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

Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 24, 2025

The South Brunswick Township Board of Education held a meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2025. The meeting was chaired by President, Mrs. Laura Hernandez.

CALLED TO ORDER AND SALUTE FLAG – Mrs. Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:30 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, Mrs. Julie Ferrara, Mr. Raja Krishna, Mr. Mike Mitchell, Mr. Rajesh Soni

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Smitha Raj

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – There was a motion by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Kahn to approve the agenda of July 24, 2025:

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

No: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – There was a motion Mrs. Ferrara, seconded by Ms. Kahn to approve the Executive and Board Minutes of May 22, 2025 and Executive and Board Minutes of June 4, 2025.

Yes: Mrs. Laura Hernandez, Mrs. Julie Ferrara, Ms. Alisha Kahn, Mr. Raja Krishna, Mr. Mike Mitchell and Mr. Rajesh Soni

No: Mrs. Kathik

INTEVIEWS FOR BOARD VACANCY

Mr. Pawlowski announced they are here this evening in public session to interview candidates for the open vacant seat on the Board of Education. There are five candidates that will come in for a twenty minute interview and will all be asked the same three questions by Mr. Pawlowski. The board will take notes and will deliberate in Executive Session. After Executive Session there will be nominations on the candidate and discussion, the first person that reaches the majority of the roll call vote will win the seat. If they are not able to agree on a candidate the County Superintendent may appoint a candidate. The following candidates were interviewed. To view the entire interviews visit the South Brunswick Board of Education Board Minutes of July 24, 2025.

Mr. Barry Nathanson
Dr. Stephen Parker
Ms. Maryam Pal
Mr. Sujata Raj
Ms. Theertha Balaguru

After interviews concluded there was a motion by Mr. Krishna, seconded by Mrs. Karthik to move to Executive Session at 6:30 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) for the discussion of:

X Nominations for Board Vacancy

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.

There was a motion by Mrs. Karthik, seconded by Mr. Krishna to reconvene at 7:15 pm.

Mr. Pawlowski asked for nominations to fill the vacancy on the board. They had five candidates that came to the meeting and responded to questions:

Mr. Krishna nominated Mr. Barry Nathanson, seconded by Mr. Mike Mitchell.

Mrs. Ferrara nominated Ms. Surata Raj, seconded by Mr. Rajesh Soni.

Mr. Rajesh Soni nominated Dr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Ferrara.

Mr. Pawlowski did a roll call vote on the nomination of Mr. Nathanson:

Yes: Alisha Kahn, Raja Krishna, Mike Mitchell, Laura Hernandez

No: Julie Ferrara, Rajesh Soni

Abstain: Deepa Karthik

The majority of the board voted to nominate Mr. Nathanson to fill the seat; he will fill the seat through the end of the year. He will be sworn in at the August 21, 2025 board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Laura Hernandez, provided an update on the Superintendent Search, she said they formed an Ad Hoc Committee and they will be meeting with the search team on August 4th. The search team has been collecting resumes and recruiting and screening each resume that comes in. They will start the 1st round of interviews for the permanent superintendent September 4th, round two will be on September 8th. She will keep everyone informed as they move forward. The Ad Hoc Committee consists of Mrs. Hernandez, President, Mrs. Karthik, Vice President, Mr. Krishna and Mr. Mitchell. The profile they are looking for is on the district website and came about from many focus groups.

Mrs. Hernandez said they advertised for an Interim Superintendent and they had some internal and external candidates that they interviewed as a board. Mrs. Hernandez congratulated Mr. David Pawlowski, who was selected as the Interim Superintendent. Mrs. Hernandez said Mr. Pawlowski will take on the role of the Interim Superintendent while still overseeing the tasks in the Business Office.

Mr. Pawlowski said he is truly humbled to be provided this opportunity, he said over the past eight years he has learned so much from Mr. Feder, and has big shoes to fill and he will do his best. He said he is the servant to the students, staff and board members. Mr. Pawlowski also said without his staff in the business office and the amazing staff here, Dr. Evelyn Mamman, Mrs. Suzanne Luck-Born and Mrs. Kimberly Maloy-White it would not be possible to do this for the next five months.

Mrs. Hernandez also commented on the Ethics charges that were pending against former Board Member and former President of the Board Mrs. Joyce Mehta. The judge has given them a written preliminary decision on his ruling and it is now sent to the School Ethics Commission. It is a 26 page decision and recommendations by the judge. The entire decision will posted on the district website tomorrow.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Feder thanked all the candidates willing to serve on the board. Congratulations to Barry Nathanson.

Mr. Feder said Mr. Pawlowski is going to be in a challenging situation dealing with two seats, (Assistant Superintendent for Business and Interim Superintendent), he wished him good luck.

He commented on the two day administrative workshop that is held every summer. They brought in a lawyer from the State that addresses the topics they provide her. This year two of the main focuses were on laws around the ELL students and executive orders. They also discussed goal setting and federal funding.

Mr. Feder said on the agenda this evening he is recommending Mr. Edward Knapp to be the next Athletic Director. He currently works in Lakewood. He wished him good luck.

Old Business – None at this time.

New Business – None at this time.

PRESENTATION – Winter/Spring 2024 New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment Results (NJGPA)

Mr. Peter Rattien, Director of Special Projects and Mr. Jeffrey Rumen, Assistant Principal of South Brunswick High School presented results of the Winter/Spring 2024 NJGPA.

Mr. Rattien said he serves as the district test coordinator and Mr. Rumen is the school coordinator and oversees testing at the high school as well as serving as Assistant Principal.

They shared information on what is the NJGPA, it is a high school graduation state assessment required for all juniors. If a student does not meet the requirement there are other pathways. There are two units for each, English Language Arts and Mathematics a total of 90 minute sessions. A passing score is 725, effective May 3, 2023.

Mr. Rumen shared information on supporting students that don't pass the assessment to get them to the finish line. He also acknowledged the teachers at the high school for their work supporting the students. The Class of 2025, 91% of students passed the ELA assessment and 81% passed the math assessment.

The second opportunity for students that didn't take the test or those that didn't pass are given the opportunity to take the test again. They are also offered Substitute Competency Tests. The third opportunity is a Portfolio Appeal. The Class of 2025 percentage of students who met the graduation requirement from the three available pathways are 100%.

Mr. Rattien reviewed the data breakdown from the results.

To view the entire presentation visit the district website at www.sbschools.org Board Meeting of July 24, 2025 Presentation.

NEW BUSINESS – None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS – None at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA REVIEW/WALK THROUGH – David Pawlowski
Mr. Pawlowski reviewed the consent agenda items for July 24, 2025.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA – There was a roll call vote to approved the action items for July 24, 2025:

1 BUSINESS/BOARD

1.1 Bill List - upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the Warrant Lists for (A.) June 30, 2025 in the amount of $11,766,370.76 and (B.) July 16, 2025 in the amount of $3,821,442.65 as per the attached.

1.2 Approve Cancellation of Outstanding Checks – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the cancellation of the following list of outstanding checks from Crossroads North Middle School Student Activities Fund bank account.

Check:	#3147 – M.H.
Check Date:	May 5, 2020
Check Amount:	$200.00

1.3 Approve Allocation – IDEA Basic & Preschool Funding – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the allocation of the IDEA Basic & Preschool Grant from the New Jersey Department of Education for the 2025 – 2026 school year:

- IDEA Basic $1,894,460.00
- IDEA Preschool $68,682.00

1.4 Approve Nonpublic State Aid Allotment – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the Nonpublic State Aid allotments for Noor-Ul-Iman-School, St. Augustine School and Kids First Montessori from the New Jersey Department of Education for the 2025 – 2026 school year:

	Nursing	Security
Noor-Ul-Iman School	$77,605.00	$109,265.00
St. Augustine School	$39,021.00	$54,940.00
Kids First Montessori	$437.00	$615.00
TOTAL	**$117,063.00**	**$164,820.00**

	Technology	Textbooks
Noor-Ul-Iman School	$20,242.00	$28,366.00
St. Augustine School	$10,637.00	$14,906.00
Kids First Montessori	$119.00	$167.00
TOTAL	**$30,998.00**	**$43,439.00**

1.5 Approve Allocation of (FOCUS) Competitive Grant – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the allocation of funds for the Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screeners (FOCUS) Competitive Grant in the amount of $19,110.00 for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

1.6 Approve Acceptance of Funds – Chapter 192 – 193 – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the acceptance of following funds from the New Jersey Department of Education for the 2025 – 2026 school year:

Chapter 192	Non-Public Auxiliary	
	• Compensatory Education	$60,612.00
	• ESL	-
	• Transportation	$10,092.00
		$70,704.00
Chapter 193	Non-Public Handicapped	
	• Initial/Annual Exam	$40,196.00
	• Corrective Speech	$24,180.00
	• Supplementary Instruction	$33,040.00
		$97,416.00
	Total Chapter 192 & 193	$168,120.00

1.7 Resolution to Increase the Bid Threshold – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of School that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the following resolution to increase the bid threshold:

WHEREAS, David Pawlowski, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Operations and Steven Corso, Assistant School Business Administrator, possess a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certificate;

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Governor and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-7 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (b), has increased the bid threshold amount for school districts with a Qualified Purchasing Agent, from $44,000 to **$53,000,** effective July 1, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the South Brunswick Township Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of **$53,000** for the school district, and further authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business/Operations, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

Furthermore, for contracts in the aggregate that is less than the bid threshold but fifteen (15%) or more of the amount, the Assistant Superintendent for Business/Operations shall award contracts after soliciting at least two competitive quotations.

The Assistant Superintendent for Business/Operations, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37 (c), is authorized to award contracts that are in the aggregate less than fifteen (15%) percent of the bid threshold without soliciting competitive quotations.

1.8 Approve Use of Educational Consulting Services – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the following Education Consultant Service contracts:

Lift As We Climb Consulting, LLC – To provide continued professional learning through various forms of educational consulting services for the 2025 – 2026 school year. The cost of the services should not exceed $30,000.

1.9 Approve Renewal of Proprietary License & Subscriptions – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 (a) (19), the provision or performance of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software is an exception to bidding. Furthermore, the district does not have to solicit formal quotations for the licensing and maintenance support of the software, as it is not practicable, because only specific vendors can provide this support.

A. Genesis Educational Services

Product Description	**Price**
Genesis Student Information System	$37,545.00

B. LinkIt!

Product Description	**Price**
Student Data Warehouse & Assessment	$189,955.00

C. Learning A-Z, LLC

Product Description	**Price**
Student Learning and Curriculum	$27,554.30

D. **Project Wayfinder Inc.**

Product Description	**Price**
Curriculum Licenses	$38,490.00

E. Edpuzzle, INC

Product Description	**Price**
2025-2026 Pro District Edpuzzle Licenses – District Wide	$21,663.00

F. Newsela, Inc.

Product Description	**Price**
Instructional Content Platform	$19,382.00

G. **Alexandria Companion Corp.**

Product Description	**Price**
2025-2026 Alexandria COMPanion Annual Software Subscription	$21,030.00

H. BrainPOP

Product Description	**Price**
2025-2026 District Wide Access to BrainPOP Subscription	$31,514.73

I. IXL Learning

Product Description	**Price**
2025-2026 IXL Site License	$35,000.00

J. PowerSchool Group LLC

Product Description	**Price**
Subscription for SchoolMessenger Presence and SchoolMessenger Communicate	$29,190.06

K. NoRedInk Corp.

Product Description	**Price**
2025-2026 No Red Ink Annual Subscription	$20,171.80

The term of these contracts will be from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

1.10 Approval of Riverside Insights for Proprietary Educational Materials - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 (a) (19), the provision or performance of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software is an exception to bidding. Furthermore, the district does not have to solicit formal quotations for the licensing and maintenance support of the software, as it is not practicable, because only Riverside Insights can provide this support. The purchase is for proprietary Educational materials.

Riverside Insights – Itasca, IL

Product Description	**Price**
K-5 DESSA System Educator Portal (DESSA Screeners and Assessments, DESSA Strategies and Interventions, Data-Driven Recommendations, DESSA System Implementation Training, EdSERT) QTY: 2,898	$21,735.00
6-8 DESSA System Educator Portal (DESSA Screeners and Assessments,	$6,585.00

DESSA Strategies and Interventions,
Data-Driven Recommendations,
DESSA System Implementation
Training, EdSERT)
DESSA Student Portal (DESSA
Student Self-Report Assessments and
DESSA SEIR)
QTY: 878 **Total Cost:** **$28,320.00**

1.11 Approve Purchases over the Bid Limit – Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5, that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the following purchase that exceeds the bid threshold.

A. Amplify Education – Propriety Educational Materials -

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 (a) (19), the provision or performance of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software is an exception to bidding. Furthermore, the district does not have to solicit formal quotations for the licensing and maintenance support of the software, as it is not practicable, because only Amplify Education, Inc. can provide this support. The purchase is for proprietary Educational materials.

Amplify Education, Inc. – Brooklyn, NY

Product Description	**Price**
mCLASS DIBELS 8th Ed with Dyslexia Screening 1 yr (2025-2026) ISBN: 978-1-95685-986-7 QTY: 2,000	$24,000.00
Boost Reading Student License - 1yr (2025-2026) ISBN: 978-1-954216-45-7 QTY: 2,000	$36,000.00
Professional Development: mCLASS DIBELS 8th Ed Adm. & Scor. Training for Teachers (1/2 Day Remote)	$3,750.00
Total Price:	**$63,750.00**

B. Facility Grounds Equipment - Power Place, Inc. -

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the following purchase for the 2025-2026 school year, Utilizing Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (HCESC) Cooperative Purchasing Program #34HUNCCP, Bid #HCESC-Cat/Ser-23-06 – Facility Grounds Equipment, with Power Place Inc. of Whitehouse Station, 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 Facility Grounds Equipment to:

Power Place Inc.
Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

The award of the contract is based upon the following pricing as obtained through the competitive Bid **#HCESC-Cat/Ser-23-06,** as issued by **HCESC,** an authorized cooperative purchasing agency in the State of New Jersey. **System ID #34HUNCCP.** The contract will be for the purchase of a new mower for the Buildings and Grounds department.

Contract Total: **$69,097.49**

C. National Fuel Oil, Inc. –

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board authorizes the following purchase for the 2025-2026 school year, utilizing Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System Bid #2-SOCCP, Contract #CC-0045-24 – Unleaded Gasoline with National Fuel Oil, Inc. of Newark, NJ, over the bid limit as part of the NJ Start Public Procurement procedures.

National Fuel Oil, Inc. – Not to exceed - $285,000.00

1.12 Approve Increase in Lunch Prices – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following increase in lunch prices for the 2025 – 2026 school year:

	Current	New	
SBHS	**2024 – 2025**	**Increase**	**2025 - 2026**
Breakfast	$2.95	$0.25	$3.20
Lunch	$4.00	$0.25	$4.25

Middle School			
Breakfast	$2.80	$0.25	$3.05
Lunch	$3.75	$0.25	$4.00
Elementary			
Breakfast	$2.55	$0.25	$2.80
Lunch	$3.50	$0.25	$3.75
Staff			
Lunch	$5.25	$0.25	$5.50

1.13 Approve Disposal and Sale of District Property – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education authorize the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business to sell/recycle the lot of South Brunswick School District technology equipment that has been determined to be no longer needed for school district purposes.

The Assistant Superintendent for Business will attempt to sell/dispose of the equipment pursuant to Board Policy #7300 – Disposition of Property in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-45.

1.14 Approve District Mentoring Plan – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the District's Mentoring Plan for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

1.15 Approve Statement of Assurance – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the Statement of Assurance for the District's Mentoring Plan for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

1.16 Approve Extension of Professional Services – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the extension of the following Professional Services for the 2024 – 2025 school year. These services are necessary for students that are eligible for special education and related services.

Vendor	**Service**	**Previous Not-to-Exceed**	**Increase**	**New Not-to-Exceed**
Learn Well	Home Instruction	$25,000	$2,000	$27,000
Education Services Commission	Home Instruction	$13,000	$9,000	$22,000

1.17 Approve Charter School Placements/Tuition – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the placements and tuition for the Charter Schools listed on the attached sheet for the 2025 – 2026 school year. Placements are provided by the State of New Jersey Department of Education and tuition is paid by the South Brunswick School District.

1.18 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 2025 – 2026 school year. Placement includes tuition and transportation costs paid by the South Brunswick School District.

1.19 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 RISES/ERI program in South Brunswick School District for the 2025-2026 school year.

1.20 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 attached 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
Brack	Daniel	High School	7/30/2025 - 7/31/2025	Data Forward Institute	Point Pleasant High School	Registration	350
Sassine	Sherry	Admin. Office	7/30/2025 - 7/31/2025	Data Forward Institute	Point Pleasant High School	Registration	350
Delpiano	Brianna	Brunswick Acres		34th Annual School Health Conference	The Palace at Somerset Park, Somerset NJ	Registration, Mileage	259.4
Riccardi	Mark	Crossroads North	7/15/2025 - 7/17/2025	Center for Responsive Schools- previously board approved 06/19 just adding mileage	Yardley, PA	Mileage, Tolls	150
Donato	Yoshi	High School	8/04/2025 - 8/07/2025	AP African American Studies	Online training for AP AAS	Registration	0
Ducko-Sweeney	Nancy	High School	6/30/2025	NJ Leaders to Leaders Program	SBHS & online	Registration	950

1.21 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 2025 – 2026 school year.

School	Destination - Group or Curriculum Connection	City	State	Date(s)	Grade(s)
SBHS	Public Health @ Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute **Conference where students will focus on student wellness and mental health.**	Hardwick	NJ	8/18/2025	9, 10, 11, 12

1.22 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
294573_MJE_06052025	Monmouth Junction Elementary School	06/19/2025	Founded all Offenders	07/24/2025
294313_GES_06022025	Greenbrook Elementary School	06/19/2025	Founded All Offenders	07/24/2025
294227_CES_05302025	Constable Elementary	06/19/2025	Unfounded	07/24/2025
294091_BAE_05282025	Brunswick Acres Elementary School	06/19/2025	Founded All Offenders	07/24/2025
294054_SBH_05282025	South Brunswick High School	06/19/2025	Unfounded	07/24/2025

294033_IFE_05272025	Indian Fields Elementary School	06/19/2025	Founded All Offenders	07/24/2025
293701_CNM_05202025	Crossroads North Middle School	06/19/2025	Unfounded	07/24/2025
292526_SBH_05012025	South Brunswick High School	06/19/2025	Unfounded Inconclusive	07/24/2025

1.23 Approve Sidebar Agreement – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the attached Sidebar Agreement with the South Board of Education and the South Brunswick Education Association in regards to class coverage.

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 and Mr. Rajesh Soni

No: None

Absentations: Mr. Mitchell, Item 2.B #2

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

Mr. Feder commented that the board just approved Mr. Edward Knapp as the new Athletic Director.

Mr. Knapp thanked Mr. Feder and the board for giving him the opportunity and said he will do the best he can to continue to support the students, staff the coaches and the athletes of South Brunswick.

Mrs. Hernandez on behalf of the board welcomed Mr. Napp to South Brunswick.

Mr. Marc Lifland, President SBEA, thanked Mr. Feder for his many years of service and their collaboration working together as well as the board. He also welcomed back Mr. Barry Nathanson and congratulated Mr. David Pawlowski on his position as the Interim Superintendent and said he looks forward to working with him in a collaborative way as he did with Mr. Feder.

Dr. Stephen Parker, Monmouth Junction, and former board member thanked Mr. Feder for his service to the district and said it was a pleasure to work with him while serving on the board. He also congratulated Mr. Pawlowski for the Interim Superintendent position and Mr. Nathanson on his election to the board.

He thanked the board for the opportunity to interview. He also commented that South Brunswick is a diverse community as well as the board. He said unfortunately there has been some discord on the board; he said boards work best when they work as a unit. He said it could be difficult to find a superintendent to come in the district where there is discord on the board. Dr. Parker said having been president for five years, said he believes it is Board President Mrs. Hernandez's responsibility to figure out the discord on the board.

There was a motion to move into executive session by Mr. Soni, seconded by at Mr. Mitchell at 8:24 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 Matters

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.

Respectfully submitted,



David Pawlowski
Business Administrator/Board Secretary