

BOARD OF EDUCATION MAYWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March 18, 2026 7:00pm
MAS Media Center

Revised REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
1. Roll Call
 - Mr. Taylor, President
 - Ms. Kiely, Vice-President
 - Ms. Benson-Kraft
 - Mr. O'Neill
 - Mr. Ramirez
 - Ms. Soriano
 - Mr. Velez
 2. Flag Salute
 3. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 7, 2026, in accordance with the New Jersey Statutes 10:4-6 et seq. as follows: Posted by the Board Secretary in the Board of Education Office, 452 Maywood Avenue, emailed to Our Town and The Record newspapers, and emailed to the Municipal Building for posting on the Municipal Bulletin Board in the Borough Clerk's Office, 15 Park Avenue. All staff motions have been recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, subject to approval by the New Jersey Department of Education, Chapter 116, PL 1986, Provisional Employment, pending criminal history background check.
- B. Superintendent's Report/HIB Report - There were no HIB related incident to report this month.
- C. Board Secretary's Report
- D. Committee Reports
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| Buildings & Grounds: | Ms. G. Kiely |
| Finance: | Mr. K. Taylor |
| Curriculum: | Ms. L. Soriano |
| Policy: | Ms. G. Kiely |
| Personnel: | Ms. L. Soriano |
| Safety/OEM: | Mr. R. Velez |
| Technology | Mr. M. Ramirez |
| Community Relations (Ad Hoc): | Ms. G. Kiely |
| Negotiations (Ad Hoc): | Mr. K. Taylor |
- Liaison Reports
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| Legislation/NJSBA & BCSBA Delegate: | Mr. J. O'Neill |
| Mayor and Council: | Mr. J. O'Neill |
| MAS PTO: | Ms. G. Kiely |
| Memorial PTO: | Mr. M. Ramirez |
| Becton Board of Education | Mr. R. Velez |
| Seniors: | Ms. L. Soriano |
| Library: | Ms. L. Soriano |
- F. Correspondence
- G. Open to the Public (Agenda Items Only)
- H. Board Comments

I. Old Business

J. **New Business**

BL.11 Meeting Block Motion/Approval to Vote on Monthly Motions as a Group

Any board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted motions will be entertained.

RECOMMENDED ACTION - "move that the following actions of the Maywood Board of Education numbered ____ excepting action(s) ___ to be approved as shown on the agenda dated March 18, 2026."

Moved by _____
 Seconded by _____
 Vote _____
 Abstentions _____

A.151 Acceptance of Minutes – “that the Board accept the following minutes of the Board of Education meetings.”

2/18/26 Work Session, Regular Meeting, Closed

A.152 Acceptance of Recorded Fire/Security Drills - "that the Board accept the following recorded Fire/Security Drills for February 2026:

<u>MEM:</u>	<u>MAS:</u>
2/27/26 Lockdown	2/10/26 Fire Drill
2/25/26 Fire Drill	2/24/26 Lockdown

A.153 Approval of SEMI Action Plan - "that the Board approve the Special Education Medicaid Initiative Action (SEMI) Plan, as attached. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(f) and (g), failure to maximize SEMI, each district that has less than 90 percent participation of SEMI eligible students in the pre-budget year or has failed to comply with all program requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(e) shall submit a SEMI action plan to the Executive County Superintendent for review and approval as part of the district’s proposed budget submission.”

A.154 Appointment of Health Insurance Broker – “that the Board appoint Brown and Brown Metro, LLC of Lambertville, NJ as the district’s health insurance broker through June 30, 2027, with the option of an additional year at the Board’s discretion.”

A.155 Approval of Conference Attendance – “that the Board approve the Jennifer Pfohl attend the 2026 Annual NJASBO Conference, June 2-5, 2026, in Atlantic City, NJ. The *estimated cost* is as follows:

Convention Registration	\$ 500.00
Mileage, Tolls, & Parking (approx. 266 miles roundtrip and \$5.00 parking fee)	\$ 130.02
Hotel Accommodations for 3 Nights (tax not incl.) (GSA allowable per diem rate is \$110.00 per night excluding tax)	\$ 297.00
Meals & Incidentals (Calculated as 2 days @ \$68.00 and 2 travel days@ \$51.00 each)	\$ 238.00

Total (estimated cost):	\$1,165.02
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A.156 Approval of Conference/Workshop Attendance – “that the Board approve the following individual’s attendance at the specified conferences/workshops:

	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Approx. Cost</u>
K. LaRose	4 th Annual NJ Literacy Summit	3/03/26	mileage
K. Dilks	Elementary Music Roundtable	3/19/26	mileage

A.157 Approval of 2026-2027 School Calendar – “that the Board approve the 2026-2027 school calendar, as submitted.”

A.158 Approval of Use of Facilities – “that the Board approve the use of the MAS large gymnasium by the *Bulls Basketball Club*, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30pm-9:30pm from 3/24/26-5/28/26.”

A.159 Approval of Use of Facilities – “that the Board approve the use of the MAS large gymnasium by the *Redtails Basketball Club*, on Mondays and Wednesdays, 5pm-9pm from 3/16/26-5/27/26.”

A.160 Approval of Parent Training – “that the Board approve parent training for student BD (Prek/MAP) for 10 sessions @ \$75 per session provided by Region V for a total of \$750. To be completed by June 2026.”

A.161 Approval of Class Trips – “that the Board approve the following class trips for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Grade/Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
3rd & 5th Grade	05/26/26	Rockland Boulders LEAD trip
5th Grade	6/4 & 6/5	Beuhler Science Center
6th Grade	5/13-5/15	Fairview Lake trip
7th grade	06/10/26	Liberty Hall, Union, NJ
8th Grade	05/27/26	Hudson River - Dinner Cruise
8th Grade	05/28/26	Bowler City & Maywood Pool
8th Grade	05/29/26	Great Adventure
8th Grade	June 2026	Van Saun Park & Zoo
8th Grade	6/5/26	Metropolitan Museum of Art
MAP and PreK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maywood Public Library • Memorial Park - Maywood • Grove St. Playground - Maywood • Garden State Plaza - Paramus, • Bergen Town Center - Paramus • Paramus Park Mall - Paramus • Van Saun County Park - Paramus • Chuckie Cheese - Paramus • American Dream - East Rutherford 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maywood Stores & Restaurants • Life Town - Livingston • Bowler City - Hackensack • Demarest Farms - Hillsdale • Abmas Farm - Wyckoff • Bounce U - Paramus • Shoprite - Rochelle Park • Overpeck Park - Leonia • 1 Gym for all - Waldwick • NJ Swingsets - Midland Park

A.162 Approval of Transportation Contract – “that the Board approve the following resolution:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Maywood Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission and attached to this resolution.”

A.163 Approval of Kindergarten Kickstart Program – “that the Board approve a *Kindergarten “Kickstart” Program* for incoming September 2026 students funded through Title 1.”

A.164 Approval of Conference Attendance – “that the Board approve the Eileen Davis attend the 2026 Annual School Transportation Supervisor Conference, March 25-27, 2026, in Atlantic City, NJ. The *estimated cost* is as follows:

Convention Registration (already approved)	\$ 550.00
Mileage, Tolls, & Parking (approx. 266 miles roundtrip and \$5.00 parking fee)	\$ 130.02
Hotel Accommodations for 3 Nights (tax not incl.) (GSA allowable per diem rate is \$110.00 per night excluding tax)	\$ 321.00
Meals & Incidentals (Calculated as 2 days @ \$68.00 and 2 travel days @ \$51.00 each)	\$ 238.00

Total (estimated cost):	\$1,239.02
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P.123 Approval of a Stipend - “that the Board approve the following teachers each receive a \$520 stipend, for the Kindergarten Kickstart Program, July 20-24, 2026:

<i>Ava Borelli</i>	<i>Melanie Torre</i>
<i>Deena Maksym</i>	<i>Samantha Gambino</i>

P.124 Approval of Additional Pay - "that the Board approve Laura Auriemma and Dana Urbanovich receive additional pay for providing home instruction for student *JH (MAS)*, 5 hours a week each @ \$50 an hour, March 3, 2026 to March 27, 2026.”

P.125 Approval of Sub List – “that the Board approve the following individuals be added to the substitute list for the 2025-2026 school year (*pending clearance*).”

<u>Sub-Teacher & Para</u>	<u>Sub-Secretary</u>
Odeta Papa – Sub Certificate	Amy Shimabukuro
Chris Kearns – Sub Cert w/degree	

P.126 Approval of Additional Pay - "that the Board approve Adam Vecchia receive additional pay for tutoring students *AM & DM (MAS)*, 2 hours a week each @ \$50 an hour, starting on March 26, 2026.”

- F.103 Approval of Additional Check Run** - “that the Board approve an additional check run in *February* in the amount of \$ 211,699.53 .”
- F.104 Approval of Additional Check Run for Cafeteria Bills** - “that the Board approve an additional check run for Cafeteria bills in *February* in the amount of \$ 16,859.70 .”
- F.105 Approval of Check Run** - “that the Board approve a check run in *March* in the amount of \$ 815,485.18 .”
- F.106 Approval of Check Run for Cafeteria Bills** - “that the Board approve a check run for Cafeteria bills in *March* in the amount of \$ 22,546.52 .”
- F.107 Approval of Board Secretary’s Report** – “that the Board approve the Board Secretary Report, as submitted, for February 28, 2026.”
- F.108 Approval of Treasurer’s Report** – “that the Board approve the Treasurer of School Monies Report, for February 28, 2026.”
- F.109 Approval of Transfer of Funds** - "that the Board approve the report of transfer of funds for February 28, 2026.”
- F.110 Approval of Disposal of Equipment** - "that the Board approve of the disposal of computer equipment as submitted. These assets have no fair book market value.”
- F.111 Approval of Payroll** - “that the Board approve the payroll for *February* as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	
10	1,141,266.25
20	4,381.32
Total:	\$ 1,145,647.57
Board Share FICA/Medicare	25,722.86
State Share FICA Medicare	58,707.16
Board DCRP	<u>3,761.87</u>
Total Payroll Expense:	\$ 1,233,839.46

- F.112 Approval of Board Secretary's Monthly Certification** - "that the Board accept the Board Secretary's monthly certification on budget line status as follows: Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6:20-2.13(d), I certify that as of February 28, 2026, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:22-8.1."
- F.113 Approval of Board's Monthly Certification** - "that the Board approve the Board's monthly certification Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status as follows: Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11, we certify that as of February 28, 2026, after review of the secretary's monthly report (statement of expenditures) and upon consultation with violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year."

F.114 Approval of Maximum Travel Expense - "that the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Maywood 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

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. 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

WHEREAS, the Maywood Board of Education established \$15,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$ 0.00 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$15,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.”

F.115 Approval of the Budget - "that the Board approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Maywood Board of Education approve a school district preliminary budget for the FY2026/2027 School Year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent’s Office as follows:

Fund	Budget	Local Tax Levy
General Fund (10)	\$29,300,662	\$23,547,894
Special Revenue Fund (20)	\$329,587	—
Debt Service Fund (40)	\$2,259,363	\$1,599,325
Total	\$31,889,612	\$25,147,219

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Our Town Newspaper in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2026-2027 school year budget includes the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$301,086. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2026-2027 school year budget includes the adjustment for banked cap in the amount of \$368,000. The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$368,000 for the purpose of increased tuition costs. The district intends to complete said purpose by June 30,2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2026-2027 general fund appropriations include a \$245,000 withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Account to be transferred to the debt service fund to aid with payment of debt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the general fund appropriations include a \$75,000 budgeted withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Costs and Other Capital Projects. The withdrawal is to be used for other capital project costs of the replacement of gymnasium bleachers and equipment at Maywood Avenue School. The total cost of this project is \$75,000, which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve core curriculum standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2026-2027 general fund appropriations include a \$75,000 withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve Account for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Maywood Avenue School, located at 452 Maywood Avenue on May 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 School Year.”

R.22 Approval of Payment from Referendum Account - "that the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, H&S Construction and Mechanical was awarded the contract for the HVAC Upgrade at Memorial School; and

WHEREAS, H&S Construction and Mechanical has submitted Payment Application #11 in the amount of \$26,411.00 and

WHEREAS, LAN Associates has verified a review of the application and finds it in conformance with the level of work completed to date.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves this payment application in the amount of \$26,411.00.”

- K. Open to the Public (comments on school related items)
- L. Closed Session
- M. Board Comments
- N. Meeting Adjourned