

**TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING /
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The April 28, 2025 Regular Business Meeting / Public Budget Hearing of the Board of Education, Township of Pequannock, County of Morris, was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Pequannock Township High School Auditorium, 85 Sunset Road, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444, by Brian Senyk, Board President. The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, notice of this meeting has been properly advertised in the Daily Record and the Suburban Trends, its agenda has been posted at the appropriate locations, and a copy has been filed with the Pequannock Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	Mr. Joseph Blumert	Mr. Sam Ciresi
	Mrs. Danielle Esposito	Mr. Timothy Gitin
	Ms. Tina Iaccheo	Mr. Vincent Pompeo
	Mr. Brian Senyk	Mrs. Cara Shenton

ABSENT: Mr. Greg MacSweeney

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Portas, Ed.D., Superintendent
Gordon E. Gibbs, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ann Marie Van Sickle, Director of Curriculum
Jaclyn Morgese, Esq., Board Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

President's Report - Mr. Brian Senyk

Wished all a Happy Easter. Announced that tonight the Public Budget Hearing will take place. Thanked Mr. Gibbs, Dr. Portas and their staffs for their work on the budget. Announced that Ms. Bellardino will present a K-12 English/Language Arts update. Congratulated Sean Moore (12th Grade Unsung Hero), Mr. Ciresi (Master Board Member Certification and 10-Year Milestone), and Dr. Portas (New Board Member Boardmanship Certification for Lincoln Park) for being recognized by the Morris County School Boards Association. Congratulated Emily and Caitlin Zegler for their lacrosse achievements. Reported that at the recent negotiations committee meeting with the PTEA, some items were agreed upon and there will be further discussion at the next meeting. Wished all students good luck on upcoming testing.

Student Representative Report - Lilliana Fazliu

Reported on activities at PTHS including spring sports, senior nights, Student Council pep rally, thrift store, blood drive, spring musical, physics class trip to Six Flags, AI committee discussion, National College Decision Day, district testing, and teacher appreciation week.

English/Language Arts K-3 Update - Alyssa Bellardino

The Board commended Ms. Bellardino on her comprehensive and thorough presentation.

Superintendent’s Report - Michael Portas, Ed.D.

Reported on district-wide activities including Trep\$ at PV, analysis of school performance report data, kindergarten enrollment, staffing meetings, County Friends of Education Association and Morris County School Boards Association recognitions, district testing, and increased enrollment in AP classes.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2025-2026 BUDGET

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Blumert asked if there is any sign that State funding will change. Mr. Gibbs responded that no, there is no indication, however that is why he budgets accordingly, for unforeseen circumstances. Ms. Iaccheo asked for clarification on the numbers for special education students and Mr. Gibbs explained that the numbers represented McKinney Vento students. Mr. Gitin inquired as to why tuition revenue went down and it is due to Boonton starting their own academies. Mr. Senyk asked about fund balance and Mr. Gibbs explained that it is not a good thing if fund balance goes down and that is why we need to bring in revenue. Dr. Portas remarked that it is important to be creative in looking for ways to partner with districts to save money and that he is working with surrounding districts to consolidate transportation expenditures. Mr. Senyk commented on banked cap and Mr. Gibbs remarked that he does not like to use banked cap because it will drive the tax levy above 2%. A discussion began regarding the property at 7 Industrial Road regarding costs for upkeep of the building. Mr. Gibbs explained that the revenue from the tenants would cover those costs as well as renting space in town for preschool classrooms.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE 2025-2026 BUDGET

Members of the public may speak once for a maximum period of five minutes by the clock during this portion of the meeting. The public may speak on the budget during their five minutes. If a member of the public raises a question, all questions should be directed to the Board President. Please state your name and sign in before you begin.

None

APPROVAL OF BUDGETARY ACTION ITEMS

FINANCE, FACILITIES, AND ATHLETICS

Mr. Joseph Blumert, Chair

Motion to table resolutions FFA-145-25 through FFA-152-25 until after Executive Session discussion.

Motion by: Senyk	Second by: Ciresi	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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Motion to enter into Executive Discussion to discuss the acquisition of property and attorney-client privilege at 8:34 pm.

Motion by: Senyk	Second by: Shenton	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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The Board reconvened at 9:04 pm.

- FFA-145-25 Pequannock Township School District Adoption of the Final Budget as Approved by the Executive County Superintendent for School Year 2025-2026
- FFA-146-25 Maximum Travel 2025-2026
- FFA-147-25 Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2025-2026
- FFA-148-25 Capital Reserve Account Withdrawal
- FFA-149-25 Maintenance Reserve Account Withdrawal
- FFA-150-25 Professional Services 2025-2026

FFA-151-25 Approval of Adjustment for Enrollment Included in the Budget for School Year 2025-2026
 FFA-152-25 Approval of Tax Levy Payment Schedule

RESOLUTION NO. FFA-145-25
PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET AS
APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education to approve the 2025-20226 school district budget as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Debt Service	Total
2025 - 2026 Total Expenditures	\$53,677,102	\$1,108,320	\$1,330,419	\$56,115,841
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$12,889,701	\$1,108,320	\$342,910	\$14,340,931
Taxes to be Raised	\$40,787,401	N/A	\$987,509	\$41,774,910

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Gitin	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-146-25
MAXIMUM TRAVEL 2025-2026

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.,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of \$48,834.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2024-2025 school year is \$48,834.00, of which \$15,689.11 has been spent and \$2,993.00 is encumbered to date.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Gitin	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-147-25
TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT 2025-2026

The 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, 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, a board of education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per 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, 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 Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms;

BE IT RESOLVED, the 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 Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education includes in the final budget travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of \$1,500 for all staff and board members for the 2025-2026 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.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Gitin	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-148-25
CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT WITHDRAWAL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the budget a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$3,034,399.00

PROJECT	AMOUNT
Purchase - Building	\$2,785,000
Playground - North Boulevard	\$32,100
Playground - New Building	\$116,234
Resurface Parking Lot - SJG	\$31,775
Security Upgrade	\$69,290

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Gitin	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-149-25
MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT WITHDRAWAL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the budget a maintenance reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$954,259 for the purpose of:

SCHOOL FACILITY	AMOUNT
Pequannock Township High School	\$366,340
Pequannock Valley School	\$224,537
Hillview School	\$119,950
North Boulevard School	\$125,103
Stephen J. Gerace School	\$118,329

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Gitin	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-150-25
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2025-2026

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for professional services and public relations, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pequannock Township Board of Education hereby establishes the following maximums for the 2025-2026 year as follows:

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	AMOUNT
Legal	\$95,000
Audit	\$63,340
Physician	\$19,720
Architect/Engineer	\$65,000
Negotiator	\$18,000
TOTAL	\$261,060

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Gitin	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-151-25
APPROVAL OF THE ADJUSTMENT FOR ENROLLMENT INCLUDED IN THE FINAL BUDGET FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, includes in the final budget for school year 2025-2026, the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$207,383 in accordance with State guidelines. The District intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Gitin	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-152-25
APPROVAL OF PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, approves the Pequannock Township tax levy payment schedule for the 2025-2026 school year in accordance with the attached.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Gitin	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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CLOSE BUDGET HEARING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 March 13, 2025 and April 7, 2025

Motion by: Gitin	Second by: Shenton	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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OPEN TO PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Members of the public may speak once for a maximum period of five minutes by the clock during this portion of the meeting. The public may speak on any agenda item during their five minutes. If a member of the public raises a question, all questions should be directed to the Board President. Please state your name and sign in before you begin.

None

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

PERSONNEL, MANAGEMENT, AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Mrs. Cara Shenton, Chair

- PMC-199-25 Approval of Unpaid Absences - 2025-2026 School Year
- PMC-200-25 Approval of Voluntary Transfer of Staff - 2025-2026 School Year
- PMC-201-25 Approval to Submit School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Contract to County Office for Review - 2025-2026 School Year
- PMC-202-25 Approval of Appointments - 2025-2026 School Year
- PMC-203-25 Approval of Coach - 2025-2026 School Year
- PMC-204-25 Acceptance of Resignation - 2024-2025 School Year
- PMC-205-25 Approval of Unpaid Absences - 2024-2025 School Year
- PMC-206-25 Approval to Amend Coach - 2024-2025 School Year (PMC-192-25)
- PMC-207-25 Approval of Medical and/or Family Leave of Absence - 2024-2025 School Year
- PMC-208-25 Approval of Extracurricular Stipend Position - 2024-2025 School Year
- PMC-209-25 Approval of the Statement of Assurance Regarding the High School Voter Registration - 2024-2025 School Year
- PMC-210-25 Approval of Job Descriptions

RESOLUTION NO. PMC-199-25

APPROVAL OF UNPAID ABSENCES - 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves unpaid absences for the following personnel for the 2025-2026 school year:

EMPLOYEE ID	DATE
#3419	10/2/2025-10/3/2025

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-200-25

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTARY TRANSFER OF STAFF - 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the **voluntary** transfer of the following personnel in Pequannock Township School District. (Salary & Guide placement represent the 2022-2025 collective bargaining agreement, pending completion of the successor collective bargaining agreement.)

NAME	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE DATES (on or about)	SALARY
Kopp, Edward <i>Replacing Nicole Muller</i>	Supervisor of Science, STEM & Aviation PreK-12 Pequannock Township School District	Work Based Learning/ Academy Coordinator Pequannock Township High School	7/1/2025-6/30/2026	MA, Step 21 \$98,705 + \$338 Longevity

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-201-25
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY CONTRACT TO COUNTY OFFICE FOR REVIEW- 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves to submit the 2025-2026 school year contract for Mr. Gordon Gibbs, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to the Executive Morris County Superintendent of Schools for review.

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-202-25
APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS - 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointments of the following personnel in the Pequannock Township School District, **pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria and results from post-offer physical and drug test per Policies 3160 & 4160. (Salary & Guide placement represent the 2022-2025 collective bargaining agreement, pending completion of the successor collective bargaining agreement.)

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATES (on or about)	SALARY
Carbone, Katie <i>Replacing Galina Crocco</i>	Math Teacher Pequannock Township High School	9/1/2025-6/30/2026	MA, Step 9 \$70,795
Cymny, Patrick <i>Replacing Greg Slaff</i>	Math Teacher Pequannock Valley School	9/1/2025-6/30/2026	BA, Step 10 \$67,150

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-203-25
APPROVAL OF COACH - 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of the following out-of-district personnel as coaches/volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year, pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria. (Salary & Guide placement represent the 2022-2025 collective bargaining agreement, pending completion of the successor collective bargaining agreement.)

Fall, 2025

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	STEP	STIPEND
Fluri	Eugene	Assistant Football	PTHS	M	\$6,031

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-204-25
ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the following resignation:

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Vanaria, Christie	.68 School Secretary Pequannock Valley School	6/30/2025

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-205-25

APPROVAL OF UNPAID ABSENCES - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves unpaid absences for the following personnel for the 2024-2025 school year:

EMPLOYEE ID	DATE
#5226	4/9/2025, 4/10/2025

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-206-25

APPROVAL TO AMEND COACH - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR (PMC-192-25)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves to amend the following out-of-district personnel as coaches/volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year, pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	STEP	STIPEND
Smith	Liam	Assistant Girls Track	PTHS	1	\$3,538

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-207-25

APPROVAL OF MEDICAL AND/OR FAMILY LEAVE OF ABSENCE - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the disability medical leave, child care or family leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act and the New Jersey Family Leave Act as follows. Staff using sick leave during the temporary disability period will be paid salary with health benefits coverage. Employee's leave under FMLA running concurrent with NJFLA shall be unpaid; however, health benefits will continue.

EMPLOYEE ID	DISABILITY LEAVE (on or about)	SICK/PERSONAL/VACATION DAYS TO BE USED	FMLA LEAVE (on or about)	NJFLA LEAVE (on or about)	UNPAID DAYS	RETURN TO WORK DATE (on or about)
#1636	N/A	N/A	N/A	3/24/2025-4/10/2025	N/A	4/11/2025

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-208-25

APPROVAL OF EXTRACURRICULAR STIPEND POSITION - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, per the Negotiated Agreement between the Pequannock Township Board of Education and the Pequannock Township Education Association. **pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria and results from post-offer physical and drug-test as per Policies 3160 & 4160.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	STIPEND
Benitez	Rebecca	Play	PVS	\$1,433

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-209-25

APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE REGARDING THE HIGH SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the High School Voter Registration Statement of Assurance for the 2024-2025 school year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent by June 30, 2025.

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-210-25

APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS

RESOLVED, that the Pequannock Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following job descriptions, *per attached*:

- Computer Technician
- Coordinator of Data Management
- PreK-12 Department Supervisor
- Systems and Network Administrator
- Work Based Learning/Academy Coordinator

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND SPECIAL SERVICES

Mrs. Danielle Esposito, Chair

Mr. Ciresi inquired as to the expense of the trip to Yankee Stadium and Dr. Portas explained that the cost will be shared by the band parents and the district.

- CIS-79-25 Approval of Workshop/Conference Attendance and Reimbursement of Related Travel Expenses
- CIS-80-25 Approval of Student Field Trips
- CIS-81-25 Approval of Out-of-State Student Field Trips
- CIS-82-25 Approval of Student Applications for Option II Credit
- CIS-83-25 Approval of Providers for Services to Students 2024-2025 School Year

RESOLUTION NO. CIS-79-25

APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF RELATED TRAVEL EXPENSES

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated functions was previously approved by the Superintendent of Schools, as work related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendees and the school district’s professional development plan; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the functions was approved as promoting delivery of instruction or furthering efficient operation of the school district and is deemed fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS, the travel and related expenses particular to attendance at these functions will be in compliance with state travel payment guidelines established by the Department of Treasury and the Federal Office of Management and Budget; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Pequannock Township Board of Education approves these attendances; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the reimbursement of the related travel expenses shall be in accordance with the above-mentioned guidelines. These are “not-to-exceed” amounts:

DATES	EMPLOYEE	CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP LOCATION	REGISTRATION	TRAVEL/ LODGING	SUB COST	ESTIMATED TOTAL EXPENSE
4/29/25	Link, Stephen	NJ Center for Civic Education Rutger University	\$0	\$51.71	\$150.00	\$201.71
5/7/25 - 5/8/25	DeNoia-Grace, Colleen	Tools of the Mind Teach Virtual	\$30.00	\$0	\$150.00	\$180.00
5/7/25 - 5/8/25	Felts, Shannon	Tools of the Mind Teach Virtual	\$0	\$0	\$150.00	\$150.00
5/7/25 - 5/8/25	Voltarelli, Diana	Tools of the Mind Teach Virtual	\$40.00	\$0	\$150.00	\$190.00
5/14/25	Reiner, Matthew	Behavioral Threat Assessment & Management Training Mahwah, NJ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5/14/25	Valverde, Ariel	Brain Injury Awareness Research Conference Somerset, NJ	\$250.00	\$44.18	\$150.00	\$444.18

DATES	EMPLOYEE	CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP LOCATION	REGISTRATION	TRAVEL/ LODGING	SUB COST	ESTIMATED TOTAL EXPENSE
5/21/25	Andersen, Dwight	ESCNJ EXPO Edison, NJ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5/31/25 - 6/7/25	Cohen, Jana	AP Government & Politics Virtual	\$0	\$0	\$750.00	\$750.00
6/2/25 - 6/8/25	Staropoli, Jennifer	AP Psychology Virtual	\$0	\$0	\$750.00	\$750.00
6/4/25 - 6/6/25	Gibbs, Gordon	NJASBO Annual Conference Atlantic City, NJ	\$500.00	\$380.94	\$0	\$880.94
6/4/25 - 6/6/25	Massaro, Jackie	NJASBO Annual Conference Atlantic City, NJ	\$500.00	\$563.94	\$0	\$1,063.94
6/11/25- 6/17/25	Neumann, Elaine	AP World History Virtual	\$0	\$0	\$750.00	\$750.00
6/16/25 - 6/18/25	Froehlich, Barbara	CyberSecurity Virtual	\$0	\$0	\$450.00	\$450.00

Motion by: Esposito	Second by: Shenton	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. CIS-80-25
APPROVAL OF STUDENT FIELD TRIPS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following student field trips:

DATE	DESTINATION	PERSON IN CHARGE	SCHOOL/ GRADE/ # STUDENTS	PURPOSE	COST TO STUDENT	COST TO DISTRICT
4/23/25	Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center Little Falls	McNulty-Dod, Melissa	NB/5/50	Connection to STEM Program	\$23.00	Nurse Substitute
5/28/25	Cedar Crest Village	Brensinger, Lee Ann	PTHS/9-12/10	PTHS GSA Club Trip	\$0	Substitutes
6/2/25 (Rain date 6/3/25)	Pequannock Library	Dowd, Elizabeth Warner, Lisa	SJG/2/40	Supporting the ELA Curriculum	\$0	\$0
6/2/25 (Rain date 6/3/25)	Pequannock Town Hall / Grace Chapel	DeLeeuw, Tara Lanni, Jessica Luterzo, Meghan Rentas, Jessica	SJG/4/63	History/Geography/ Civics Curriculum	\$0	\$0
6/4/25 (Rain date 6/5/25)	Pequannock Library	Dean, Jamie VanNess, Dina	NB/2/45	Supporting the ELA Curriculum	\$0	Nurse Substitute

DATE	DESTINATION	PERSON IN CHARGE	SCHOOL/ GRADE/ # STUDENTS	PURPOSE	COST TO STUDENT	COST TO DISTRICT
6/4/25 (Rain date 6/5/25)	Pequannock Town Hall / Grace Chapel	Mallon, Kristin Walsh, Shannon	NB/4/45	History/Geography/ Civics Curriculum	\$0	\$0
6/6/25 (Rain date 6/9/25)	Pequannock Library	Battista, Kelly Segedin, Denise	HV/2/39	Supporting the ELA Curriculum	\$0	\$0
6/6/25 (Rain date 6/9/25)	Pequannock Town Hall / Grace Chapel	Belardo, Joshua Budd, Julie Mise, Krista	HV/4/59	History/Geography/ Civics Curriculum	\$0	Nurse Substitute
6/9/25 (Rain date 6/10/25)	PV Park	Bellas, Patricia	HV/5/66	5th Grade Party	\$0	Nurse Substitute
6/11/25 (Rain date 6/12/25)	PV Park	Rodeiro, Christine	SJG/5/46	5th Grade Party	\$0	\$0

Motion by: Esposito	Second by: Shenton	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. CIS-81-25
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE STUDENT FIELD TRIPS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following out-of-state student field trips:

DATE	DESTINATION	PERSON IN CHARGE	SCHOOL/ GRADE/ # STUDENTS	PURPOSE	COST TO STUDENT	COST TO DISTRICT
6/5/25	Yankee Stadium Bronx, NY	Streifer, Anthony	PTHS/9-12/55	Perform the National Anthem	\$0	Substitutes

Motion by: Esposito	Second by: Shenton	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. CIS-82-25
APPROVAL OF STUDENT APPLICATIONS FOR OPTION II CREDIT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following students for additional credits used to supplement their transcript according to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a)2 at no expense to the Pequannock Township School District: #3020480 & #2650335.

Motion by: Esposito	Second by: Shenton	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. CIS-83-25

APPROVAL OF PROVIDERS FOR SERVICES TO STUDENTS 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following providers for services to students for 2024-2025 School Year:

PROVIDER	SERVICE	FEE
Dr. Sameh Ragheb Upper Saddle River, NJ	Psychiatric Evaluations	\$750

Motion by: Esposito	Second by: Shenton	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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FINANCE, FACILITIES, AND ATHLETICS

Mr. Joseph Blumert, Chair

Mr. Blumert thanked the donor for his generosity.

- FFA-153-25 Transfer of Funds for March 2025
- FFA-154-25 Payment of Bills - March 14, 2025 to April 28, 2025
- FFA-155-25 Approval of Financial Reports/Monthly Certifications for February 2025
- FFA-156-25 Monthly Reports from Schools and Programs for February 2025
- FFA-157-25 Approval to Accept Donations to the Pequannock Township School District
- FFA-158-25 Declaration of Obsolete Equipment
- FFA-159-25 Approval of Substitute Athletic Trainer Provider for 2025-2026
- FFA-160-25 Approval of Award of Service to Lightpath for Internet Access through E-Rate
- FFA-161-25 Approval of Award of Service to Optimum through E-Rate
- FFA-162-25 Approval of Award of Service to Highpoint Solutions for Networking Equipment through E-Rate
- FFA-163-25 Approval of E-Rate Consulting Master Agreement
- FFA-164-25 Approval to Apply to the Land Development Authority for the Property at 7 Industrial Road

RESOLUTION NO. FFA-153-25
TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR MARCH 2025

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the additional transfer of funds within the 2024-2025 budget from March 2025, in accordance with the attached list, which shall become a part of the record.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Iaccheo	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-154-25
PAYMENT OF BILLS – MARCH 14, 2025 - APRIL 28, 2025

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Bills List, from March 14, 2025 to April 28, 2025, submitted by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as attached:

FUND	AMOUNT
General Funds 10, 20, 40	\$7,461,059.14
Capital Projects Fund 30	\$39,202.54
Food Service Fund 6x	\$119,839.02

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Iaccheo	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-155-25
APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS/MONTHLY CERTIFICATIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the attached Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Monthly Financial Reports for February 2025.

RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of February 2025, no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district board of education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 4, the Board of Education does certify that as of February 2025, the Board Secretary's Monthly Financial Report did not reflect an over expenditure in any Major Account or Fund, and based on the Appropriation Balances reflected on this report and on the advice of District Officials, that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Iaccheo	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-156-25

MONTHLY REPORTS FROM SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS FOR FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of financial reports for the month of February 2025 for the High School Activities Account, the High School Interscholastic Athletic Account, the Pequannock Valley School Student Activities Account; and Pomptonian.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Iaccheo	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-157-25

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATIONS TO THE PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, in accordance with Policy 7230 and upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the following donations to the Pequannock Township School District.

DONATION	TO	DONATED BY
Huffy Bicycle Value \$100.00	PV School	David Raffo

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Iaccheo	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-158-25

DECLARATION OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to declare the following items to be obsolete and will dispose of them as deemed appropriate. (Attachment)

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Iaccheo	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-159-25

APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE ATHLETIC TRAINER PROVIDER FOR 2025-2026

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following as substitute athletic trainer for the 2025-2026 school year.

PROVIDER	FEE PER HOUR
Rivalry Sports Medicine, LLC Highland Lakes, NJ	\$85.00

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Iaccheo	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-160-25

APPROVAL OF AWARD OF SERVICE TO LIGHTPATH FOR INTERNET ACCESS THROUGH E-RATE

WHEREAS, the Pequannock Township School District applies for annual funding through the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, more commonly known as the "E-Rate" Program, which provides discounts to eligible entities for Internet Access services.

WHEREAS, the Pequannock Township School District posted FCC Form 470 number 2500014345 in accordance with E-Rate Program rules to initiate the competitive bidding process to solicit bids from vendors of private fiber network services.

WHEREAS, the Technology Department has reviewed the bids received and hereby recommends that the Board approve the award of service to Lightpath with a 5-year term of service in the total amount of \$349.95/month, plus additional monthly recurring costs of \$950/month modem fee, to procure one "private fiber network" service, as the lowest priced option available to the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pequannock Township School District BOE has considered the recommendation and hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to award Lightpath one "private fiber network" service with a 5-year term of service.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Iaccheo	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-161-25
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF SERVICE TO OPTIMUM THROUGH E-RATE

WHEREAS, the Pequannock Township School District applies for annual funding through the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, more commonly known as the "E-Rate" Program, which provides discounts to eligible entities for Internet Access services.

WHEREAS, the Pequannock Township School District posted FCC Form 470 number **250005292** in accordance with E-Rate Program rules to initiate the competitive bidding process to solicit bids from vendors of Business Class Internet Access services.

WHEREAS, the Technology Department has reviewed the bids received and hereby recommends that the Board approve the award of service to Optimum with a 2-year term of service in the total amount of \$349.95/month, plus additional monthly recurring costs of \$15/month modem fee and \$20/month for IP addresses, and a one-time installation and set-up charge of \$99.99, to procure one "Business Optimum" service with 1Gbps of bandwidth, as the lowest priced option available to the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pequannock Township School District BOE has considered the recommendation and hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to award Optimum one "Business Optimum" service with 1Gbps of bandwidth with a 2-year term of service.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Iaccheo	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-162-25
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF SERVICE TO HIGHPOINT SOLUTIONS FOR NETWORKING EQUIPMENT THROUGH E-RATE

WHEREAS, the Pequannock Township School District applies for annual funding through the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, more commonly known as the "E-Rate" Program, which provides discounts to eligible entities for Internet Access services.

WHEREAS, the Pequannock Township School District posted FCC Form 470 number 250007517 in accordance with E-Rate Program rules to initiate the competitive bidding process to solicit bids from vendors of networking equipment services.

WHEREAS, the Technology Department has reviewed the bids received and hereby recommends that the Board approve the award of service to HighPoint Solutions for Cisco Meraki wireless access points, subscriptions, and managed switches, as the lowest priced option available to the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pequannock Township School District BOE has considered the recommendation and hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to award HighPoint Solutions for networking equipment.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Iaccheo	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-163-25
APPROVAL OF E-RATE CONSULTING MASTER AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves an e-rate master agreement, NJSBA procurement number E-8801-NJSBA ACES-CPS, with E-Rate Consulting, Inc. of Montclair, NJ, for e-rate consulting and process management services, commencing April 28, 2025 through June 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$9,200.00.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Iaccheo	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-164-25
APPROVAL TO APPLY TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PROPERTY AT 7 INDUSTRIAL ROAD

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Business Administrator to apply for permission to purchase the property at 7 Industrial Road, Pequannock, New Jersey in accordance with N.J. Admin. Code § 6A:26-7.1.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Iaccheo	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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POLICY

Mr. Greg MacSweeney, Chair

P-15-25 Approval of New and/or Revised Board Policies and/or Regulations for Second Reading and Adoption

RESOLUTION NO. P-15-25

APPROVAL OF NEW AND/OR REVISED BOARD POLICIES AND/OR REGULATIONS FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the new and/or revised Board Policies and/or Regulations as listed for second reading adoption:

MANUAL SECTION	POLICY/REGULATION(R)
<i>Students</i>	5111-Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students
	5512-Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying
	5516-Use of Electronic Communication Devices
	5533-Student Smoking
	5533R-Student Smoking
	5701-Academic Integrity
	5710-Student Grievance
<i>Property</i>	7441-Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds
	7441R-Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds
<i>Operations</i>	8500-Food Services
<i>Community</i>	9163-Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events
	9320-Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies
	9320R-Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Pompeo	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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OTHER

O-11-25 Approval of HIB Investigation Decisions

RESOLUTION NO. O-11-25

APPROVAL OF HIB INVESTIGATION DECISIONS

RESOLVED, that the Pequannock Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in the following HIB Investigation and directs the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.

INVESTIGATION NO.
SJG-3-25

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Gitin	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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OPEN TO PUBLIC ANY TOPIC

Members of the public may speak once for a maximum period of five minutes by the clock during this portion of the meeting. The public may speak on any topic during their five minutes. If a member of the public raises a question, all questions should be directed to the Board President. Please state your name and sign in before you begin.

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L., the Board has the authority to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel matters. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition. No action will be taken.

Motion by: Gitin	Second by: Esposito	Voice Vote: 8-0-0	Time: 9:13 pm
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ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING

Motion by: Gitin	Second by: Esposito	Voice Vote: 8-0-0	Time: 9:22 pm
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Respectfully,



Gordon E. Gibbs
Board Secretary

FUTURE PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, May 12, 2025	Workshop Meeting	7:00 P.M.	PTHS
Tuesday, May 27, 2025	Regular Business Meeting	7:00 P.M.	PTHS