

Board of Education

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

Date and Time

Tuesday, August 26, 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 9:35 am.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Albro, Mr. J. Decorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. P. Gallaso, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Dr. L. Pantoliano, Mr. M. Perrapato, Dr. J. Torrento, Ms. T. Violetti, Dr. S. Yurchak.

Members Absent: Dr. S. DeNobile, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. R. Tomko

Also Present: Dr. M. Kuchar, Ms. S. Cucciniello, Mr. S. Miller

- Dr. Letizia Pantoliano, Interim Superintendent, was sworn in as a Board Member from the South Hackensack School District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. M. Kuchar updated the Board on the upcoming school start up events and the status of the district in this new school year. The Meadowlands YMCA representative Bernadette McPherson addressed the Board about their programs and their availability for the districts if they're interested.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion: Dr. Yvette Lozanski
Seconded: Mr. Matthew Perrapato

A1. Motion to approve the revisions to the South Bergen Jointure Commission Constitution to reflect the addition of a new member district (Dumont) effective July 1, 2025. (*Attachment A1*)

ACTION TAKEN FOR SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Ayes: Mr. Albro, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. P. Gallaso, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Mr. M. Perrapato, Dr. J. Torrento, Ms. T. Violetti, Dr. S. Yurchak.
Abstain: Dr. L. Pantoliano
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. S. DeNobile, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. R. Tomko

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into Closed session

Motion: Mr. Frank D'Amico
Seconded: Mr. John Hurley

ACTION TAKEN FOR CLOSED SESSION Unanimous approval by voice vote.

Motion to go back to Regular Session

Motion: Dr. Yvette Lozanski
Seconded: Mr. Joseph DeCorso

ACTION TAKEN FOR REGULAR SESSION Unanimous approval by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Matthew Perrapato
Seconded: Mr. John Hurley

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2025 be approved.

ACTION TAKEN FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ayes: Mr. Albro, Mr. J. Decorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Mr. P. Gallaso, Mr. J. Hurley,

Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Mr. M. Perrapato, Ms. T. Violetti
Abstain: Ms. A. Evans, Dr. L. Pantoliano, Dr. J. Torrento, Dr. S. Yurchak.
Nayes: None
Absent: Dr. S. DeNobile, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. R. Tomko

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Liz Forte welcomed the new Board members and went over the currently scheduled events for the new school year.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. FINANCE REPORT

Motion: Mr. Matthew Perrapato
Seconded: Dr. Jillian Torrento

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

2b. The Board accepts the Board Secretary's Report as of May 31, 2025 and approves "Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10 (E), certify that as of May 31, 2025 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 Board Secretary's Report as of June 30, 2025 and approves "Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10 (E), certify that as of June 30, 2025 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 2c)*

2d. The Board accepts the financial report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of May 2025. *(Attachment 2d)*

2e. The Board accepts the financial report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of June 2025. *(Attachment 2e)*

2f. The Board approves the following resolution: "Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10(d), we certify that as of May 31, 2025, no budgetary line item has been over-expanded in violation of NJAC 6:20-2A.10(a)."

2g. The Board approves the following resolution: "Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10(d), we certify that as of June 30, 2025, no budgetary line item has been over-expanded in violation of NJAC 6:20-2A.10(a)."

2h. Motion to approve the transfers for the month of May 2025. (*Attachment 2h*)

2i. Motion to approve the additional appropriations for revenues and expenditures for the month of June 2025. These appropriations recognize anticipated revenues. (*Attachment 2i*)

2j. Motion to approve the June, July and August bills list below. (*Attachment 2j*)

Bills Payable	\$3,802,290.04
Payroll Transfers	\$710,005.21
Cafeteria Checks	\$0.00
Total	\$4,512,295.25

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

Name	Workshop	Workshop Provider	Date(s)	Cost
Kuchar, Michael	NJ School Board Convention, Atlantic City	NJSBA	10/20-10/23/2025	\$550 Registration + Travel/Board
Miller, Shane	NJ School Board Convention, Atlantic City	NJSBA	10/20-10/23/2025	\$550 Registration + Travel/Board
Kuchar, Michael	TECHSPO '26, Atlantic City	NJASA	1/28-1/30/2026	Registration + Travel/Board
Miller, Shane	TECHSPO '26, Atlantic City	NJASA	1/28-1/30/2026	Registration + Travel/Board
Kuchar, Michael	NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Leadership Conference 2026, Atlantic City	NJASA/NJAPSA	5/13-5/15/2026	Travel/Board
Miller, Shane	NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Leadership Conference 2026, Atlantic City	NJASA/NJAPSA	5/13-5/15/2026	Travel/Board

2l. Motion to approve the agreement with InSite Health, Inc. for professional services for the period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. (*Attachment 2l*)

2m. Motion to approve the agreement with Horizon Healthcare Staffing for professional services for the period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. (*Attachment 2m*)

2n.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Susan Cucciniello, 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 South Bergen Jointure Commission, 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 in 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.

2o. Motion to approve the fee schedule for 2025-2026 Outreach Services on a per session or evaluation basis, as attached. (*Attachment 2o*)

2p. Motion to approve the use of My Impossible, Inc for speaking engagement fees for the Leadership Retreat, Convocation and School Assembly in the amount of \$5,500.

2q. Motion to approve professional development services for PBIS by Dr. Robert Zywicki, cost not to exceed \$4,500.

ACTION TAKEN FOR 2. FINANCE

Ayes: Mr. Albro, Mr. J. Decorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. P. Galasso, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Mr. M. Perrapato, Ms. T. Violetti, Dr. J. Torrento, Dr. S. Yurchak.

Abstain: Dr. L. Pantoliano

Nayes: None

Absent: Dr. S. DeNobile, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. R. Tomko

3. PERSONNEL

Motion: Mr. Frank D'Amico

Seconded: Mr. Joseph DeCorso

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 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, 2025 through July 31, 2026. All employments are approved to be paid additional compensation for the Clubs and Activities Program, Office Support, Home Programming and Parent Training Home Program 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 rescind the appointment of the following personnel to work the 2025 Extended School Program.

Name	Position
Udina, Lori	Physical Therapist
Bonardo, Michelle	Paraprofessional
Bindiger, Miriam	Occupational Therapist
Thariath, Elizabeth	Occupational Therapist
Schlip, Maya	Paraprofessional
Pietras, Eval	Physical Therapist
Parisi, Anjelica	Speech Therapist

Minutillo, Julianne	Speech Therapist
Podwin, Deborah	Speech Therapist
Schlackman, Olivia	Speech Therapist
DeQuinzio, Emily	Occupational Therapist
Franco, Isabel	Occupational Therapist
Vorisek, Cheryl	Occupational Therapist
Pobutkiewicz, Daniel	Paraprofessional

3c. Motion to approve the following staff to be paid their hourly rate for the following functions.

Name	Function	Date
Jonoska, Miheala	Garfield Campus Move	6/27/25 & 6/30/25
Kenney, Colleen	Garfield Campus Move	6/27/25 & 6/30/25
Barton, Tom	Garfield Campus Move	6/27/25 & 6/30/25
Miranda Maders, Marioly	Garfield Campus Move	6/27/25 & 6/30/25

3d. Motion to approve the appointment of the following personnel.

Name	Position	Effective Date	Salary/Step
Wall, Kiley	Paraprofessional	7/7/25	\$26.98 / hour
Hasan, Farah	Behavior Specialist	8/29/25	\$60,000.00
Langschultz, Lauren	Behavior Specialist	8/28/25	\$60,000.00
Chun, Nancy	Behavior Intervention Lead	8/29/25	\$60,000.00
Kelly, Jacqueline	Behavior Specialist	8/29/25	\$60,000.00
Pavlova, Ana	Behavior Specialist	8/29/25	\$60,000.00
L'Heureux, Aime	Paraprofessional	8/29/25	\$25.73 / hour

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

3e. Motion to accept the resignation of the following personnel:

Name	Position	Effective Date	Purpose
Steidle, Michelle	Paraprofessional	8/1/25	Resignation
Torres-Cinto, Maria	Paraprofessional	7/1/25	Resignation
Winn, Christopher	Behaviorist	7/1/25	Resignation

Lembo, Colleen	Teacher	8/1/25	Resignation
Rossmell, Jacqueline	Teacher	9/20/25	Resignation
Palmieri, Kelly	Teacher	8/1/25	Resignation
Binetti, Gianna	Paraprofessional	8/1/25	Resignation
DiMaggio, Christine	Paraprofessional	8/1/25	Resignation
McNight, Dana	Paraprofessional	8/1/25	Resignation
Schulman, Rose	Teacher	7/1/25	Resignation
Hamilton, Justasia	Paraprofessional	8/1/25	Resignation
Quinn, Antoinette	Paraprofessional	8/1/25	Resignation
Stark, Alexa	Paraprofessional	8/1/25	Resignation
Wall, Kiley	Paraprofessional	8/1/25	Resignation
Burton, Kandice	Paraprofessional	8/1/25	Resignation
Betyeman, Melissa	Teacher	10/18/25	Resignation
Ehle, Holly	Principal	11/1/2025	Retirement
Ilkovski, Diana	Paraprofessional	7/1/25	Resignation

3f. Motion to approve the following employee to receive the revised retirement benefit for adjusted accumulated sick leave, per contract.

<u>Name</u>	<u># of Remaining Sick Days</u>	<u>Payout Amount</u>
Patricia Agresta	236.5	\$14,190.00

3g. Motion to approve the attached list of Paraprofessionals to be reimbursed for their substitute certification. (*Attachment 3g*)

3h. Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Substitute Rates. (*Attachment 3h*)

3i. Motion to approve the change in position of Biljana Pinto, Paraprofessional to Teacher effective August 28, 2025 - June 30, 2026, at annual salary of the teacher's guide BA step 2 \$59,370.00.

3j. Motion to approve Tom Barton to work during the month of August 2025 as needed, at his hourly rate of \$38.54. All days worked must be pre-approved by the district administrator.

3k. Motion to approve the salary adjustment for the following staff who have completed the requirements of the Teacher Salary/Paraprofessional/Outreach/Administrator contracts effective for the 2025 - 2026 school year. All documents have been provided.

Name	Position	Degree/Certification	Adjusted Salary
Mullalli, Blerina	Paraprofessional	BA with substitute certificate	\$28.06 / hour
Rodriguez, Luisa	Paraprofessional	AS with substitute certificate	\$31.90 / hour
Desrosiers, Gandhi	Paraprofessional	Courier/Paraprofessional	\$59,225.63

3l. Motion to approve the following staff to be added to the substitute list for the 2025 Extended School Year.

Nicole Bisi

3m. Motion to approve the Teacher and Paraprofessional Home Programming rates effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (*Attachment 3m*)

3n. Motion to adjust the start date of the following personnel:

Name	Position	From	To
Diaz, Trajan	Paraprofessional	7/1/25	8/29/25

3o. Motion to approve the campus transfers for the following staff members for the 2025-2026 school year, based on the teacher's contract.

Name	From Campus	To Campus
Curcio, Angelica	Felician	Maywood
Smith, Alana	Moonachie	Maywood
Dabbagh, Ranya	Garfield	Lyndhurst
Pombo, Allison	Garfield	Felician
Beck, Elizabeth	Felician	Lyndhurst
Serrano, MaryAnn	Classroom	Classroom
White, Judi	Classroom	Classroom
McGowan, Jeff	Garfield	Lyndhurst
Hallahan, Lauren	Garfield	Lyndhurst
Tocci, Melissa	Garfield	Lyndhurst
Panebianco, Rita	Moonachie	Lodi

3p. 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
Aliana Trianine	Emerson College

3q. Motion to approve the attached Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Emerson College for the 2025-2026 School Year. (*Attachment 3q*)

3r. Motion to approve the leave of absence for the following, using days in accordance with the individual agreement with the Board and utilizing the FMLA and/or NJFLA leave entitlement.

Employee ID#	Position	Effective Dates
0159	Transition Counselor	9/12/25 - 1/5/26

3s. Motion to approve the attached substitute list for the 2025-2026 school year (*Attachment 3s*).

3t. Motion to approve Marie Bridge to provide nursing support for student intakes for August 2025 at her hourly rate of \$67.87. All days worked must be pre-approved by the district administrator.

3u. Motion to approve the following staff additional pay for the 2025-2026 school year.

Name	Position	Type	Amount
Marie Bridge	School Nurse	Nursing Coordinator	\$10,000.00

3v. Motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Ken Rota as the Interim Principal - Lodi Campus at the per diem rate of \$650 effective July 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025.

3w. Motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Ken Rota as the Interim Principal - Lodi Campus at the per diem rate of \$650 effective September 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 pending Department of Education approval.

3x. Motion to approve the following district staff to provide CPI instruction training to member districts during August 2025 at the rate billed:

Desrosiers, Gandhi

3y. **RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the memorandum of agreement for a collective negotiations agreement between the South Bergen Jointure Commission and DISTRICT 1199J, NUHHCE, AFSCME, AFL-CIO for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President and the Board Secretary to sign the collective negotiations agreement, which reflects the terms of the memorandum of agreement, on behalf of the Board of Education

ACTION TAKEN FOR 3. PERSONNEL

Ayes: Mr. Albro, Mr. J. Decorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. P. Gallaso, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. M. Perrapato, Dr. J. Torrento, Ms. T. Violetti, Dr. S. Yurchak.

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. S. DeNobile, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. R. Tomko

4. POLICY

Motion: Mr. Matthew Perrapato

Seconded: Mr. John Hurley

4a. Motion to approve the district Affirmative Action Team to conduct the Comprehensive Equity Plan needs assessment and develop the district's 2025-2028 Comprehensive Equity Plan.

4b. Motion to approve the revised Comprehensive Equity Plan with revisions made based on the recommendations of the New Jersey Department of Education. (*Attachment 4b*)

4c. Motion to approve the following job description: School Courier. (*Attachment 4c*)

ACTION TAKEN FOR 4. POLICY

Ayes: Mr. Albro, Mr. J. Decorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. P. Gallaso, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. M. Perrapato, Dr. J. Torrento, Ms. T. Violetti, Dr. S. Yurchak.

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. S. DeNobile, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. R. Tomko

5. TRANSPORTATION

Motion: Mr. James Knipper

Seconded: Dr. Jillian Torrento

5a. Motion to approve the attached 2025-2026 ESY Quotes Set 2. (*Attachment 5a*)

- 5b. Motion to approve the attached contract addendums for 24-25 School Year. (*Attachment 5b*)
- 5c. Motion to approve the bid results from July 30, 2025, Special Education/Regular Student Transportation Services, Bid #073025. (*Attachment 5c*)
- 5d. Motion to approve the bid results from August 12, 2025, Special Education/Regular Student Transportation Services, Bid #081225. (*Attachment 5d*)
- 5e. Motion to approve the withholding of payment on Route #7158 for Safeguard Transportation, LLC for failure to notify SBJC of route address change. The contractor will not be paid for the route and the route will be cancelled. Additionally, a reduced penalty of one (1) time the daily rate of \$266.00 for ten (10) days, total amount of \$2,660.00 will be deducted from the Summer (July/August) payment.
- 5f. Motion to approve an agreement with Region I – Northwest Bergen Council for Special Education for the purposes of student transportation in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the time period 2025-2026 school year in which SBJC is the host district, as needed. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the Coordinated Transportation of out of district, special education, and summer programs.

ACTION TAKEN FOR 5. TRANSPORTATION

Ayes: Mr. Albro, Mr. J. Decorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. P. Gallaso, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. M. Perrapato, Dr. J. Torrento, Ms. T. Violetti, Dr. S. Yurchak.

Abstain: None

Nayes: None

Absent: Dr. S. DeNobile, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. R. Tomko

6. FACILITIES AND PLANNING

Motion: Mr. Frank D'Amico

Seconded: Mr. Matthew Perrapato

- 6a. Motion to approve the Linkage Agreement between the South Bergen Jointure Commission and the Wood-Ridge Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year. (*Attachment 6a*)
- 6b. Motion to approve the License and Use Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Lower Bergen County to facilitate an After School Program for the SBJC students for the 2025-26 school year. (*Attachment 6b*)
- 6c. Motion to approve the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklists for the Maywood and Lodi Campuses. (*Attachment 6c*)

ACTION TAKEN FOR 6. FACILITIES AND PLANNING

Ayes: Mr. Albro, Mr. J. Decorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. P. Gallaso, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. M. Perrapato, Dr. J. Torrento, Ms. T. Violetti, Dr. S. Yurchak.

Abstain: None

Nayes: None

Absent: Dr. S. DeNobile, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. R. Tomko

7. FOOD SERVICE**8. CURRICULUM**

Motion: Dr. Yvette Lozanski

Seconded: Mr. John Hurley

8a. Motion to approve the attached *Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program* for the 2025-2026 school year. (*Attachment 8a*)

8b. Motion to approve the adoption of the 2025-2026 South Bergen Jointure Commission District Curriculum (aligned with the 2020 and 2023 NJSLS).

8c. Motion to approve the continuation of the existing curriculum textbooks, policies and bylaws for the 2025-2026 school year. (*Attachment 8c*)

8d. Motion to approve the South Bergen Jointure Commission District Professional Development Plan for the 2025-2026 school year. (*Attachment 8d*)

8e. Motion to approve the submission of the District Professional Development Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2025-2026 school year via NJ Homeroom by September 1, 2025.

8f. Motion to approve the South Bergen Jointure Commission District Mentoring Plan for the 2025-2026 school year. (*Attachment 8f*)

8g. Motion to approve the submission of the District Mentoring Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2025-2026 school year via NJ Homeroom by September 1, 2025.

8h. Motion to approve Proximity Learning to provide the following courses:

American Sign Language (full year)
Consumer Economic and Personal Finance (half year)

ACTION TAKEN FOR 8. CURRICULUM

Ayes: Mr. Albro, Mr. J. Decorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. P. Gallaso, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. M. Perrapato, Dr. J. Torrento, Ms. T. Violetti, Dr. S. Yurchak.

Abstain: None

Nayes: None

Absent: Dr. S. DeNobile, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. R. Tomko

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Yuchak discussed with the Board about his meeting with the New Jersey Department of Education and reported that 18-21 year old Special Ed students are not recognized as graduates. They are listed as dropouts. There is a "Joint Committee for Public Schools" that will be working on this issue to hopefully resolve this problem for school districts.

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion: Mr. John Hurley
Seconded: Dr. Yvette Lozanski

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting is adjourned at 10:15 am.

ACTION TAKEN FOR ADJOURNMENT Unanimous approval by voice vote.

Ms. Susan Cucciniello
Business Administrator/Board Secretary



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

August 26, 2025

Motion: Mr. Frank D'Amico
Seconded: Mr. John Hurley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION will hold a closed meeting on August 26, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. to review personnel matters and other confidential concerns as listed on the Closed Agenda dated August 26, 2025. The items discussed will be made public at the conclusion of the executive session or at a date not determined at this time.

Meeting Opened at 9:48 am.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Albro, Mr. J. Decorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. P. Gallaso, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Dr. L. Pantoliano, Dr. J. Torrento, Ms. T. Violetti, Dr. S. Yurchak.
Members Absent: Dr. S. DeNobile, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. R. Tomko
Also Present: Dr. M. Kuchar, Ms. S. Cucciniello, Mr. S. Miller

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Employee Negotiations were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Dr. Jillian Torrento
Seconded: Mr. James Knipper

BE IT RESOLVED, that this closed session is adjourned at 9:58 am.

Action taken for adjournment: Unanimous approval by voice vote.

Ms. Susan Cucciniello
Business Administrator/Board Secretary