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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2026

For the Regular Meeting of the Hope Township Board of Education
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hope Township School Media Center.

Hope Township School, in cooperation with our community, values the importance of a supportive, challenging education for all students delivered through an effective, contemporary curriculum that meets or exceeds the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. By fostering communication and respect in a positive educational environment, all children can realize their potential.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Ritchie called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is either discussed or acted upon. In accordance with this provision of the act, the Hope Township Board of Education has sent notice of this meeting, stating the date, and place, to the Star Gazette and the New Jersey Herald, and posted the same in the Hope Township School, Municipal Building, and Post Office.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Andrea Beatty	***Present***	Mrs. Diane Kasharian	***Absent***	Mrs. Tina Ritchie	***Present***
Mrs. Linda Chamberlain	***Present***	Mr. Mathew Leitner	***Present***		
Mr. Joseph Ciccarelli	***Absent***	Mr. John Lucas	***Absent***		

Also present, Tammy Green, CSA and Lori Tirone, SBA/BS

V. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Hope School Happenings
Mrs. Green reported on:

- Personnel, new student software"Realtime"

- PTA Tricky Tray May 19th, Mrs. Markus's Composting team at the Green Day event
- Testing in May, Spring Concert May 27th, Moving up Ceremony June 12th

Presentation of Paw Awards - PAWSitively a Team Player
Presentation of Red Apple Award - Red Apple Teamworker - Amy Caputo

VI. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING OF THE 2026-2027 BUDGET

MOTION to open the public hearing on the 2026/2027 budget by Mrs. Beatty, seconded by Mrs. Chamberlain.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

PRESENTATION of the 2026-2027 BUDGET provided by Mrs. Green and Mrs. Tirone.

The Board discussed Preschool half day vs. full day and tuition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Ritchie opened the public hearing for public comment.

Catherine Trotter, HEA President and teacher, discussed preschool.
Mr. Urfer, Deputy Mayor thanked everyone for the Green Team day. He also discussed development and ratables.

MOTION to close the public hearing on the 2026/2027 budget by Mrs. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Leitner.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

VII. APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2027 BUDGET

MOTION by Mrs. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Leitner to approve the Proposed Tentative Budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Hope Township Board of Education approved the tentative 2026/2027 budget at its March 24, 2026 board meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Hope Township Board of Education forwarded the tentative 2026/2027 budget on March 26, 2026 to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for their review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the 2026-2027 budget was approved for advertising by the Executive County Superintendent on April 9,2026 and advertised on the District website, hope-elem.org, in accordance with the form suggested by the New Jersey Department of Education and according to law on April 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to present and accept comments from the public on the 2026/2027 budget was held prior to the passing of this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, that the Hope Township Board of Education adopts the budget for the 2026/2027 school year using the 2026/2027 state aid figures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools hereby certifies that the 2026/2027 budget submitted does present a balanced budget with an adequate amount of funds to provide for a thorough and efficient education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hope Township Board of Education affixes/determines that the amount of money necessary to be appropriated for the use of the public schools for the 2026/2027 school year shall be submitted at $6,731,722 for the General Fund which the General Fund local tax levy shall be submitted at $4,905,598; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the following diagram provides a breakdown of the 2026/2027 budget:

REVENUE		**APPROPRIATIONS**	
Fund 10: Operating Budget		***Fund 10: Operation Budget***	
Local Tax Levy	$ 4,905,598.00	Current Expense	$ 5,892,553.00
State Aid	372,576.00	Capital Outlay*	783,463.00
Miscellaneous/Shared Svcs	340,600.00		
Budgeted Fund Balance	357,242.00		
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	700,000.00		
Fund 20: Special Funds		***Fund 20: Special Funds***	
Grant Entitlements (Est)	$ 55,706.00	ESEA/IDEA Grants	$ 55,706.00
TOTAL REVENUE:	**$ 6,731,722.00**	**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:**	**$6,731,722.00**

(*Capital Outlay includes the State Assessment for Debt Service on SDA Grant Funding and Lease Purchase Loan Principal)

Adjustment for Enrollment

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of $25,885. The full amount of the enrollment adjustment was $26,403. The district will use the entire enrollment adjustment. The district had an increase in enrollment of 2.2%. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

Health Care Adjustment

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education will use a portion of the adjustment for health care in the 2026-2027 budget in the amount of $73,888. The district intends to bank $19,484 to use in future years.

Approval of Capital Reserve Withdrawal

WHEREAS, the Hope Township Board of Education (the "Board") has established a capital reserve account pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:21-2 and N.J.S.A.18A:7G-31 in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, which is subject to an annual audit; and

WHEREAS, the Board may use the capital reserve account to implement a capital project in the Hope Township School District's ("District") Long Range Facility Plan ("LRFP") as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-4(a) and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1, the Board may, by resolution, transfer funds from the capital reserve account to the line items in the capital outlay major account/fund to fund the total costs, less any excess costs, of a school facilities project; and

WHEREAS, the Electrical Upgrade is planned for in the 2026-2027 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board directs the Business Administrator and architect of record to submit all projects listed above to the State of New Jersey for amendment and inclusion in the District's LRFP; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to transfer $700,000.00 from its capital reserve account to its capital outlay/major account to fund the total cost of the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of capital reserve to fund this Project.

2. The Board hereby approves the total transfer of $700,000.00 from the capital reserve account to the capital outlay/major account/fund to fund the total costs, less any excess costs, of the Project.

Travel, Maximum Travel, and Related Expense Reimbursement

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., and

WHEREAS, Hope Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a board of education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of $260.00 for each staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, but deemed by the board of education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Hope Township Board of Education out of district travel and reimbursement forms;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hope Township Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of $4,750.00 for the 2026-2027 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2025-2026 school year is $4,750.00, which, $2,650.00 has been spent and 2,100.00 is encumbered to date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hope Township Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Hope Township Board of Education out of district travel and reimbursement forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hope Township Board of Education includes in the tentative budget travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of $4,750.00 for all staff and board members for the 2026-2027 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

APPROVAL OF TAX LEVY PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE 2026-2027 BUDGET YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hope Township Board of Education approve the following tax levy payment schedule to be presented to the Township of Hope for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Due Date	Amount	Due Date	Amount
July 15, 2026	$408,800.00	January 20, 2027	$408,799.00
August 19, 2026	$408,800.00	February 17, 2027	$408,800.00
September 16, 2026	$408,800.00	March 17, 2027	$408,800.00
October 21, 2026	$408,800.00	April 21, 2027	$408,800.00
November 18, 2026	$408,800.00	May 19, 2027	$408,800.00
December 16, 2026	$408,799.00	June 16, 2027	$408,800.00
Total	**$4,905,598.00**		

On a roll call vote, all present unanimously were in favor. The motion passed.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING & PETITION

President Ritchie opened the public hearing for public comment.

Ashley Hineline, parent, thanked the staff for all their assistance with her daughter who broke her foot.

IX. MINUTES

MOTION by Mrs. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Leitner to approve the following minutes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Board of Education meeting, held on the dates indicated as transcribed, be approved and filed.

March 24, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

X. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION - Mr. Lucas, Mr. Ciccarelli

MOTION by Mrs. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Leitner to approve Buildings & Grounds/Transportation item A.

A. Approve the Use of Facilities

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the use of the Kitchen on May 16, 2026 for the Hope Elementary Tricky Tray and 50/50 to sell food.

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

XI. COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mr. Leitner, Mrs. Kasharian, Mrs. Beatty

MOTION by Mrs. Beatty, seconded by Mrs. Ritchie to approve Community and Public Relations item A.

A. Approve Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve an Agreement for the operation of a before and after school child care program with Campbell's Kids Club, LLC for the 2026-2027 school year.

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

XII. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/TECHNOLOGY - Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Beatty, Mrs. Kasharian

MOTION by Mrs. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Leitner to approve Curriculum items A through C.

A. Approve Professional Development

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve Honacy Beco to attend 2026 ESCNJ Vendor Expo on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 to earn CEUs for his Certified Educational Facilities Manager Certificate. There is no fee.

B. Approve Field Trip

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a field trip to the White Township Consolidated School for sixth grade orientation on June 8, 2026. Transportation will be provided by the district at a cost of $180.00.

C. Approve Field Trip

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a field trip for Kindergarten Orientation to "Ride around Hope" on August 26, 2026. Transportation will be provided by the district.

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

XIII. FINANCE - Mr. Ciccarelli, Mrs. Beatty, Mrs. Chamberlain

MOTION by Mrs. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Leitner to approve Finance items A through I.

A. Acceptance of the Financial Report March 2026

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 requires the Board Secretary and the Hope Township Board of Education to certify that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that the sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10 further requires the Hope Township Board of Education receive and accept the monthly financial statements, the Board Secretary's, and Treasurer's reports; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, for the month ending March 31, 2026, are presented for the Board to accept and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Hope Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of and accepts the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary and Hope Township Board of Education certify that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet the district's financial obligation.

B. Approval of Budget Transfers for March 2026

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10-(c)1 states that a report shall be presented to the Board showing all transfers between line-item accounts for each line-item account shown on the budget prepared in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:22-8; and

WHEREAS, transfers in the report "Budget Transfers" for the time period of March 2026 were necessary to maintain the needs of the district and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, that Hope Township Board of Education ratifies and approves the transfers in the report "Budget Transfers" for March 31, 2026 in fiscal year 2025-2026, approved by the Chief School Administrator, so that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds would be available to meet the district's financial obligations.

C. Approval of March 2026 and April 2026 Claims

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:19, Expenditure of Funds; Audit and Payment of Claims, provides Boards of Education to make payments on claims for goods received and services rendered payable to the order of the person entitled to receive the amount after approval by the board; or in accordance with payrolls duly certified; or debt service or when provided by resolution approval by a person designated by the board; and

WHEREAS, a list of bills for the months of March 2026 and April 2026 are being presented to the board with the recommendation that they be ratified, approved and paid; and

WHEREAS, each claim or demand has been fully itemized, verified and audited as required by law in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hope Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, ratifies and approves the list of bills for payment in the grand sum of $97,095.72 for March 21, 2026 through March 31, 2026 and $513,987.38 for April 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the list of bills is on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hope Township Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay bills if it is determined that a need arises prior to the next board meeting.

D. "Resolution of State Application for Hope Township Board of Education of the Electrical Upgrade at Hope Township School

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Hope Township in the County of Warren, NJ (the "Board"), would like to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of Electrical Upgrade at Hope Township School:

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take steps in order to proceed with the Project:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, In accordance with the requirement of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves all plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of the same to their County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval by Parette Somjen Architects. This project is designated "Capital Reserve and Capital Outlay" and the Board is not seeking state funding.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board hereby authorizes, if necessary, the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determination of the Board set forth in this resolution, including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as applicable to the proposed Project.

E. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with InSite Health Inc.

WHEREAS, Insite has developed and owns a proprietary software application designed to provide wellness screening tools for students (the "Platform");

WHEREAS, access to the Service is made available to the School at no direct cost pursuant to a public contract between InSite and the County of Warren (Contract No. WC2592C) for the provision of Substance Use and Prevention Services, funded by the New Jersey Opioid Settlement Fund;

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Hope Township in the County of Warren, NJ (the "Board"), wish to set forth the terms and conditions under which InSite will provide the School with access to the Platform and the related services;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board hereby authorizes, entering into this Memorandum of Understanding with InSite Health Inc.

F. Consolidated Food Service Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve submission of a Consolidated Food Service Agreement with White Township School District for the 2026-2027 School Year.

G. Memorandum of Agreement with WCSSSD

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a Memorandum of Agreement in Related Services between Hope Township Board of Education and Warren County Special Services School District forApril 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026. Service schedule:

Service	Service Rate (Hourly)	Evaluation
Basic Skills Instructor	$85.50-$95.00	n/a
Behavioral Support Services as provided by BCBA/Behavioral Supervisor	$90.00-$110.00 (3 hour minimum)	TBD
Bilingual Evaluations	n/a	$545-$560
Home Instruction	$72.50-$80.00	n/a
LDTC	$100.00-$115.00	$435-$445
Music Therapy	Price available on request	n/a
Occupational Therapy	$85.00-$105.00	$440-$460
Paraprofessional	$35.00-$45.00	n/a
Physical Therapy	$90-00-$110.00	$440-$460
Psychologist Services	$100.00-$115.00	$440-$460
Reading Specialist	$90.50-$95.00	n/a
School Counselor	$96.50-$110.00	$440-$460
Social Work Services	$88.50-$108.50	$440-$460
Speech Therapy	$90.00-$105.00	$440-$460
Supplemental Instructor	$85.50-$95.00	n/a
Teacher of the Deaf Services	$151.00-$155.00	n/a

H. Addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement with WCSSSD

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve an Addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement in Related Services between Hope Township Board of Education and Warren County Special Services School District for April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026. The service of Educational Support Services (LDTC) provided by Spectrum Services at an hourly rate of $80.00.

I. Agreement with Avalon Therapy

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve an Agreement in Related Services between Hope Township Board of Education and Avalon Therapy LLC for April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026. The service of Physical Therapy to be provided at an hourly rate of $110.00. Not to exceed 20 hours.

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

XIV. PERSONNEL - Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Leitner

MOTION by Mrs. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Leitner to approve Personnel items A through L.

A. Accept Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, accept the resignation of Melissa Woodhull, School Nurse as of June 30, 2026.

B. Accept Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, accept the resignation of Josephine Porter, Music Teacher, as of June 30, 2026.

C. Appoint Tenured Staff for the 2026-2027 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, accept and appoint tenured certificated staff members for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with the agreement between the Hope Township Board of Education and the Hope Township Education Association.

Employee	FTE	Degree/Step	Base Salary	Longevity	Total Salary
Amy Caputo	0.50	BA+15 P	$ 39,795.00	$ 600.00	$ 40,395.00
Jennifer Encin	1.00	BA T	$ 86,850.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 89,350.00
Meghan Gecek	1.00	BA T	$ 86,850.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 88,350.00
Brian Grennan**	1.00	BA T	$ 86,850.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 89,350.00
Jessica Gwynn	1.00	MA T	$ 90,450.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 91,950.00
Lianne Markus	1.00	BA T	$ 86,850.00	$ 600.00	$ 87,450.00
Susan Martino	1.00	BA+15 T	$ 87,750.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 89,250.00
Tracy Sheldon	0.40	MA H	$ 28,216.00	$ -	$ 28,216.00
Tonya Sisto	1.00	BA+30 T	$ 88,650.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 90,150.00
Catherine Trotter	1.00	BA+30 T	$ 88,650.00	$ 600.00	$ 89,250.00
Lindsay Williams	1.00	MA N	$ 77,640.00	$ -	$ 77,640.00

** Based on approval of a shared services agreement with White Township.

D. Appoint Non-Tenured Staff for the 2026-2027 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, accept and appoint non-tenured certificated staff members for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with the agreement between the Hope Township Board of Education and the Hope Township Education Association.

Employee	FTE	Degree/Step	Base Salary	Stipend	Total Salary
Melody Groben	1.00	MA H	S 70,540.00	$ -	$ 70,540.00
Michelle Rivera	1.00	MA+15 T	S 92,250.00	$ 4,315.00	$ 96,565.00
Olivia Shollenberger	0.70	BA B	S 42,343.00	$ -	$ 42,343.00
Erica Zarro	1.00	MA LM	S 75,565.00	$ -	$ 75,565.00

E. Appoint Custodial Staff for the 2026-2027 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, accept and appoint custodians for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in accordance with the agreement between the Hope Township Board of Education and the Hope Township Education Association.

Employee	FTE	Degree/Step	Base Salary	Stipend	Total Salary
Mirna Horak	1.00	E	$ 48,605.00	$ -	S 48,605.00

F. Appoint Supervisor of CST/School Psychologist for the 2026-2027 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, accept and appoint Kathryn Wilk as the CST Supervisor/School Psychologist for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary (12 months) of $118,450.

G. Appoint Confidential Secretary for the 2026-2027 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, accept and appoint Gina Waldron as the Main Office Secretary/Principal Secretary/Child Study Team Secretary for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary (12 months) of $56,650.

H. Appoint Confidential Business Administrative Assistant for the 2026-2027 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, accept and appoint Stephanie Klecka as the Assistant to the Business Administrator/Payroll/Transportation Coordinator for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary (12 months) of $56,650.

I. Appoint Supervisor of Facilities for the 2026-2027 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, accept and appoint Honacy Beco as the Supervisor of Facilities/Head Custodian for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary (12 months) of $67,773.

J. Approve Part Time Speech Therapist

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve Ellen Kassis as a Part Time Speech Therapist (.60), MA, Step G, at the salary rate of $41,469 for the 2026-2027 school year.

K. Approve ERI Teacher

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve Laura Sullivan as a ERI Teacher, BA, Step I, at the salary rate of $68,405 for the 2026-2027 school year.

L. Approve Substitute

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve Kimberly Ambler as a teaching substitute at a rate of $120.00 daily for the 2025-2026 school year, pending background check.

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

XV. POLICY - Mr. Lucas, Mrs. Chamberlain
No meeting, no committee update.

XVI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Mrs. Kasharian
No update.

XVII. BHS BOARD MEMBER UPDATE - Mr. Ciccarelli
No update.

XVIII. WHITE BOARD MEMBER UPDATE - Mrs. Ritchie
No update.

XIX. GOOD OF THE ORDER
No good of the order.

XX. PUBLIC HEARING AND PETITION
President Ritchie opened the public hearing for public comment. No one from the public made any comments.

XXI. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS

MOTION by Mrs. Beatty, seconded by Mrs. Chamberlain to acknowledge receipt of no HIB investigations.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION TO ADJOURN by Mrs. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Leitner.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Tirone
Board Secretary