

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
July 8, 2025 - Special Meeting, 6:00 PM
Shrewsbury Borough School District, 20 Obre Place, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

MINUTES

1.0 Opening Procedures

1.1 Call to order – 6:00 pm

1.2 Flag salute

1.3 Opening Statement

1.4 "In compliance with Pl 1975, Chapter 231, Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was advertised in the Asbury Park Press on July 7, 2025. A copy of this notice is posted at the entrance to the Shrewsbury Borough School and is posted on the district’s website. A copy of this notice is also on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

1.5 Roll Call:

Ms. Groom (President)	Ms. Choi
Mr. Galvin (arrived at 6:01 pm)	Ms. Hepburn-Goldberg
Ms. Moore	Mr. Ngo

Absent: Ms. Gourley-Thompson, Ms. Barber, Ms. McCullough

Also Present:

Mr. MacConnell, Superintendent
 Ms. Case, Business Administrator
 Ms. Daly, Board Attorney

1.6 Mission Statement:

The mission of the Shrewsbury Borough School District, a system built on successful cooperation among family, school and community, is to prepare all students to achieve excellence and to become responsible citizens through rigorous educational programs consistent with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content State Standards and which respect individual differences and diversity. Students will be prepared to meet the challenges presented in the regional high school and the world beyond.

2.0 Executive Session I

2.1 It was motioned by Ms. Moore, seconded by Ms. Hepburn-Goldberg to move into Closed Executive Session at 6:01 pm to discuss confidential personnel matters or Board Business and/or matters of attorney/client privilege and/or matters of litigation and/or negotiations or contractual matters from which the public may be excluded. Minutes of this meeting will be made available to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Barber				X	
Ms. Choi	X				
Mr. Galvin				X	Arrived at 6:01 pm
Ms. Hepburn-Goldberg	X				
Ms. McCullough				X	
Ms. Moore	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson				X	
Ms. Groom	X				

On a voice vote, five (5) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and four (4) members were absent.

2.2 It was motioned by Ms. Moore, seconded by Ms. Hepburn-Goldberg to reconvene into public session at 7:14 pm.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Barber				X	
Ms. Choi	X				
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Hepburn-Goldberg	X				
Ms. McCullough				X	
Ms. Moore	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson				X	
Ms. Groom	X				

On a voice vote, six (6) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and three (3) members were absent.

3.0 Superintendent’s Report - None

4.0 Confidential HIB Appeal

It was motioned by Ms. Choi, seconded by Mr. Galvin to reject HIB #11.

On a voice vote, six (6) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and three (3) members were absent.

It was motioned by Ms. Choi, seconded by Mr. Galvin to affirm HIB # 12.

On a voice vote, six (6) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and three (3) members were absent.

5.0 Personnel

It was motioned by Mr. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Groom, to approve the following items as listed:

5.1 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the resignation of Jessica Picciano effective June 30, 2025.

5.2 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the resignation of Alyssa Taylor effective June 30, 2025.

5.3 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Haley Scheuer as 3rd Grade ICR Teacher from September 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, at the rate of MA Step 1 - \$64,245.00 per year for the 2025-2026 school year.

5.4 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Tracy Farnum as Reading Specialist from September 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, at the rate of MA Step 15 - \$80,895.00 per year for the 2025-2026 school year.

5.5 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Megan Pullen as 6th Grade ELA Teacher from September 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, at the rate of BA Step 13 - \$72,195.00 per year for the 2025-2026 school year.

5.6 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Sara Dweck as 7th Grade ELA Teacher from September 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, at the rate of MA Step 3 - \$64,745.00 per year for the 2025-2026 school year.

5.7 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Cassidy Petrone as Middle School ELA ICR Teacher from September 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, at the rate of BA Step 1 - \$58,845.00 per year for the 2025-2026 school year.

5.8 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Kelsey McCauley as 4th Grade Teacher from September 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, at the rate of BA Step 1 - \$58,845.00 per year for the 2025-2026 school year.

5.9 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Benjamin Pivetz as 7th Grade Math Teacher from September 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, at the rate of MA Step 9 - \$69,820.00 per year for the 2025-2026 school year.

5.10 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the revised cost for curriculum writing in the following areas at the extracurricular rate of \$46.00 not to exceed the indicated hours for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

Name	Curriculum	Hours (Not to exceed)	Cost (Not to exceed)
Heather Cellary	Special Areas	15	\$675

6.0 Executive Session II - N/A

7.0 Public Participation - All Topics

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on matters of interest to the school community. Individuals wishing to speak **must state their name and address**. Comments are limited to three minutes’ duration, but an individual may speak a second time after all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. All statements should be directed to the Board President and no participant may address or question Board members individually. All speakers are requested to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy of others whose legal rights may be affected. Please note: While it is not the Board’s intention to stifle comment on matters of legitimate concern, the public should be aware that if their statements violate the rights of others under the law of defamation or invasion of privacy, they may face personal liability to the injured party. If speakers are uncertain of the legal ramifications of their comments, the Board urges them to seek guidance beforehand from their own legal advisor.

Start 7:21 pm

- Kelly Ryan Gastic - No students present currently in the school but experienced this in Rumson. Concern about children and teachers who are unhappy. Children need help and think about who you are hiring. If it’s a budget then we should and be careful who you vote for. Mine went to private.
- Mr. Ngo - We hear you and discuss it but it’s not a discussion at a meeting. There are limits with what a board can do.
- Kristen Patalli - We don’t know what the board can or can not do.
- Mr. Galvin - We do our best and would spend time to review
- Mr. Ngo - There is a packet on the website that addresses what we can or can not do.
- Eileen McCaffrey - 1st board meeting and learning what goes on. A lot of people on the board for a small town. Teachers leaving are not for no reason. The Superintendent is in the town

and contract is up this year. The agenda coming up today was a problem. We need teachers for our 7th grade.

- Mr. Galvin - We can't speak to other board size. We can't speak to employment per the rules. We hope everyone comes out for every meeting.
- Emily Cuervo (Union Rep) - Read management rights from the SBS teacher contract important to remind the board and share to remind everyone.
- Kelly Ryan - Name of Attorney and Cooper, Levenson is one of the biggest, best firms.
- Alyssa Wheeler- Email board about the basketball coach incident, earlier in the year. Find it disappointing the board didn't step in.
- Kristen Pattel - Let the reading specialist go and curious why we are hiring a new one. As a taxpayer it's a concern because everyone liked her and now we are paying someone new.
- Mr. Ngo - The budget can only be raised 2% and utilities have gone up. The lines crossed.
- Erin Winters - That it was not budget. It was poor planning. We have to keep telling you our opinion when we don't know.
- Kathleen Daly - Transparency and the agenda being posted. Understand it was a special meeting. What would be the expectation of transparency to know when it will be available.
- Ms. Daly - This was a quick turn around and this was set a few days ago. Preschool enrollment not being full? Are they SBS' residents? If not, should we be running for outside classes?
- Mr. Galvin - Agenda for a special meeting is challenging. We are working on this for the future.
- Ms. Groom - We can report out on preschool enrollment in August.
- Chris Martinnetti - We are working parents and need the agenda out sooner.
- Jennifer Lawlor - Keep few things on your radar - don't want to break special ed code. Agenda should be out by Monday. Hope we can figure out a live stream.
- Kelly Ryan - moved from Mahwah and told Rumson they can pay for preschool.

End - 7:50 pm

8.0 Vote/Roll Call on Agenda Items

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Barber				X	
Ms. Choi	X				
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Hepburn-Goldberg	X				
Ms. McCullough				X	
Ms. Moore	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson				X	
Ms. Groom	X				

On a voice vote, six (6) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and three (3) members were absent.

9.0 Unfinished Business - None

10.0 Board President's Report - None

11.0 Adjournment

It was motioned by Ms. Groom, seconded by Mr. Galvin to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Barber				X	
Ms. Choi	X				
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Hepburn-Goldberg	X				
Ms. McCullough				X	
Ms. Moore	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson				X	
Ms. Groom	X				

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