SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
P. O. Box 181
Monmouth Junction, New Jersey

Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 1, 2025

The South Brunswick Township Board of Education held a meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2025. The meeting was chaired by President, Mrs. Laura Hernandez.

CALLED TO ORDER AND SALUTE FLAG – Mrs. Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

STATEMENT OF ADVANCE NOTICE – Mrs. Hernandez read a statement in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL - David Pawlowski, SBA, Board Secretary:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Laura Hernandez, Mrs. Deepa Karthik, Mrs. Julie Ferrara, Ms. Alisha Kahn, Mr. Mike Mitchell, Dr. Smitha Raj, Mrs. Lisa Rodgers and Mr. Rajesh Soni

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Raja Krishna

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – There was a motion by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Dr. Raj to approve the agenda of May 1, 2025:

Yes: Mrs. Laura Hernandez, Mrs. Deepa Karthik, Mrs. Julie Ferrara, Ms. Alisha Kahn, Mr. Mike Mitchell, Dr. Smitha Raj, Mrs. Lisa Rodgers and Mr. Rajesh Soni

No: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes were approved as written for the Executive Minutes of March 27, 2025 and the Board Minutes of March 27, 2025:

Yes: Mrs. Laura Hernandez, Mrs. Deepa Karthik, Mrs. Julie Ferrara, Ms. Alisha Kahn, Mr. Raja Krishna, Mr. Mike Mitchell, Dr. Smitha Raj Mrs. Lisa Rodgers and Mr. Rajesh Soni

No: None

Motion to Move to Executive Session – there was a motion by Mrs. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to move to Executive Session at 6:22 pm.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of South Brunswick hereby moves into an Executive Session, in accordance with Sunshine Law, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 (N.J.S.A.) 10:4-6 through 10:4-21), to discuss the following:

X Personnel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the discussion conducted in Executive Session can be disclosed to the public at such time as the matters have been resolved. Formal action may be taken at any meeting.

Yes: Mrs. Laura Hernandez, Mrs. Deepa Karthik, Mrs. Julie Ferrara, Ms. Alisha Kahn, Mr. Mike Mitchell, Dr. Smitha Raj, Mrs. Lisa Rodgers and Mr. Rajesh Soni

No: None

Motion to Reconvene to Public Meeting – there was a motion by Dr. Raj, seconded by Mr. Soni to reconvene to the Public Meeting at 7:05 pm.

Yes: Mrs. Laura Hernandez, Mrs. Deepa Karthik, Mrs. Julie Ferrara, Ms. Alisha Kahn, Mr. Mike Mitchell, Dr. Smitha Raj, Mrs. Lisa Rodgers and Mr. Rajesh Soni

No: None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Scott Feder

Mr. Feder announced today is National School Principals Day. He recognized all the principals and said they are an "amazing team" that takes care of students and staff every day.

Tonight the PTO members will recognized.

The Joanne Kerekes Art gallery was amazing.

The Pirandello Players were entered into a competition called Central Jersey Marque Awards. They were nominated for eight different awards. Ms. Jillian Trader who is leading this does amazing things with the kids.

Next week is teacher and staff appreciation week and will be recognized on the billboard on Rt. 1.

The 12th Congressional Art Competition sponsored by Representative Bonnie Watson Coleman's office was held and the top three finalists will have their artwork displayed in the "The Tunnel." The first place winner is from South Brunswick High School.

Mr. Mitchell said put your hands together for the Girls Track Team as well as the Boys Tennis Team they are GMC champions.

After the PTO recognition there will be a budget presentation.

Mrs. Bobbi Binder, Vice-President of the South Brunswick Education Foundation spoke about their upcoming event the Tour de South Brunswick starting at South Brunswick High School on Sunday, June 1st. There are three routes the 25 mile, 10 mile and the 4 mile. For further details visit the website tour@edfoundationsb.org.

Mr. Feder announced once a month he meets with the PTO presidents as well as the board president. He said he appreciates all they do for the schools.

RECOGNITION – PTO Presidents' Council

Ms. Margaret Berry, Principal of Indian Fields Elementary School welcomed everyone to the annual PTO appreciation event. Tonight she said they celebrate the incredible contributions that the Parent-Teacher Organization provides to the schools and the students. The role of the PTO extends far beyond organizing events and fundraising. They are the backbone of the educational community and the vital force that helps the gap between home and school. They had an impact on all the schools through the resources they helped secure have enhanced the classroom and introduced new programs and provided opportunities for students they wouldn't otherwise have. She also commented that as administrators they are grateful for their dedication and their commitment to the students' education and well-being. She thanked them for their countless hours they spend making the schools a better place.

Ms. Berry shared a video montage of all the events and contributions they have made to the schools.

The following PTO Presidents Council was recognized:

Brooks Crossing Elementary School	Dhruti Chokski, Co-President
Brooks Crossing Elementary School	Nicole Demattia, Co-President
Brunswick Acres Elementary School	Kelli Sanchez, President
Cambridge Elementary School	Rami Lee, Co-President
Cambridge Elementary School	Nilofer Tohfafarosh, Co-President
Constable Elementary School	Cheryl Crick, Co-President
Constable Elementary School	Vanessa Garay, Co-President

Greenbrook Elementary School	Lisa Browning, President
Indian Fields Elementary School	Lynn Monday, President
Monmouth Junction Elementary School	Zunaria Tariq, Co-President
Monmouth Junction Elementary School	Manasa Gangula, Co-President
Crossroads Middle Schools	Dipti Shukla Zavar, President
South Brunswick High School	Ena Bedi, Co-President
South Brunswick High School	Deepika Chandola, Co-President and PTO Council Coordinator

Mrs. Hernandez commented that the PTO does so many things that people aren't even aware of behind the scenes that makes teachers lives so much easier. Mrs. Hernandez said as a teacher herself she knows how much they help the teachers and they value what they do and they are very much appreciated. On behalf of the Board she thanked them for all they do.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2025 – 2026 BUDGET -

Mr. Feder commented the budget presentation is a lot of repetition. At the last meeting they adopted a tentative budget since then they added additional information which will be presented this evening.

Mr. Feder said the basic key factors that affect them are the State Aid Funding, the Tax Levy Cap, Health Insurance, Enrollment, New Residential Neighborhoods, and Facilities – 5-10 year plans.

To view the entire presentation and comments visit the district website www.sbschools.org video of Board Meeting of May 1, 2025.

Mr. Pawlowski asked to make an adjustment to the consent agenda; there was a motion to add A. 1.19:

Be it resolved to the South Brunswick Township that the Board of Education hereby accepts with deep appreciation and sincere gratitude the letter of retirement submitted by Scott Feder, effective August 31, 2025 from the position of Superintendent of Schools.

Mrs. Hernandez read a statement on behalf of the Board. "The board extends its heartfelt thanks to Mr. Feder for his outstanding leadership, unwavering dedication and many years of exemplary service to the South Brunswick Township District, students, staff and the community. He has been a transformational presence in the schools, fostering the culture of excellence, kindness and innovation that has positively impacted all of us in meaningful ways. The South Brunswick community wishes you - Mr. Feder the best in your future endeavors and please have a budget free retirement."

BOARD COMMITTEES and LIAISON REPORTS –

Ms. Kahn, Chair of the Policy Committee, reported the committee has not met and there is nothing to report at this time.

Mrs. Rodgers, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported the committee met last Tuesday, they reviewed the entire budget presentation that was presented this evening. The committee approved the 7.20% increase based on the presentation that was given.

Mrs. Hernandez reported on the Operations Committee in Mr. Krishna's absence. She said they spoke about the roof.

Mrs. Karthik reported she attended the Joanne Kerekes Art Gallery and it was a wonderful event.

Dr. Raj reported that the South Brunswick High School Cricket Club won both the matches against West Windsor Plainsboro.

OLD BUSINESS – None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS – None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Mrs. Hernandez read a statement in regards to public comments.

Mr. John O'Sullivan, resident of Monmouth Junction, wished Mr. Feder well and commented on the $230,000 salary of Mr. Feder which he said is more than the Governor's salary. He asked that when they hire a new superintendent they don't go crazy paying the new superintendent $230,000.

Mr. Robert Williams, resident of Dayton, thanked everyone for all their time and effort. He said he had more questions than comments. He said it was talked about all these new homes coming in but tax revenue comes in with them, he doesn't know if that has been factored in.

Mr. Feder responded that the State of NJ in 2012 put a cap on the amount of money you are allowed to spend in schools; you are allowed to increase the tax levy by 2%. It doesn't matter if a billion dollars of new taxes come in to the town. If more money comes into the town it reduces the amount of money everyone pays. It doesn't come to the schools. Mr. Feder also commented that taxes have gone down.

Mr. Williams said he heard 1,700 new houses, Mr. Feder responded 3,177. Mr. Williams said he calculated that at $17 million but it will be double that and the taxes will be going down he asked?

Mr. Pawlowski responded the way the school funding formula works is the ratables of the town, when all those homes hit the market the ratables are going to shoot up. When the ratables shoot up and the town value is more it is favorable for the taxes.

Mr. Feder said the issue is they won't get the money the school needs. Mr. Williams commented he knows that 60 to 70% is allocated to the schools.

Mr. Williams ask if they had any idea why Edison, New Brunswick and North Brunswick got such a higher amount compared to South Brunswick.

Mr. Williams also commented on putting solar panels on a 50 year old roof, he said somebody made a bad mistake.

Mr. Pawlowski said there was a one-year warranty on installation. He said what happened in 2016 the district engaged in a company to do an Energy Savings Improvement Project, $27 million at the time, the largest project in the State of NJ for a school district. He said the essences of all of the projects around the district didn't have an architect's signature they dealt with a vendor and they sold to the Administrators at that time that this was a good idea.

Mr. Williams thanked them for their service. He commented he can remember when the 2% cap was initiated and he said he doesn't know why people don't show up to the meetings. He said a lot of people don't get notifications; he gets his from the Patch.

CONSENT AGENDA REVIEW/WALK THROUGH – David Pawlowski
Mr. Pawlowski reviewed the Action Items for May 1, 2025. Mr. Soni asked about the Sidebar Agreement, Mrs. Kimberly Maloy-White responded. Mrs. Ferrara asked about A. 1.9, Mr. Pawlowski said it was the budget that was previously discussed.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA – There was a roll call to approve the consent agenda items for May 1, 2025.

1.1 Bill List - upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the Warrant List dated April 25, 2025 in the amount of $9,735,983.53 as attached.

1.2 Approve Nonpublic Technology Order – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the purchase order for nonpublic technology equipment/supplies for Noor Ul Iman School from the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey:

2024 – 2025 Funding	$24,402.00	
Requests 1 – 3 -	($15,322.30)	– Previously BOE Approved
Request 1 – Partial Refund	$1,052.22	
Request 2 - Credit Cancelled	$2,845.00	

Request 4 -	($6,059.20)
Request 5	($5,398.72)
Remaining Balance	**$1,517.00**

1.3 Accept Donations – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the following donations:

A. From Greenbrook Elementary School PTO in the amount of $21,218.01. The funds will be used to purchase a gymnatorium audio system at Greenbrook Elementary School.
B. From Monmouth Junction School PTO in the amount of $9,677.00. The funds will be used to purchase a book vending machine and the cost of installation for the library at Monmouth Junction Elementary School

1.4 Approve Renewal of Contract – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the following contract for the 2025 – 2026 school year. The contract renew as originally award the through the bid number listed below with a 3% increase in rates for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

Vendor	Original Bid#	Description of Service	Contract Amount
Republic Services of New Jersey LLC	10-23	Solid Waste Disposal & Single Stream Recycling Services	$160,720.79

1.5 Approve Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve a withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve account in the amount of $212,000.00 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A14.2. A withdrawal is required for tennis court improvements at South Brunswick High School.

1.6 Approve Purchase Over the Bid Limit - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the following purchase over the bid limit:

BE IT RESOLVED That the Board authorizes the following purchase for the 2024-2025 school year, Utilizing Bid #04-23 Paving/Asphalt Services with Halecon, Inc. of Bridgewater, NJ, over the bid limit as part of the NJ Public Procurement procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the South Brunswick Board of Education, based upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby approves the award of a contract for tennis court improvements and repairs at
South Brunswick High School.

Halecon, INC
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

The award of the contract is based upon the following pricing as obtained through the competitive Bid #04-23, as issued by South Brunswick School District previously board approved on April 17th, 2024.

Project Total: $ 212,000.00

1.7 Approve the Sale of Buses - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the sale of buses in conjunction with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission utilizing the interlocal provisions allowed by law to sell the following vehicles listed below, Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission solicited sealed bids for these vehicles on behalf of the district.

T&L Trans.

Unit	Year	# Pass	VIN #	Make/Model	Bid
90	2014	20 + 1 W/C	1GB3G3BG5C1151665	Chevy/Thomas Small DRW Wheelchair Lift Bus	$26,400.00
92	2014	17 + 2 W/C	1GB6G5BG1E1155109	Chevy/Mid Bus Small DRW Wheelchair Lift Bus	$25,100.00

TOTAL: $51,500.00

Emmanuel Trans.

Unit	Year	# Pass	VIN #	Make/Model	Bid
91	2014	17 + 2 W/C	1GB6G5BG3E1154916	Chevy/Mid Bus Small DRW Wheelchair Lift Bus	$21,000.00
93	2014	17 + 2 W/C	1GB6G5BG4E1155654	Chevy/Mid Bus Small DRW Wheelchair Lift Bus	$21,000.00
89	2012	12 + 1 W/C	1GD373BGXB1172436	Chevy/Thomas Small DRW Wheelchair Lift Bus	$14,000.00
88	2011	20	1GD6G3AG7A1167630	Chevy/Starcraft Small DRW	$10,800.00

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86	2011	16	1GB6G3AG4A1146582	Chevy/Collins Small DRW Bus	$14,000.00
87	2011	16	1GB6G3AG4A1146534	Chevy/Collins Small DRW Bus	$14,000.00

TOTAL: $94,800.00

1.8 **Record, Award and Reject Bids** – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Bids for Vocational Student Transportation, Bid #2025-01 opened on April 24, 2025; In District Special Education Student Transportation, Bid #2025-02, opened on April 24, 2025; Out of District Student Transportation Services, Bid No. 2025-04, opened on April 24, 2025 be recorded and awarded and Non Public Student Transportation, Bid #2025-03 be rejected as per the following:

A. Bid# 2025-01, Vocational Student - Record

Vendor	No. of Routes	Total Price Per Diem	Total Per Diem Price after Bulk Bid %
ABC Transport New Brunswick, NJ	3	$809.00	$784.73
Durham School School Services, L.P. Lisle, IL	3	$1,469.39	$1,469.39
Emmanuel Trans LLC East Brunswick, NJ	3	$650.00	$643.50
First Student, Inc. Monmouth Junction, NJ	3	$1,425.00	$1,353.75
Happy Lime, LLC Spotswood, NJ	3	$1,104.00	$1,092.96
Irvin Raphael East Brunswick, NJ	3	$1,167.00	$1,167.00
Presidential Transportation LLC Lakewood, NJ	3	$1,305.00	$1,305.00
Road to Success East Brunswick, NJ	3	$869.80	$869.80

Roots Transportation Dayton, NJ	3	$1,038.00	$1,038.00
Sunset Transportation Piscataway, NJ	3	$768.00	$768.00
Taykz Tyme, LLC Somerset, NJ	3	$930.00	$930.00

Bid #2025-01, Vocational Student Transportation – Award

Vendor	Description	No. of Routes	Total Per Diem Price	Total Per Diem Price After Bulk Bid%
Emmanuel Trans LLC East Brunswick, NJ	Rt. #MVEB3, #MVEB2, and #MVEB1	3	$650.00	$643.50

Not to Exceed $116,000.00

B. Bid #2025-02, In-District Special Education Student Transportation – Record

Vendor	No. of Routes	Total Price Per Diem	Total Per Diem Price after Bulk Bid %
ABC Transport New Brunswick, NJ	3	$1,014.00	$1,896.00
Durham School School Services, L.P. Lisle, IL	3	$1,808.60	$1,808.60
Emmanuel Trans LLC East Brunswick, NJ	3	$768.00	$760.32
Happy Lime LLC Spotswood, NJ	3	$1,293.00	$1,293.00
Irvin Raphael East Brunswick, NJ	3	$1,488.00	$1,488.00
Roots Transportation Dayton, NJ	3	$861.00	$861.00
Sunset Transportation Piscataway, NJ	3	$876.00	$876.00

Taykz Tyme, LLC Somerset, NJ	3	$1,110.00	$1,110.00

Bid #2025-02, In-District Special Education Student Transportation – Award

Vendor	No. of Routes	Total Price Per Diem	Total Per Diem Price after Bulk Bid %
Emmanuel Trans LLC East Brunswick, NJ	3	$768.00	$760.32

Not to Exceed $137,000.00

C. Bid #2025-25, Out-of-District Student Transportation - Record

Vendor	No. of Routes	Total Price Per Diem	Total Per Diem Price after Bulk Bid %
ABC Trans Corp New Brunswick, NJ	4	$1,605.00	$1,556.85
Durham School School Services, L.P. Lisle, IL	5	$3,112.92	$3,112.92
Emmanuel Trans LLC East Brunswick, NJ	3	$1,100.00	$1,089.00
Happy Lime, LLC Spotswood, NJ	5	$2,232.00	$2,209.68
Irvin Raphael, Inc. East Brunswick, NJ	4	$2,226.00	$2,226.00
Roots Transportation Dayton, NJ	5	$2,054.00	$2,054.00
Sunset Transportation Piscataway, NJ	5	$1,839.00	$1,839.00
Taykz Tyme, LLC Somerset, NJ	5	$2,520.00	$2,520.00

Bid #2025-04, Out-of-District Student Transportation - Award

Vendor	Description	No. of Routes	Total Per Diem Price	Total Per Diem Price After Bulk Bid%
Emmanuel Trans LLC East Brunswick, NJ **Not to Exceed $53,000.00**	Rt. #HON	1	$292.00	$292.00
Roots Transportation Dayton, NJ **Not to Exceed $75,000.00**	Rt. #CCMC	1	$416.00	$416.00
Sunset Transportation LLC Piscataway, NJ **Not to Exceed $173,000.00**	Rt. #RUTI, #LAKE3, #RUT2	3	$961.00	$961.00

D. Reject Bid #2025-03, Non Public Student Transportation –

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education records the receipt of two bids that were received for Bid #2025-03, Non Public Student Transportation Services opened on Thursday, April 24, 2025. Bids were submitted by ABC Trans Corp. of North Brunswick, NJ and Emmanuel Transportation LLC of East Brunswick, NJ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education reject all bids received for Bid #2025-03, Non Public Student Transportation pursuant to the Appropriations Act as all bids exceeded the maximum per pupil expenditure of $1,177.00 for nonpublic school transportation. The district will solicit bids for a second time for these services.

1.9 Approve 2025 – 2026 School District Budget –

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the FY 2025 – 2026 school district budget as follows:

WHEREAS, the South Brunswick Township Board of Education adopted a TENTATIVE budget on March 13, 2025, and submitted it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and

WHEREAS, the TENTATIVE budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on April 4th, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the TENTATIVE budget was submitted for advertisement in the legal section of the Home News Tribune on April 24, 2025, and

WHEREAS, in the proposed FY2026 State Budget, certain districts had the opportunity to apply to the Commission of Education to increase expenditures, including an allocation of Tax Levy Incentive Aid, in order to satisfy the thoroughness and efficiency standards established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-46.

WHEREAS, South Brunswick is below local fair share and spending below adequacy to be eligible to participate in this program.
WHEREAS, South Brunswick Township School District is eligible to increase expenditures by $5,125,539 and qualify for Tax Levy Incentive Aid in the amount of $4,881,466.

WHEREAS, the South Brunswick Township Board of Education has been granted approval to increase expenditures based on the following reasons: Improvements of Facilities / Infrastructure and Instructional Programs.

WHEREAS, the FINAL BUDGET including the increase in accordance with the tax levy incentive aid was presented to the public during a public hearing held in the Crossroads North Middle School Auditorium in South Brunswick, NJ, on May 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has now determined to make modifications to the Tentative Budget as follows:

Increase in Revenues:

Revenue Budget Line	**Description**	**Tentative Budget**	**Final Budget**	**Change**	**Explanation**
10-1210-000	Tax Levy	$136,981,871	$141,863,337	$4,881,466	Tax Levy Incentive Program
10-3190-000	Other State Aid	$00.00	$244,073.00	$244,073	Tax Levy Incentive Aid
TOTAL				$5,125,539	

Increase in Appropriations:

Budget Appropriation Line	**Description**	**Tentative Budget**	**Final Budget**	**Change**	**Explanation**
130	Budgeted Withdrawal from Unassigned	$6,920,927	$4,754,430	$-2,166,497	Decrease unassigned fund balance no longer exists.
48520	Required Maintenance for school facilities	$1,360,500	$3,360,500	$2,000,000	Roofing project at XRS

3200	Total Regular Program - Instruction	$45,351,162	$45,611,354	$260,192	Instructional Programming
10300	Total Special Ed - Instruction	$14,669,816	$14,754,691	$85,000	Instructional Programming
41660	Total Undist. Exp. Guidance	$2,388,077	$2,688,077	$300,000	Instructional Programming
42200	Total Undist. Exp. - Child Study Teams	$3,407,110	$3,720,960	$313,850	Instructional Programming
TOTAL				**$5,125,539**	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in consideration of the above, the Board of Education hereby adopts the following FINAL Budget for SY2025-2026:

	Budget	**Tax Levy**
General Fund	$164,729,949.	$141,863,337.
Special Revenue	$11,050,096.	0.
Debt Service	$1,837,125.	$1,837,125.
Total Base Budget	$177,617,170.	$143,700,462.

WHEREAS, the South Brunswick 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-7.3 et seq. 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, the South Brunswick Board of Education established $ 80,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended $ 51,670 as of this date; now

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of $80,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Brunswick Board of Education includes in the final budget a Health Care Costs adjustment as calculated in the budget software and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38 subsection (d) in the amount of $1,995,245. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health care costs.

1.10 Approve Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Reports – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the determinations and recommendations submitted by the Superintendent, through the date of this meeting, regarding the disciplinary consequences and/or remedial actions as required by the State of New Jersey under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights.

Tracking Number	School	Board of Education/ First Read	Results of Investigation (HIB or Non-HIB)	Investigations for Confirmation
290311_IFE_03242025	Indian Fields Elementary School	04/10/2025	Unfounded	05/01/2025
289933_CNM_03182025	Crossroads North Middle School	04/10/2025	Unfounded	05/01/2025
289916_CNM_03182025	Crossroads North Middle School	04/10/2025	Unfounded	05/01/2025
289874_SBH_03182025	South Brunswick High School	04/10/2025	Founded All Offenders	05/01/2025
289730_CES_03142025	Constable Elementary School	04/10/2025	Unfounded	05/01/2025
289690_CES_03142025	Constable Elementary School	04/10/2025	Founded All Offenders	05/01/2025

1.11 Approve Student Field Trips – upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the student field trips and destinations as per the following for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

School	Destination - Group or Curriculum Connection	City	State	Date(s)	Grade(s)
SBHS	Middlesex County Superior Court	New Brunswick	NJ	5/20/2025	9, 10, 11, 12, JKC
SBHS	Chemistry Olympics @ NJIT	Newark	NJ	5/20/2025	10, 11, 12
Brunswick Acres	Howell Living History Farm	Titusville	NJ	5/22/2025	2
SBHS	Y2Y @ Be S-Well Summit	Edison	NJ	5/28/2025	9, 10, 11, 12
Brooks Crossing	Plainsboro Preserve	Plainsboro	NJ	6/10/2025	3
Monmouth Junction	Crossroads South MS	Monmouth Junction	NJ	6/16/2025	3,4,5 Bands, Choirs, Orchestras
Monmouth Junction	Crossroads South MS	Monmouth Junction	NJ	6/17/2025	3,4,5 Bands, Choirs, Orchestras

1.12 Approve Resolution for Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement – upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement for the staff listed on the attached sheet.

WHEREAS, the South Brunswick 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:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive prior 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 as described in NJOMB Circular Letter 06-02, including amendments or revisions thereto, a threshold amount below which Board approval is not required; and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable are excluded from the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq.; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as per noted on the Board of Education Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the travel and related expense reimbursements as listed on the attached Board of Education Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Form.

Last Name	First Name	School/Bldg.	Date(s)	Name of Conference/ Workshop	Destination (City, State)	Fees	Total Cost
Dixon	Amy	Brunswick Acres	5/30/2025	New Jersey Library Association Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	Registration	150.00
Ackerson	Linda	Crossroads	5/30/2025	New Jersey Library Association Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	Registration	150.00
Berry	Margaret	Indian Fields/Dayton	8/5/2025 - 8/7/2025	Responsive Classroom Elementary Core Course	Yardley, PA	Registration, Miles	957.42

Mamman	Evelyn	Admin. Office	5/14/2025-5/16/2025	NJASA Spring Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	Registration, Lodging, Meals, Tolls, Parking, Taxi	571.30
Gonzalez	Jesseca	Cambridge	5/16/2025	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support: 4th Annual Effective Practices Statewide Summit	Monroe Township, NJ	Registration	150.00
Reinknecht	Joy	Cambridge	5/16/2025	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support: 4th Annual Effective Practices Statewide Summit	Monroe Township, NJ	Registration	150.00
Fugaro	Elizabeth	Cambridge	5/16/2025	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support: 4th Annual Effective Practices Statewide Summit	Monroe Township, NJ	Registration	150.00
Shadell	Sarah	Cambridge	5/16/2025	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support: 4th Annual Effective Practices Statewide Summit	Monroe Township, NJ	Registration	150.00

Ridente	Alyssa	Cambridge	5/16/2025	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support: 4th Annual Effective Practices Statewide Summit	Monroe Township, NJ	Registration	150.00

Leach	Jennifer	Indian Fields/Dayton	5/16/2025	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support: 4th Annual Effective Practices Statewide Summit	Monroe Township, NJ	Registration	150.00
Spadafora	Robert	Indian Fields/Dayton	5/16/2025	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support: 4th Annual Effective Practices Statewide Summit	Monroe Township, NJ	Registration	150.00
Perillo	Kimberly	Crossroads North	5/16/2025	MTSS Workshop at NJPSA	Monroe Township, NJ	Registration	150.00
Scavo	Vivian	Crossroads North	5/16/2025	MTSS Workshop at NJPSA	Monroe Township, NJ	Registration	150.00
Franzyshen	Courtney	Brunswick Acres	5/16/2025	MTSS Workshop at NJPSA	Monroe Township, NJ	Registration	150.00
Pawlowski	David	Admin. Office	06/3/2025 – 06/06/2025	NJASBO Annual Conference	Ocean Resorts, Atlantic City, NJ	Registration, Mileage, Hotel, Meals, Taxi & Tolls	$1,315.25
Corso	Steven	Admin. Office	06/3/2025 – 06/06/2025	NJASBO Annual Conference	Ocean Resorts, Atlantic City, NJ	Registration, Mileage, Hotel, Meals, Taxi & Tolls	$1,290.71
Hallahan	Samantha	Admin. Office	05/15/2025 - 05/16/2025	NEPBIS Conference	Mystic, CT	Registration Fee	$285.00

1.13 Approve Master Education Tuition Agreement – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve that the Master Special Education Tuition Agreement between the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey and the South Brunswick Board of Education from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2030.

1.14 Approve In-District Tuition for 2025 – 2026 School Year – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the tuition for in-district students as per the attached sheet in accordance with the agreement with the South Brunswick Board of Education.

1.15 Approve Out-of-District Placements – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the Out-of-District Placements for the students whose initials appear on the attached sheet for the 2024 – 2025 school year. Placement includes tuition costs paid by the South Brunswick School District.

1.16 Accept Tuition Students – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education accept tuition students whose initials appear on the attached sheet to attend the ABA program in South Brunswick School District for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

1.17 Approve Extension of Professional Services – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the following extension of professional services. These services are necessary for students that are eligible for Special Education and Related Services.

Previous Board Approval Date	Vendor	Service	Previous "Not to Exceed" Amount	Increase Amount	New "Not to Exceed" Amount
06/13/2025	Educational Services Commission of NJ	Home Instruction	$5,000	$3,000	$8,000
06/13/2025	Educere, LLC	Home Instruction	$5,000	$2,000	$7,000

1.18 Approve Sidebar Agreement – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the attached Sidebar Agreement between the South Brunswick Board of Education and the South Brunswick Education Association in regards to services of a school nurse and an instructional certification.

1.19 Accept Resignation of the Superintendent of Schools - Be it resolved to the South Brunswick Township that the Board of Education hereby accepts with deep appreciation and sincere gratitude the letter of retirement submitted by Scott Feder, effective August 31, 2025 from the position of Superintendent of Schools.

2 PERSONNEL – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following personnel items as per the attached spreadsheets:

A. Resignation and Retirement
B. Leave of Absence
C. Certificated
D. Non-Certificated
E. Change
F. Extracurricular/Extra Pay

Yes: Mrs. Laura Hernandez, Mrs. Deepa Karthik, Mrs. Julie Ferrara, Ms. Alisha Kahn, Mr. Raja Krishna, Mr. Mike Mitchell, Dr. Smitha Raj Mrs. Lisa Rodgers and Mr. Rajesh Soni

No: None

Absentations: None

Mrs. Hernandez announced the next board meeting is on Thursday, May 8th at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Mitchell commented that tomorrow night at Crossroads South there will be Jazz night and tickets are $10.00 at the door.

ADJOURNMENT – There was a motion by Ms. Kahn, seconded by Dr. Raj to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pawlowski
Business Administrator/Board Secretary