

Board of Education

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

Date and Time

Tuesday, February 25, 2025
at 9:30 A.M

Location

The SBJC Ed Center
696 Route 46 West, Teterboro, NJ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NJ OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Business Administrator-Secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be sent to the following, announcing time and place thereof, agenda, etc.:

North Jersey Media Group

Notice of this meeting has been posted in the lobby of the Board of Education Office and at the South Bergen Jointure Commission Public Schools. This is an official meeting of the Board of Education/South Bergen Jointure Commission.

Meeting opened at _____.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Also Present:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District status update.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Seconded:

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that the minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of January 28, 2025 be approved.

Action taken:

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. FINANCE REPORT

Motion:

Seconded:

2a. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that the FINANCE resolutions as per the attached report are approved (*Attachments 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f*).

2b. The Board accepts the Board Secretary’s Report as of December 31st, 2024 and approves “Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10(E), certify that as of December 31st, 2024 the Board Secretary’s monthly financial report (Appropriations sections), did not reflect an over expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, and based on the appropriations balances reflected on the report and the advice of districts officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year (*Attachment 2b*).

2c. The Board accepts the financial report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of December 2024 (*Attachment 2c*).

2d. The Board approves the following resolution: “Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10(d), we certify that as of December 31, 2024, no budgetary line item has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2A.10(a).”

2e. The January and February bills list below are approved (lists attached):

Bills Payable	\$4,496,042.11
Payroll Transfers	\$2,231,667.05
Cafeteria Checks	<u>\$29,892.11</u>
Total	\$6,757,601.27

2f. Motion to approve the transfers for the month of December 2024 (*Attachment 2f*).

2g. BE IT RESOLVED that the the South Bergen Jointure Commission hereby approves the preliminary* 2025- 2026 budget as follows: (*Attachment 2g*)*

Current General Expense (Fund 11)	\$71,995,174
Total Expenditures/Appropriations	\$71,995,174

*Budget is preliminary for presentation to the County, we will resubmit a final Budget at the March meeting. No action or commitments will be made from the Preliminary Budget approved in February.

2h. Motion to approve \$81,750 as the maximum travel budget for the 2025-2026 school year. This amount includes reimbursements for conferences, professional development workshops, regular school travel, meals and mileage for conferences / workshops, as well as any other associated costs for school related travel events. The year to date (to January 2025) travel expenditures for the 2024-2025 school year are \$55,444.38.

2j. Motion to approve the following professional workshops and the reimbursement costs of the workshops.

Name	Workshop	Workshop Provider	Date(s)	Cost
Auerbach, Heather	STS of NJ Pupil Transportation Conference	STS of NJ	3/26/25 - 3/28/25	714.00 + meals/travel
Lombardi, Kristen	DIR Floortime 101 Course	ICDL	4/4 & 4/11/25	\$219.00
Ryoo, Lisa	DIR Floortime 101 Course	ICDL	4/4 & 4/11/25	\$219.00
Stephanie McGowan	NJCEC conference	NJCEC	3/17/25	\$190.00

2h. Motion to approve the following list of field trips.

Field Trip Date	Destination	Teacher(s)	Cost of Trip	Est. Cost of Trans.	Total Cost of Trip for SBJC
1/29/25	Paradox Museum	Lodi Campus	\$1,362.00	\$900.00	\$2,262.00
1/17/25	Urban Air	Malz	\$2,060.00	\$400.00	\$2,460.00
4/10/25	Teaneck Cinemas	Tully / Whittemore	\$361.00	\$400.00	\$761.00
2/20/25	Teaneck Cinemas	Tully / Whittemore	\$361.00	\$400.00	\$761.00
4/4/25	Statue of Liberty	Winnand / Panebianco	\$184.50	\$0.00	\$184.50
5/16/25	Philadelphia	McCormick	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
3/24/25	Teterboro Animal Shelter	Volpe / Thiemann	\$0.00	\$204.00	\$204.00
2/26/25, 3/11/25, 3/25/25	Garfield Public Library	Pombo / Hallahan	\$0.00	\$612.00	\$612.00
2/28/25, 3/14/25, 3/28/25	Garfield Public Library	Dabbagh / McGowan	\$0.00	\$612.00	\$612.00
2/28/25, 3/21/25, 3/28/25	Lodi Memorial Library	Galvin / Beck	\$0.00	\$612.00	\$612.00
2/28/25	Go Playland	Averna	\$329.00	\$229.00	\$558.00
2/25/25, 3/18/25, 3/25/25	Lodi Public Library	Curcio / Potter / Bonilla		\$612.00	\$612.00
3/18/25, 3/27/25	Rutherford Public Library	Serrano / Campillo		\$408.00	\$408.00
3/19/25, 3/26/25	Lodi Public Library	Tocci		\$204.00	\$204.00
2/27/25, 3/13/25, 3/20/25	Lodi Library	Domingues		\$612.00	\$612.00

ACTION TAKEN FOR 2. FINANCE

3. PERSONNEL

Motion:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that in compliance with Chapter 116, P.L. 1986 and in accordance with the State of New Jersey Department of Education memorandum dated October 29, 1986 that all new personnel shall be considered to be provisionally hired: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to comply with State Department directives concerning the State and Federal criminal history background checks of these employees and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said new personnel shall be considered provisionally hired until such time as the Department of Education has indicated that they have completed the criminal history background checks of prospective employees and that said employees have satisfied the requirements of Chapter 116, P.L. 1986 at which time said employees shall no longer be provisional; the Business Administrator shall be hereby directed to employ personnel and to take such other personnel actions as indicated.

All appointments upon recommendation of the Superintendent are on an emergent basis, pending completion of a criminal history background check. In addition, all appointments are contingent upon the employee signing a contract in accordance with law and the receipt of favorable reference responses. All aide appointments are contingent upon the employee being available for employment for the month of July 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025. All employees are approved to be paid additional compensation for the Clubs and Activities Program, Home Programming and Parent Training Home Program, office support and Home Instruction on an as-needed basis.

3a. Motion to approve the attached additional pay for services rendered as indicated (*Attachment 3a*).

3b. Motion to approve the appointment of the following personnel. Salary will be prorated for the period worked.

Name	Position	Effective Date	Salary/Step
Tamara Gjergjeska	Paraprofessional	2/18/25	\$20.16 / hour
Adelina Mera	Paraprofessional	2/26/25	\$20.16 / hour
Julyanna Deauna	Paraprofessional	3/3/25	\$24.83 / hour or \$26.98 / hour w/ sub. cert.

**Paraprofessional rate is contingent upon receipt of proof of certification. If proof is not provided, the rate of pay will change.*

3c. Motion to rescind the appointment of Maja Trajkovska, Paraprofessional.

3d. Motion to approve the list of staff for after school home programming, services and evaluations.

Name	Position
Megan Lorfink	Teacher

Olivia Schlackman	Speech Therapist
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3e. Motion to accept the resignation of the following personnel:

Name	Position	Effective Date	Purpose
Stella Nwadinma	Paraprofessional	3/1/25	Resignation
Virginia Squeo	Paraprofessional	3/1/25	Resignation

3f. Motion to approve Angela Spiroski, Paraprofessional to change from full-time status to part-time status effective February 5, 2025.

3g. Motion to approve the following students to complete clinical/student teaching/classroom observation hours at the South Bergen Jointure Commission as a requirement of their college.

Name	College
Gianna Devito	Montclair State University

ACTION TAKEN FOR 3. PERSONNEL

4. POLICY

Motion:

Seconded:

4a. BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Bergen Jointure Commission Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB investigations for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents, and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents.

24-25-09-Lodi-4779565414
 24-25-09-Lodi-52007866
 24-25-02-Maywood-1412768480

4b. Motion to adopt the July 2025 Extended School Year calendar (*Attachment 4b*).

ACTION TAKEN FOR 4. POLICY

5. TRANSPORTATION

Motion:

Seconded:

5a. Motion to approve the attached 2025-2026 Quote Results School Year Set 6 (*Attachment 5a*).

5b. Motion to approve the bid results from February 12, 2025, Special Education/Regular Student Transportation Services, Bid #021225 (*Attachment 5b*).

5c. Motion to approve the withholding of payment on route 4397 for Kid’s Choice Inc. due to student not attending without notification. Deduct \$5,530.32 from February billing for route for overpayment in January. There is no penalty.

5d. BE IT RESOLVED that the South Bergen Jointure Commission does hereby approve agreements with the following districts for the purposes of student transportation in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the time period 2025-2026 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the Coordinated Transportation of nonpublic, out of district, special education, vocational and summer programs.

Alpine	Becton Regional	Bogota	Carlstadt	Cliffside Park	DCF Office of NJ	East Rutherford
Edgewater	Elmwood Park	Emerson	Englewood	Englewood Cliffs	Fair Lawn	Fairview
Fort Lee	Garfield	Gloucester Township	Hackensack	Hasbrouck Heights	Ho-Ho-Kus	Leonia
Little Ferry	Lodi	Lyndhurst	Maywood	Moonachie	New Milford	North Arlington
Northern Valley/Region III	Nutley	Palisades Park	Paramus	Region V	Ridgefield	Ridgefield Park
Ridgewood	River Dell Regional	Rochelle Park	Rutherford	Saddle Brook	Saddle River	South Hackensack
South Plainfield	Wallington	Wayne	Wood Ridge			

ACTION TAKEN FOR 5. TRANSPORTATION

6. FACILITIES AND PLANNING

Motion:

Seconded:

6a. Motion to approve the Community Use Application agreement between Bergen County Community College (BCCC) and South Bergen Jointure Commission for the use of the BCCC Meadowlands Conference Center on March 14, 2025 for professional development purposes. All fees have been waived by BCCC as part of their Friends of Bergen policy (*Attachment 6a*).

ACTION TAKEN FOR 6. FACILITIES AND PLANNING

7. FOOD SERVICE

8. CURRICULUM

Motion:

Seconded:

8a. Motion to approve the Report of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Investigations, Trainings and Programs Data Collection for the period July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024 (*Attachment 8a*).

Action taken:

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting is adjourned at _____.

ACTION TAKEN FOR ADJOURNMENT



**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
CLOSED MEETING TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

FEBRUARY 25, 2025

Motion:
Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION will hold a closed meeting on February 25, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. to review personnel matters and other confidential concerns as listed on the Closed Agenda dated February 25, 2025. The items discussed will be made public at the conclusion of the executive session or at a date not determined at this time.

Action taken:

SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION
CLOSED - MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Opened at _____.

Members Present:
Members Absent:
Also Present:

Special Order of Business

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:
Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this closed session is adjourned at _____.

Action taken: