

**Board of Education
Upper Saddle River, New Jersey
Board Retreat - Special Meeting
Friday, September 19, 2025, 8:30 a.m.**

Minutes

This Board Retreat-Special Meeting of the Upper Saddle River Board of Education was held in the Media Center of Cavallini Middle School of the Upper Saddle River Schools beginning at 8:30 a.m. Mrs. Gandara opened the meeting and stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with PL 1975, Chapter 232 and appropriate notice had been provided to the designated newspapers, the Borough Clerk and all interested parties requesting such notification.

Members present: Mrs. Gandara, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Mehegan, Mr. Quagliani, Dr. Verducci, Mrs. Wenberg

Members absent: Mrs. Ginsberg

Also present: Dr. Schoen, Mrs. Imbasciani, Mr. Kaplan

Mr. Quagliani made a motion, seconded by Dr. Verducci to begin the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Opening statement by Presiding Officer

Mrs. Gandara

Mrs. Gandara welcomed the Board to the meeting.

FINANCE

Mrs. Imbasciani

A motion was made by Mrs. Wenberg and seconded by Mr. Mehegan to approve Finance Consent Agenda Item A through E and was approved by all in attendance.

- A. Approve the transfer of \$108,600.00 from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects for the Cavallini Boiler Project, retroactive to June 30, 2025.
- B. Approve State Aid Funding (ROD Grant) of \$124,400.00 for the Cavallini Boiler Project.
- C. Approve the redistribution of \$250,000.00 originally budgeted for the Cavallini Elevator Project to the following Capital Outlay Projects, retroactive to June 30, 2025:

Cavallini Hot Water Heater	\$ 6,473.00
Cavallini Main Entrance Signage	\$ 11,722.99
District Maintenance Truck	\$ 44,429.50
Reynolds Classroom Cubbies	\$ 59,999.77
Security Upgrade	\$127,374.74

- D. Approve State Aid Funding (ROD Grant) of \$802,118.00 for the Bogert Roof Replacement Project, retroactive to June 30, 2025.
- E. Transfer \$86,403.76 worth of Unexpended Capital Outlay Projects back to Capital Reserve, retroactive to June 30, 2025.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Schoen

- State of the District
Dr. Schoen shared the state of the schools with the Board members. Highlights included:
 - 24/25 accomplishments
 - Electives at Cavallini
 - Summer curriculum work
 - Summer facility projects
 - Summer ESY program

- Reviewed enrollment trends over the past 10 years
 - Newly registered students
 - Demographic study highlights
 - Special Education enrollment and programs
 - Technology
 - ACE program
 - HIB reporting - 23/24 to 24/25 comparisons
 - Smartpass
 - Attendance
 - SPARK
 - Report cards
 - Updated forms
 - PAC
 - Safety and security
 - Evaluations
 - DARE moves to LEAD
 - Health benefits
 - 2025 NJSLA Results
 - New statewide assessments
- 2025/26 District Goals
Discussed 3 goals that will be formally approved at the October Meeting

COMMENTS:

- Dr. Verducci commended Dr. Schoen on a very thorough presentation.
- Mrs. Wenberg thanked Dr. Schoen for her presentation and said it's a good way to start the year.
- Mrs. Gandara stated that it was a great outline with regards to the level of information and asked that we keep this tradition up in years to come.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Gandara

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Quagliani and seconded by Mrs. Wenberg at 10:55 a.m.

Dana Imbasciani, Board Secretary