

Palisades Park Board of Education
Work Session/Regular Business Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
Early Childhood Center, 270 First Street, Palisades Park, NJ

A. CALL TO ORDER: Board President

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Ms. Soo Chung	☐	☐
Ms. Sookyung Park	☐	☐
Ms. Boyoung Yu	☐	☐
Mr. Aaron Pak	☐	☐
Mr. Jun Yim	☐	☐
Mr. Sergio Calle	☐	☐
Mr. Ray Park	☐	☐
Ms. Inkyo Kim	☐	☐
Mr. Justin Jeong	☐	☐
Mr. Carl Albano	☐	☐
Mr. Emidio D’Andrea	☐	☐
Tyler Jung - Student Rep	☐	☐

D. STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), I hereby state that notice of this **Regular Meeting** has been provided to the public by a written notice dated January 15, 2026 (date of published notice)

The Meeting Notice has been:

1. Emailed to all staff members at the district’s 3 school locations.
2. Communicated to The Record.
3. Filed with the Borough Clerk of Palisades Park.
4. Posted on the District Website.

E. RECOGNITION OF ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: Chris Kasparian

F. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Education will convene in Closed Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)*, for the purpose of discussing:

- Personnel Matters

No action will be taken in the Closed Session.

G. REVIEW AND DISCUSS RESOLUTIONS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE REGULAR MEETING

H. ADJOURN WORK SESSION: OPEN REGULAR MEETING

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

J. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

K. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

1. Regular Business Meeting – February 25, 2026

Move that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the minutes of the following meetings:

- February 25, 2026 Regular Business Meeting Minutes
- February 25, 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes

Moved by:

Seconded By:

VOTE

Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P	Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P
Soo Chung	☐	☐	☐	☐	Jun Yim	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sergio Calle	☐	☐	☐	☐	Boyoung Yu	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ray Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	Sookyung Park	☐	☐	☐	☐
Inkyo Kim	☐	☐	☐	☐	Aaron Pak	☐	☐	☐	☐
Justin Jeong	☐	☐	☐	☐					

COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Consent agenda for Items 1-5 – Sergio Calle

1. “ASK SCHOOL” RENTAL – PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the use of the Palisades Park Jr./Sr. High School by the Presbyterian Church of New Jersey “ASK School” from July 6th – August 14th, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$25,000

2. BOROUGH OF PALISADES PARK - EASTER EGG HUNT & BREAKFAST

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the use of the Palisades Park Jr./Sr. High School gymnasium and cafeteria for an Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast on Saturday March 28, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

3. NJ KOREAN AMERICAN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the use of the Palisades Park Jr./Sr. High School gymnasium on Thursdays from March 19, 2026 to June 25, 2026 for practice and games.

Deposit of \$250 received.

Certificate of Insurance through April 10, 2026 is on file at the BOE Office.

4. SJ ENRICHMENT SUMMER PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the use of Lindbergh Elementary School by SJ Enrichment from June 26th – August 7th, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a summer enrichment program.

Fee: \$12,000

5. SHREDDING EVENT – PALISADES PARK RECYCLING DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the use of the Lindbergh Elementary School parking lot on Saturday, April 18, 2025 and Saturday, September 19, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a “shredding event” sponsored by the Palisades Park Recycling Department.

Moved by:

Seconded By:

VOTE

Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P	Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P
Soo Chung	☐	☐	☐	☐	Jun Yim	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sergio Calle	☐	☐	☐	☐	Boyoung Yu	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ray Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	Sookyung Park	☐	☐	☐	☐
Inkyo Kim	☐	☐	☐	☐	Aaron Pak	☐	☐	☐	☐
Justin Jeong	☐	☐	☐	☐					

M. EDUCATION

Consent agenda for Item 1 – Justin Jeong

1. FIELD TRIPS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following Field Trips:

- Destination: AMC Movie Theater - Ridgefield Park
- Date: March 19, 2026
- Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Group: Pre K3 & 4
- Cost per Student: \$0

- Destination: Palisades Park Swim Club
- Date: June 4, 2026
- Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Group: High School Seniors
- Cost per Student: \$0

- Destination: Clover Stadium / NY Boulder Baseball Game
- Date: May 27, 2026
- Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Group: Grade 6
- Cost per Student: \$35

- Destination: ShopRite Palisades Park
- Date: March 18, 2026
- Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Group: World Based Learning
- Cost per Student: \$0

- Destination: AMC Theater - Ridgefield Park
- Date: April 17, 2026
- Time: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Group: Grades 7 & 8
- Cost per Student: \$25

- Destination: Traphagen School - Waldwick, NJ
 - Date: May 1, 2026
 - Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 - Group: Gifted & Talented
 - Cost per Student: \$0
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- Destination: Liberty Science Center
 - Date: May 21, 2026
 - Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 - Group: Gifted & Talented
 - Cost per Student: \$45
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- Destination: Museum of Illusions
 - Date: May 26, 2026
 - Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 - Group: AP Psychology
 - Cost per Student: \$12
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- Destination: Clemente Bakery, South Hackensack, NJ
 - Date: March 25, 2026 (Rescheduled from 2/25/2026)
 - Time: 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 - Group: Italian III, AP Italian, Italian National Honor Society
 - Cost per Student: \$15

Moved by:

Seconded By:

VOTE

Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P	Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P
Soo Chung	☐	☐	☐	☐	Jun Yim	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sergio Calle	☐	☐	☐	☐	Boyoung Yu	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ray Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	Sookyung Park	☐	☐	☐	☐
Inkyo Kim	☐	☐	☐	☐	Aaron Pak	☐	☐	☐	☐
Justin Jeong	☐	☐	☐	☐					

N. FINANCE

Consent agenda for Items 1-17 – Jun Yim

1. STAFF MEMBER VISITATIONS/WORKSHOPS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following requests for professional Visitations/Workshops:

Staff Member	Activity	Date(s)	Cost
Lori Kilmurray	BLS Instructor Recertification Course	04/08/2026	\$70
Abigail Dell'Aglia	NJPIEP Workshop	03/11/2026	\$0
Brandon Karlok	NJAHPERD Annual PE/Health Convention	05/04/2026 - 05/05/2026	\$525
Joanne Retkwa	Bergen County Counselor Conference	03/27/2026	\$0

2. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH BILL LIST

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the March bill list in the amount of \$1,032,303.32

- Fund 10 (General/Current Expenses) \$812,228.69
- Fund 20 (Special Revenue) \$168,005.38
- Fund 30 (Capital Projects Fund) \$0
- Fund 60 (Food Service) \$52,069.25

3. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY PAYROLL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following payroll amount:

Payroll Date	Amount
02/12/2026	\$921,795.45
02/27/2026	\$1,041,662.24

4. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the financial reports for the High School and the Lindbergh School Activities Accounts, for the month ending 02/28/2026 (on file in BOE Office).

5. AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Interim Business Administrator to pay bills through April 3, 2026 and present it to the Palisades Park Board of Education at a subsequent meeting.

6. SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION AGREEMENT – SY 26-27

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the time period 2026-2027 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the Coordinated Transportation of nonpublic, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park School District agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission and attached to this resolution.

7. SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE HIGH IMPACT TUTORING GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the submittal and acceptance if awarded, of the High Impact Tutoring Competitive Cohort 3 Grant. The maximum award for the District is \$80,000. The grant will be used to support a Summer Learning Academy for ELA and math, a Beyond the School Day high impact tutoring after school program for students in grades 3-8 in ELA and math, and necessary supplies and materials to support high impact tutoring during Lindbergh Elementary's WIN period.

8. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH LEARNWELL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the agreement with LearnWell to provide educational services for a hospitalized student at the rate of \$59.85 per hour beginning 03/06/2026.

9. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Alcohol and Drug Testing Services Agreement with Valley Health System, Inc., for workplace alcohol and drug testing services, effective April 1, 2026, for a term of one (1) year with automatic annual renewals unless terminated in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

10. SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORTS - JANUARY 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the Secretary's unaudited 2025-26 financial reports, which are in agreement reflecting the district's financial activities for the period January 2026.

11. RATIFICATION OF BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION – BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS - JANUARY 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)3, the Board Secretary certifies that as of January 2026 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)4 that the Palisades Park School District Board of Education certifies that as of January 2026 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report, in the minutes of the Board each month that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(b).

12. TRANSFERS - JANUARY 2026

RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve transfers for the month of January 2026.

13. TREASURER’S REPORT - JULY 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted by the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of July 2025.

14. TREASURER’S REPORT - AUGUST 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted by the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of August 2025.

15. OUT OF DISTRICT CONTRACTS - 25-26 SY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following contracts for the 2024-2025 school year:

Student ID	School	Term	Base Tuition	Additional Services
	BCSS	FY 25-26	\$67,950.00	N/A

16. EMERGENCY ROOF REPAIRS

WHEREAS, the Palisades Park Board of Education has been advised by the Superintendent that an emergency exists due to significant roof leaks have occurred at the Early Childhood Center due to ice melt, affecting the original wing of the building, including the main office and classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the condition of the roof has created an emergency situation affecting the health, safety, and welfare of students and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has determined that immediate repairs are necessary and that the delay required to publicly advertise for bids would exacerbate the damage and risk; and

WHEREAS, the Palisades Park Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7, et seq. of the Public School Contracts Law, authorizes the Business Administrator to contract with Arco Construction Co.;

WHEREAS, these services are vital to the ongoing operation of the Palisades Park School District;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interest of the District to approve an emergency purchase resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education hereby declares the roof condition at the Early Childhood Center to be an emergency requiring immediate action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator/Qualified Purchasing Agent are authorized to take all necessary steps to effectuate emergency repairs and stabilization measures, including the award of contracts without public bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7, et seq. to Arco Construction for the _____ in the amount of [\$] to be funded from the _____ account _____; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall notify the County Superintendent of Schools of this emergency action as required by law and shall provide the Board with a report of all contracts awarded and expenditures incurred pursuant to this Resolution.

17. AUTHORIZATION FOR TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL RESERVE

WHEREAS, the Palisades Park Board of Education maintains a Capital Reserve Account in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:21-2 and 18A:7G-31; and

WHEREAS, the Board has identified the need for an emergent roof replacement project to address deteriorating roofing conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to utilize Capital Reserve funds to support this capital improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education hereby approves the transfer of _____ from the Capital Reserve Account to Fund 12 (Capital Outlay) to fund the emergent roof replacement project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator is authorized to take all necessary action to implement this transfer in accordance with applicable New Jersey Department of Education regulations.

Moved by:Seconded By:

VOTE

Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P	Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P
Soo Chung	☐	☐	☐	☐	Jun Yim	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sergio Calle	☐	☐	☐	☐	Boyoung Yu	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ray Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	Sookyung Park	☐	☐	☐	☐
Inkyo Kim	☐	☐	☐	☐	Aaron Pak	☐	☐	☐	☐
Justin Jeong	☐	☐	☐	☐					

O. PERSONNEL

Consent agenda for Items 1-5 – Sookyung Park

1. APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of the following personnel for the 2025-2026 school year:

Employee Name	Position	Salary/Stipend	Start Date	Building
Ivan Dario Ruiz Martin	Part-time Cleaner	\$17.00	03/23/2026	All

2. HOME INSTRUCTION TEACHERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following home instruction:

Staff Member	Student ID	Anticipated Start Date
Diana Hong	10588	03/10/2026
Brigitte Steiglitz	364649	02/26/2026
Gus Miron	339088	02/26/2026

Up to 10 hours a week
\$50 per hour

3. APPROVAL OF TERMINATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the termination of Employee ID# 5006, effective February 25, 2026.

4. REQUEST FOR LEAVE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following leave requests:

Staff ID No	Effective	Return Date
4039	February 26, 2026	June 30, 2026

5. APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS FOR TEACHERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following assignment of teachers to teach sixth period classes during the 2025-2026 school year, with compensation as outlined in the teachers' contracts.

Teacher	Class	Start Date	End Date	Stipend
Mark Arrabito	Pop & Rock	January 30, 2026	June 30, 2026	\$3,981.00
Rob Biagiotti	Geophysical Science	February 10, 2026	June 30, 2026	\$3,671.37
Natalie Conoscenti	General Science	February 10, 2026	June 30, 2026	\$3,671.37
Joseph Galeazza	Healthy Living	January 30, 2026	June 30, 2026	\$3,981.00
Jessica Graf	Contemporary Issues in Literature	February 10, 2026	June 30, 2026	\$3,671.37
Jodie Kamvosoulis	Basic Algebra 1, PORE	January 21, 2026	June 30, 2026	\$4,246.40

Patricia Knodel	Intro to Law	January 30, 2026	June 30, 2026	\$3,981.00
Grace Ko	Basic Geometry, PORE	January 22, 2026	June 30, 2026	\$4,202.17
Alexa Lewris	General Science	February 10, 2026	June 30, 2026	\$3,671.37
Peter McCormack	Basic Algebra 2, INC	January 22, 2026	June 30, 2026	\$4,202.17
Thomas Pecorelli	Hollywood Goes to War	January 30, 2026	June 30, 2026	\$3,981.00
Matthew Travia	Basic Algebra 2, PORE	January 22, 2026	June 30, 2026	\$4,202.17
Christine Kim	AP Physics Lab (0B)	February 10, 2026	June 30, 2026	\$1,238.53

Moved by:

Seconded By:

VOTE

Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P	Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P
Soo Chung	☐	☐	☐	☐	Jun Yim	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sergio Calle	☐	☐	☐	☐	Boyoung Yu	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ray Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	Sookyung Park	☐	☐	☐	☐
Inkyo Kim	☐	☐	☐	☐	Aaron Pak	☐	☐	☐	☐
Justin Jeong	☐	☐	☐	☐					

P. NEW BUSINESS**Q. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****R. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE****S. NEGOTIATIONS****T. COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS REP/ALTERNATE****U. EVALUATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE****V. NJ SCHOOL BOARDS LIAISON/ALTERNATE****W. POLICY****X. NEW BUSINESS**

- Board of Education Office Rental Discussion

Y. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Z. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

In order to conduct its meetings properly and efficiently, the Board shall require the following procedures to public participation at Board Meetings:

- Any individual desiring to speak shall give his/her name, address and group, if any, that is represented.
- The presentation shall be as brief as possible but no more than three (3) minutes per individual.
- The Board vests in its President, or other presiding officer, authority to terminate the remarks of any individual if he/she deems it in the best interest of those present to do so.

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- Legal Matters

No action will be taken in the Closed Session.

BB. ADJOURNMENT