Sci/Tech Supervisor	New Jersey Science Convention	10/20/26- 10/21/26	$370
Kate Diskin	Superintendent	NJSBA 2026 Workshop	10/19/26 -10/22/26	$800
Kyle Arlington	Assistant Superintendent	NJSBA 2026 Workshop	10/19/26 -10/22/26	$800
Peter Starrs	Interim Business Administrator	NJSBA 2026 Workshop	10/19/26 -10/22/26	$800
Abby Speltz	Board President	NJSBA 2026 Workshop	10/19/26 -10/22/26	$800
Jeff Cassin	Board Member	NJSBA 2026 Workshop	10/20/26 -10/22/26	$580
Noel Bigman	Board Member	NJSBA 2026 Workshop	10/21/26 -10/22/26	$360
Weiwei Huang	Board Member	NJSBA 2026	10/19/26	$360

		Workshop	-10/20/26	
Oona Adams	Director of ELA	2026 CEL Annual Convention	11/22/26-11/23/26	$650
Jennifer Doney	Supervisor of ELA K-5	2026 CEL Annual Convention	11/22/26-11/23/26	$650
Patricia Yong	Science Teacher	NJ Science Convention	10/20/26-10/21/26	$240
Kathryn Arruda	Life Science Teacher	NJ Science Convention	10/20/26-10/21/26	$240
Arthi Krishnan	Life Science Teacher`	NJ Science Convention	10/20/26-10/21/26	$240
Nick Mele	Science Teacher	NJ Science Convention	10/20/26-10/21/26	$240
Leandro Bloin	Science Teacher	NJ Science Convention	10/20/26-10/21/26	$240
Sean Farrel	Earth & Environmental Science Teacher	NJ Science Convention	10/20/26-10/21/26	$240
Kathleen Franch	Science Teacher	NJ Science Convention	10/20/26-10/21/26	$240
Connie Lee	Science Teacher	NJ Science COnvention	10/20/26-10/21/26	$240
Melissa Clinton	Science Teacher	NJ Science Convention	10/20/26-10/21-26	$240

b. RESOLVED, to approve the following professional services providers:

Vendor Name	**Address**	**Category**	**Rate**
Curriculum Associates	153 Rangeway Road, North Billerica MA 01862-2013	K-3 Universal Screener PD	$10,200.00 ($10,104 FOCUS grant)

2. Personnel Agenda Items

a. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Personnel Report dated September 14, 2026 (Attachment M.2.a)

b. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve an MOU between Chamberlain University, and Millburn Township Public Schools to allow University students to participate in clinical education and/or healthcare administration field experiences within the District for the period of September 14, 2026, through September 14, 2027.

c. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the revised job description for Primary District Testing Coordinator, K-12 (Attachment M.2.c)

3. Business Agenda Items

a. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Budget Transfers of **July 2026 and August 2026** (Attachments M.3.a1 and M.3.a2)

b. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Treasurer of School Money's report for the period ending **July 2026 and August 2026.** (Attachment M.3.b1 and M.3.b2)

c. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Approval and Certification of the Board Secretary's Report for the period ending **July 2026 and August 2026**. The Board Secretary certifies that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (a) been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Attachment M.3.c1. and M.3.c2)

d. RESOLVE Certification that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 that after review of the revised board secretary's and treasurer's monthly financial reports for the periods ending **July 2026 and August 2026**, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of the Board's knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(b). and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

e. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the submission of the District's Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the 2026-27 school year and the Annual Maintenance Reserve Deposit Worksheet pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5 (Attachment M.3.e)

f. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following purchases:

Vendor	Purchase	Contract Information (if applicable)	Purchase Price
IXL Learning	Math and ELA software platform	Renewal	$25,837.50

4. Special Services Agenda items

a. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the out-of-district tuition agreements for student #'s for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Student #	School	Aide	Add't service	Tuition	Total
17843	N.A. Bleshman Regional Day School	n/a	n/a	$83,142.00	$83,142.00
16092	Mary Dobbins/Legacy	$48,720.00	n/a	$88,225.20	$136,945.20
22821	Limitless School	$44,499.60	n/a	$63,799.20	$108,298.80
18738	MUJC	$69,600.00	$11,600.00	Previously approved - 6/1/26	$81,200.00

b. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the general education settlement agreement under OAL Docket No.: EDU 03211-26.

c. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the School Nursing Plan and School Nurse Assignments for the SY 2026-2027.

d. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the special education settlement for student #21219 regarding educational costs during the 2026-2027, 2027-2028 school years.

N. OLD BUSINESS

O. NEW BUSINESS

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Q. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

R. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS the "Open Public Meetings Act" (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975) authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which specified topics are to be discussed under circumstances where the public consideration of such topics will clearly endanger the public or where the personal privacy or guaranteed rights of individuals whose activities or affairs are to be discussed would clearly in danger of unwarranted invasion; be it

RESOLVED that the Millburn Board of Education now adjourns its public session to reconvene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

Student Matter Appeal

The discussion on this topic will be disclosed to the public at the next public meeting of the Board or as soon thereafter as the circumstances and nature of the subject permits.

Please note that if there is an executive session, the Board will be meeting in the Board meeting room. There will be no access to the Board meeting room during the executive session. There will be a five-minute recess between the public and executive sessions, during this time we ask members of the public to please take your belongings and exit the boardroom as quickly as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

S. ADJOURNMENT

2026 - 2027 Board Goals	
Board Goal 1	Strategic Plan Stewardship *Support the successful implementation of the Millburn Township Public Schools Strategic Plan by ensuring Board governance, policies, decisions, and priorities align with the district's mission, vision, values, and long-range strategic goals.*
Board Goal 2	Employee Relations *Cultivate a positive employee relations environment through collaborative negotiations, competitive employment practices, and strategic workforce planning that supports the recruitment, development, and retention of exceptional staff.*
Board Goal 3	Policy & Governance *Review and refine Board policies, administrative regulations, and governance practices to ensure alignment with district priorities, legal requirements, and best practices.*

2026 - 2027 District Goals	
District Goal 1	Safety & Wellness *Foster a district-wide culture in which every student and staff member feels safe, supported, connected, and empowered to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.*
District Goal 2	Teaching & Learning *Cultivate exceptional teaching and learning by providing every student with engaging, rigorous, and equitable educational experiences while supporting educators through collaboration, professional growth, and innovation.*
District Goal 3	Leadership, Governance, & Organizational Effectiveness *Cultivate a professional culture and governance system that promotes continuous growth and aligned practices across the District, ensuring all students experience high-quality learning and achieve their full potential.*
District Goal 4	Engagement *Cultivate a connected, inclusive, and engaged school community by strengthening communication, fostering meaningful partnerships with students, families, staff , and the community, and building a trusted district brand that promotes belonging, collaboration, and shared responsibility for student success.*
District Goal 5	Finance & Facilities *Develop and implement a long-range financial and facilities plan that strategically addresses the district's facilities, educational, and staffing needs while ensuring fiscal responsibility and sustainability.*
One Vision. One Future. One Millburn	