

**SHREWSBURY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**August 20, 2025 - Regular Meeting, 6:30 PM**  
**Shrewsbury Borough School District, 20 Obre Place, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702**

**MINUTES**

**1.0 Opening Procedures**

1.1 Call to order – 6:32 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 and the Star Ledger on June 3, 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)

Mr. Galvin

Ms. Moore

Ms. Gourley-Thompson (Vice President)

Ms. McCullough

Mr. Ngo

Absent: Ms. Barber, Ms. Choi, Ms. Hepburn-Goldberg

Also Present:

Mr. MacConnell, Superintendent

Ms. Case, Business Administrator

Mr. Donio, 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. Groom, seconded by Mr. Galvin to move into Closed Executive Session at 6:33 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.

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
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, (0) members voted no, and three (3) members were absent.

2.2 It was motioned by Ms. Groom, seconded by Ms. Gourley-Thompson to reconvene into public session at 7:00 pm.

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
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, (0) members voted no, and three (3) members were absent.

**3.0 Correspondence to the Board**

- Email received Jun 18, 2025, thespitales@gmail.com, regarding “Venue for Tonight's BOE Meeting”
- Email received Jun 18, 2025, michaelstoia77@gmail.com, regarding “Formal Appeal “
- Email received Jun 23, 2025, loucksa@sbs-nj.org, regarding “Graduation Award”
- Email received Jun 24, 2025, michaelstoia77@gmail.com, regarding “Formal Appeal and Request for Documentation”
- Email received Jun 29, 2025, doodym@sbs-nj.org, regarding “Thank you”
- Email received Jul 2, 2025, jennifer.lawlor816@gmail.com, regarding “Follow up to the 6/18/25 BOE mtg”
- Email received Jul 3, 2025, tallulahchiggins@gmail.com, regarding “Minehardt Fellowship Award”
- Email received Jul 8, 2025, cdemartino21@gmail.com, regarding “ERI/OHI classes”
- Email received Jul 9, 2025, alyssa.ohara@gmail.com, regarding “Advanced Math”
- Email received Jul 11, 2025, merklingerf@middletownk12.org, regarding “Thank you”
- Email received July 21, 2025, sd\_wheeler@yahoo.com, regarding “Follow Up”
- Email received Jul 22, 2025, cdemartino21@gmail.com, regarding “Update”
- Email received Jul 23, 2025, christinemorgan44@gmail.com, regarding “Donaldson Hearing”
- Email received Jul 28, 2025, dgrosslicitra@gmail.com, regarding “Concerns About Changes to 6th Grade Advanced Math”
- Email received Aug 1, 2025, eileenpmcaffery@gmail.com, regarding “Urgent Concern”
- Email received Aug 1, 2025, sd\_wheeler@yahoo.com, regarding “Follow Up”
- Email received Aug 5, 2025, eileenpmcaffery@gmail.com, regarding “Urgent Concern”
- Email received Aug 18, 2025, thedalyfamily2010@gmail.com, regarding “Session”
- Email received Aug 18, 2025, ghemschoot@gmail.com, regarding “Exclusion of Community from Ribbon Cutting and Tours”
- Email received Aug 18, 2025, absryan@aol.com, regarding “Call to Action”
- Email received Aug 19, 2025, erin.nicole11@yahoo.com, regarding “Re: Formal Request and Documentation of Request for Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act (Sunshine Law)”

**4.0 Public Participation - Agenda Items Only - None**

**5.0 Superintendent’s Report - Mr. MacConnell**

- Discuss HIB cases
- Honor EOY: Emily Cuervo & Kate Hoppe
- Field Day
- June 19th - Award Ceremony - 9am
- June 19th - Graduation - 6:30pm (Entrance only if on the list/have ticket, no bags, drinks)
- June 20th - Last Day of School/Report Cards Published
- July 1st - 31st - ESY (no Fridays)
- August 20th - Next BOE meeting
- Staff PD days - September 2nd & 3rd
- First Day of School - September 4th
- Thanks to all and have a great summer

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

5.1 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury School District Board of Education approve the following District HIB Reports.

August 2025	0 HIB
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5.2 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the School Safety/School Climate Committee (SS/SC) Committee for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

- Brent MacConnell, Superintendent/Principal
- Kathleen Fitzpatrick, SS/SC Team Chairperson/Anti-Bullying Specialist
- Cheryl Salway, Assistant Principal/Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction/Anti-Bullying Coordinator
- Roseanne Ansell, Supervisor of Special Services
- Darriane Masticola, School Counselor
- Tanja Larsen, Teacher Representative
- Emily Cuervo, Teacher Representative
- Carol Meyer, Teacher Representative
- Jenna Ciongoli, Parent Representative
- Jennifer Elkof, Parent Representative

5.3 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the District Evaluation Advisory Committee/School Improvement Panel (DEAC/ScIP) for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

- Brent MacConnell, Superintendent/Principal
- Cheryl Salway, Assistant Principal/Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction
- Roseanne Ansell, Supervisor of Special Services
- Laura Kaplan Fox, Teacher Representative
- Allison Wiesel, Teacher Representative
- Emily Cuervo, Teacher Representative

5.4 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following individuals to participate on the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) for the 2025-2026 school year.

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|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Brent A. MacConnell | Cheryl Salway | Roseanne Ansell          | Lindsey Case |
| Mike Tillett        | Emily Cuervo  | Kristin Tardiff          | Kara Crespo  |
| Alanna O’Handley    | Jessica Groom | Heather Gourley-Thompson |              |

**6.0 Finance & Facilities - Mr. Ngo**

Committee Report: The Finance & Facilities Committee met on August 11, 2025

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

**Board of Education Certification Budget Major/Fund Status for June and July 2025**

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2.13(D), we certify that as of June 30, 2025 and July 31, 2025, after review of the Secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriation section), and open consultation with appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major account fund has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:20-2(B), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the school year.

I, Lindsey Case, Part-time School Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that no line item has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.”



School Business Admin/Board Secretary

**Payroll Certification**

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary reported, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1B, has certified the payroll for June 13, 2025 in the amount of \$317,286.06, June 20, 2025 in the amount of \$240,755.17 and June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$120,740.82. Payroll for July 15, 2025 in the amount of \$73,644.80 and July 30, 2025 in the amount of \$71,390.41.

6.1 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following minutes as listed:

- 6.1.2 Regular Meeting Minutes, June 18, 2025
- 6.1.3 Executive Meeting Minutes, June 18, 2025
- 6.1.4 Special Meeting Minutes, July 8, 2025
- 6.1.5 Executive Meeting Minutes, July 8, 2025

6.2 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following:

**Transfer of Funds for June and July 2025** (available for review in the Board Secretary’s Office)  
Policy # 6422 Budget Transfers

WHEREAS NJAC 6A:20-2.13 “Over expenditure of Funds” states “a district Board of Education shall not incur any obligation or approve any payment in excess of the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education in the line item pursuant to NJSA 18A:22-8.1”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached line item transfers be approved.

**Approve Bills List – July and August 2025**

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the bills paid and checks issued at the Board meeting in the amount of \$1,382,261.76, July 2025 and \$220,553.55, August 2025.

**Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification for June and July 2025**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the financial reports of the Secretary to the Board of Education (Referenced below 6.0) and the Monthly Reconciliation Report (Referenced below 6.0) for June 30, 2025 and July 31, 2025 which are in agreement be accepted as submitted and attached to and made part of the minutes of this meeting.

PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(d), we certify that as of June 30, 2025 and July 31, 2025, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Shrewsbury School District Board of Education pursuant to NJSA 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1

**Treasurer’s Report**

PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(d), approve the Treasurer’s Reports for June and July 2025.

6.3 Increase to the Bid Threshold

WHEREAS, Lindsey Case, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, possesses 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 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 School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, 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 the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

Furthermore, for contracts in the aggregate that are less than the bid threshold but fifteen (15%) or more of the amount, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall award contracts after soliciting at least two competitive quotations.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, 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.

6.4 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the Satellite Lunch Agreement with Red Bank Regional High School for the 2025-2026 school year.

6.5 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following meal prices for the 2025-2026 school year.

Student Lunch (includes 1 low fat or chocolate milk	\$26.25/lunch ticket (5 lunches)
Low Fat or Chocolate Milk (1 extra per day)	\$5.00 per week

6.6 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury School District Board of Education approve Board of Education Members and Brent MacConnell to attend the NJSBA Workshop in Atlantic City, NJ, October 19-23, 2025.

6.7 The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the following student services for the 2025-2026 school year:

Student#	Service	Provider	Cost
7139	Physical Therapy Evaluation	DeMonte Physical Therapy	\$365
7009	Assistive Evaluation Training	Adam Krass Consulting, LLC	\$170/hr
7140	Neurodevelopmental Assessment	G&A/DPCJ	\$650
7140	Neurodevelopmental Additional Diagnostic	G&A/DPCJ	\$600
7141	Physical Therapy Evaluation	DeMonte Physical Therapy	\$365

6.8 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following services for the 2025-2026 school year.

Student#	Service	Provider	Sessions/Cost	Dates
7138	Individual PT (4)	DeMonte Physical Therapy	\$104/session NTE \$416	07/08/2025-07/31/2025
7137	Individual PT (3)	DeMonte Physical Therapy	\$104/session NTE \$312	07/14/2025-07/31/2025
7138	Individual PT (38)	DeMonte Physical Therapy	\$104/session NTE \$3952	09/15/2025-06/12/2026
7137	Individual PT (38)	DeMonte Physical Therapy	\$104/session NTE \$3952	09/15/2025-06/12/202

6.9 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following Parent Transportation Contracts for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

Student #	Destination	Amount
5773	Hawkswood, ESY	\$1,200
5773	Hawkswood, SY	\$7,200

6.10 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following Joint Transportation Route for the 2025-2026 school year with the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District as the Host District:

Route #	Destination	Host	Joiner	# Days	Per Diem	Effective Dates
H001	Hawkswood	MARSD	SBS	180	\$156.37	9/4/25-6/30/26
C001	Collier	MARSD	SBS	180	\$53.11	7/5/25-6/30/26

6.11 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following Transportation Route for the 2025-2026 school year.

Student #	Destination	Vendor	# of Days	Per Diem	Effective Dates
7111	Rugby	MOESC	180	\$159.98	9/3/25-6/30/26

6.12 **REVISED** - The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following students to attend an out of district placement for the 2025 Extended School Year and the 2025-2026 School Year (previously approved on May 21, 2025, \$90,500 and June 18, 2025, \$118,500)

Student #	School	Cost	Effective Dates
6458	Bayshore Jointure Commission	\$118,500.00 = \$58,000 Tuition; \$48,000 Aide; \$8,500 ESY Tuition; \$4,000 ESY Aide	7/1/25-6/30/26

6.13 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education accept the allocation and authorize the submission of the grant plan for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for fiscal year 2025-2026:

<b>Grant Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
IDEA Basic	\$135,322
IDEA Preschool	\$6,013

6.14 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education accept the allocation and authorize the submission of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Consolidated Formula Sub grant for fiscal year 2025-2026.

	<b>Amount</b>
Title I, Part A	\$10,052
Title II, Part A	\$15,698
Title III	\$161

6.15 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury School District Board of Education approve the submission of the applications to the Executive County Superintendent for Monmouth County, to elect for the 2025-2026 school year the Dual Use/Waivers as listed below to be used simultaneously for various purposes. As required by code, instruction will be separated by placement of a divider in the room.

<b>Purpose of Waiver</b>
Dual Use, Room 501

6.16 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education accept the following allocation of Nonpublic Technology, Textbook, Nursing and Security Aid Services for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Nonpublic Technology	\$1,746
Nonpublic Textbook Aid	\$2,447
Nonpublic Security Aid	\$9,020
Nonpublic Nursing Aid	\$6,407

6.17 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education accept the state aid of \$100,000 pursuant to the 2025-2026 Appropriations Act for the purpose of Mental Health Services for the 2025-2026 school year.

6.18 The following Fire and Evacuation Drills occurred during **July 2025**:

<b>School Name</b>	<b>Security Drill Type</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>
Shrewsbury Borough School	Fire Drill	7/1/2025 at 8:45am
Shrewsbury Borough School	Evacuation	7/29/20225 at 9:57am
Shrewsbury Borough School	Fire Drill	7/30/3035 at 9:44am

6.19 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following purchase.

<b>Vendor</b>	Dell
<b>Account</b>	30-000-400-610-00-0
<b>Amount</b>	\$4,638.40
<b>Description</b>	Five (5) Desktops/Monitors/KB+M Q5/Stand

6.20 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following purchase:

<b>Vendor</b>	Turn-key Technologies
<b>Contract</b>	ESCNJ 22/23-38
<b>Account</b>	130-000-400-610-00-0
<b>Amount</b>	\$37,349.75
<b>Description</b>	Licenses, Cameras, Mounts & Accessories

**7.0 Curriculum and Instruction - Ms. Gourley-Thompson**

Committee Report: The Curriculum and Instruction Committee met August 11, 2025

It was motioned by Ms. Gourley-Thompson, seconded by Ms. Groom, to approve the following items as listed:

7.1 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve new & revised curriculum in accordance with the NJSLS for the Shrewsbury Borough School District for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Media Literacy, Grades 5-8
- Social Studies, K-4

7.2 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following professional development for the 2025-2026 school year:

<b>Staff Member</b>	<b>Program/Workshop</b>	<b>Training Date</b>	<b>PD/Travel Cost</b>
Kathleen Fitzpatrick	Straus-Esmay HIB Training, Toms River, NJ	September 29, 2025	\$173.46
Cheryl Salway	Straus-Esmay HIB Training, Toms River, NJ	September 29, 2025	\$165.00
Joshua Biringer	Revolutionary Schools: “History Happened Here” Workshop and Q & A panel with Ken Burns	September 17, 2025	\$31.96

7.3 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury School District Board of Education approve the RTI Manual for the 2025-2026 school year.

7.4 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury School District Board of Education approve the RTI Manual: Guide for Parents for the 2025-2026 school year.

**8.0 Personnel - Mr. Galvin**

Committee Report: The Personnel Committee met on August 19, 2025

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

8.1 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Brittany King to serve as mentor to novice teacher Cassidy Petrone at the rate of \$550 to be deducted from the salary of the novice teacher.

8.2 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Tanja Larsen to serve as mentor to novice teacher Haley Scheuer at the rate of \$550 to be deducted from the salary of the novice teacher.

8.3 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Laura Fox to serve as mentor to novice teacher Sara Dweck at the rate of \$550 to be deducted from the salary of the novice teacher.

8.4 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Nina Potter as a Tiger Buddy during the 2025-2026 school year for Megan Pullen at the extracurricular hourly rate of \$46.00 not to exceed 10 hours for a total of \$460.00.

8.5 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Heather Cellary as a Tiger Buddy during the 2025-2026 school year for Benjamin Pivetz at the extracurricular hourly rate of \$46.00 not to exceed 10 hours for a total of \$460.00.

8.6 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Kelly Schlosser as a Tiger Buddy during the 2025-2026 school year for Tracy Farnum at the extracurricular hourly rate of \$46.00 not to exceed 10 hours for a total of \$460.00.

8.7 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve William Clark as the Tiger News Advisor for the 2024-2025 school year at the rate of \$1,425.00.

8.8 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education rescind Amanda Ehrhardt for Garden Club in the 2025-2026 school year.

8.9 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year.

Antonella Cupo  
Eleen Kosciolek

Bianca Perdelwitz  
Laurie Van Brunt

8.10 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education  
Approve the resignation of Maria Wissenbach effective July 1, 2025.

8.11 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the medical leave of Marguerite Welsh from September 1, 2025 - November 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.

8.12 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education  
approve Darianne Masticola for up to 20 hours of summer work at the rate of \$46.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

8.13 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education  
approve the following staff members for extra Morning Duty at the rate of \$46.00 an hour for the 2025-2026 school year.

Rachel Birzin  
Jillian Davis

Leigh Trillhaase  
Dana Miele

8.14 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following staff member as substitute for Extra Morning Duty at the rate of \$46.00 an hour for the 2025-2026 school year.

Alexa King

8.15 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough Board of Education approve the staff listed for the Extra Curricular Activities/Sports for the extra-curricular rates as listed for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>CLUB/ACTIVITY</u>	<u>ADVISOR</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Drama Club 2	David Buckle	\$2,359
Assistant Stage Director	David Buckle	\$2,527
Gardening Club	Kristen Tardiff	\$712.50
Student Council 1	Cassidy Petrone	\$1,425
Student Council 2	Haley Scheuer	\$1,425
Yearbook 1	Megan Pullen	\$2,670
Yearbook 2	Haley Scheuer	\$2,670
Debate Club	William Clark	\$1,425
Literary Magazine	William Clark	\$1,425

**Board Approved – Pay to Play:**

Cheerleading Coach 2	Kari Larsen	\$2,527
Cross Country Coach	Amanda Ehrhardt	\$2,527
Athletic Coordinator	Josh Biringner	\$1,425
Girls Basketball Coach	Josh Biringner	\$2,527
Track and Field Coach	Josh Biringner	\$2,527

**9.0 Policy - Ms. Moore**

Committee Report: The Policy Committee met on August 14, 2025

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

9.1 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following policies and regulations from Policy Alert 235 for the first reading.

- P 0173 Duties of Public School Accountant (Revised)
- P 0174 Legal Services (M) (Revised)
- P 0177 Professional Services (M) (Revised)
- P & R 1570 Internal Controls (M) (Revised)
- P 1620 Administrative Employment Contracts (M) (Revised)
- P & R 6111 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program (M) (Revised)
- P 6220 Budget Preparation (M) (Revised)
- R 6220 Budget Preparation (Revised)
- P 0143 Board Member Election and Appointment (Revised)
- P 1636.01 Notification of Promotion, New Job, and Transfer Opportunities (New)
- P 1648.15 Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings In School Buildings – Covid-19 (M) (Abolished)
- P 2422 Statutory Curricular Requirements (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5117 Interdistrict Public School Choice (Revised)
- P 5339.01 Student Sun Protection (M) (New)

9.2 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following policies for the first reading.

- Policy 3125 – Employment of Long Term Replacement Teachers
- Policy 2434.3 – Athletic Coach Training

**10.0 School & Community Relations - Ms. McCullough**

Committee Report: The School and Community Committee met August 14, 2025

- Receives correspondence from the community and responses from the Board President

**11.0 Vote/Roll Call on Agenda Items**

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Ms. Barber				X	
Ms. Choi				X	
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Hepburn-Goldberg				X	
Ms. McCullough	X	X			Nay for Item 8.15 - Personnel agenda
Ms. Moore	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Ms. Groom	X				

On a voice vote, six (6) members voted yes, one (1) member voted no to item 8.15 of the Personnel agenda and three (3) members were absent

**12.0 Unfinished Business**

- Ms. Gourley-Thompson - Alliance meeting September to be announced it will be on social media. ‘Chalk the Walk’ on the night before school

**13.0 Public Participation - All Topics**

Start 7:37 pm

- J. Lawlor - Thank you for all the updates and information is power. 3 sections with 24 students seems low. Why is the spanish job not on NJ School Jobs?
- D. Marchino - Sent emails on different topics. (Provided a handout) SEL/Character Ed suggested handout to work on climate. Simple things to aid culture. See in classroom where I work. Collapsed classrooms to bring back out of district students.
- K. Daly - Thank you for addressing and updates of policies and posting agenda earlier. The Chain of Command and response time is not always there. Spanish hire for the HS was late and shock value. Glad to hear the amount of how many preschool tuitions and support for our SBS facilities. How are we utilizing the extra classroom spaces?
- D. Liatra - Correspondence - looking forward to child being with other like learners. Decisions need to be made to support students and teachers.
- A. Odessa - Curious about spanish and was going remote the first option? How is remote instruction going to work and there will be behavioral issues if current staff how to handle?
- E. McCaffrey - Highly concerned about staff leaving and echoed retaliation by CSA by assignment transfer. Policy read to discuss following but not protecting teachers. Email about police report and Board President response. Nothing has changed, such as letter in March about Instagram post. Spoke to entire 8th grade and doesn’t want anyone to know what is going on. Parent emailed to complain to the Superintendent about the Superintendent. Spoke on HIB and amount of emails sent to CSA and board.

Ms. Groom, you are part of the problem and cited HIB timeline. Referenced policies and read HIB policy. Superintendent should be bullied and fired.

- P. Eulner - 8th grade student, first time at a board meeting and my son has been made to feel uncomfortable and he was a witness. No issue with Mr. MacConnell but this is nonsense. Take his power or something has to happen.

Ended - 8:02 pm

**14.0 Board President’s Report - Ms. Groom**

- Budget
- State aid
- Referendum

As Mr. MacConnell mentioned, the budget requires adjustments from year to year. Amid the budget fluctuations, the board has a responsibility to take a long view on planning for SBS. We make decisions that preserve educational consistency and quality and Mr. MacConnell plans appropriately.

People move to Shrewsbury to send their children to school here. We take a lot of pride in that. Our school is exceptional because we are always thinking of the future – 5 years out, 10 years out, not just the present moment.

The bond referendum was the ultimate example of this – we knew an expansion would let us better meet our students’ long-term needs to grow, play, and learn. Plus, we took the opportunity to bring home state aid for important HVAC, security, and other building work. The vote itself was in 2022 but the planning started well before in 2017.

I originally wanted to serve on this board because I saw what passing the referendum could mean for our school and for our town.

We are grateful to our community for investing in SBS. In turn, we promise to continue making the best decisions for today while planning for a strong future for many years to come.

**15.0 Adjournment**

It was motioned by Ms. Groom, seconded by Ms. Gourley-Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm.

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
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, (0) members voted no, and three (3) members were absent