

OAKLAND K-8 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent

and

Secretary of the Board

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Monthly Meeting

Valley Middle School

7:00 PM

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Ms. Cooper

Ms. Kilday

Mr. Mazzilli

Mr. Scerbo

Ms. Shelkin

Dr. Gina M. Coffaro, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Annette M. Wells, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Schedule of Board of Education Meetings can be found on the District Website:

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Next Regular Monthly Meeting:

April 28, 2026

Valley Middle School

PRESIDING OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

FLAG SALUTE

STATEMENT ON OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS AND POLICY CONCERNING PERSONNEL

PRESIDING OFFICER:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings 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 Oakland Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on January 11, 2026, and March 4, 2026 in the Municipal Building, the Board Offices, all school offices, on the district website <https://www.oaklandschoolsnj.org/board-of-education/legal-notice> and copies sent to The Record Newspaper. The Board reserves the right to limit public discussion of personnel items, so as to preserve individual privacy.

The Board appreciates the concerns and comments expressed by the public and will take them into consideration. However, please remain advised that neither the Board nor the administration may comment on or respond to public inquiries or statements regarding any internal personnel matters involving a District employee.

Please be further advised that there is no privilege or qualified privilege with regard to any statements that you make before the Board of Education. Furthermore, in addition to their respective rights to privacy, employees of this school district retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey.

Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise, sign in, and state their names and addresses. Each speaker shall be limited to two minutes. A speaker who has not finished in the allotted time will be directed by the presiding officer to summarize quickly and relinquish the floor within 30 seconds.

**ROLL CALL**

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Time of Arrival After Meeting Called to Order</u>
Ms. Cooper	_____	_____	_____
Ms. Kilday	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Mazzilli	_____	_____	_____
Ms. Shelkin	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Scerbo	_____	_____	_____

Also Present: Dr. Gina M. Coffaro, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Annette M. Wells, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
and approximately \_\_\_\_\_ members of the public.

**I. MINUTES**

- A. Approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from February 10, 2026.
- B. Approve the Work Session minutes from February 10, 2026.
- C. Approve the Executive Session minutes from February 10, 2026.

**MINUTES ITEMS A through C**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ (Discussion):

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cooper \_\_\_\_ Ms. Kilday \_\_\_\_ Mr. Mazzilli \_\_\_\_ Ms. Shelkin \_\_\_\_ Mr. Scerbo \_\_\_\_

**II. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

**Board Liaison: Ms. Shelkin**

- A. Approve the safety drill report for the month of February 2026.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ITEM A**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ (Discussion):

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cooper \_\_\_\_ Ms. Kilday \_\_\_\_ Mr. Mazzilli \_\_\_\_ Ms. Shelkin \_\_\_\_ Mr. Scerbo \_\_\_\_

**III. PERSONNEL**

**Board Liaison: Ms. Cooper**

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve Personnel Resolutions as per the attached.

**PERSONNEL ITEMS A through M**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ (Discussion):

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cooper \_\_\_\_ Ms. Kilday \_\_\_\_ Mr. Mazzilli \_\_\_\_ Ms. Shelkin \_\_\_\_ Mr. Scerbo \_\_\_\_

**IV. REGULAR EDUCATION**

**Board Liaison: Ms. Shelkin**

A. Approve the following number of affirmed HIB Incidents as presented to the Board at the February 10, 2026 meeting:

Number of Affirmed HIB Incidents	2
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B. Review the following number of HIB investigations for the period of February 11, 2026 through March 24, 2026 as follows:

Number of HIB Investigations	3
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C. Approve the attached list of Spring Track Officials for the 2025-2026 school year at the following rates per meet, upon submission of an approved voucher:

<b><u>2 Schools</u></b>	<b><u>3 or More Schools</u></b>
Starter- \$120	Starter- \$135
Others- \$ 95	Others- \$120

D. Approve Brian Rodak as the assignor of Spring Track officials at a rate of \$150 for the 2025-2026 school year upon submission of an approved voucher.

E. Approve the 2025-2026 chronic absenteeism Corrective Action Plan for Valley Middle School.

**REGULAR EDUCATION ITEMS A through E**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ (Discussion):

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cooper \_\_\_\_ Ms. Kilday \_\_\_\_ Mr. Mazzilli \_\_\_\_ Ms. Shelkin \_\_\_\_ Mr. Scerbo \_\_\_\_

**V. SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Board Liaison: Ms. Kilday**

- A. Approve the submission of the required corrective action plan for Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Action Plan to the Bergen County Department of Education.
- B. Approve the following Summer Learning Academy extended school year (ESY) programs to be held at T.O.P.S. Early Childhood Learning Mondays through Thursdays for the month of July 2026 as follows:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Times</b>
Preschool	7/1/2026-7/30/2026	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Preschool (ABA Based)	7/1/2026-7/30/2026	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
MD Program	7/1/2026-7/30/2026	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
LLD Grades Elementary	7/1/2026-7/30/2026	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
LLD Grades Middle School	7/1/2026-7/30/2026	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Multisensory Program	7/1/2026-7/30/2026	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Emotional Regulation Impairment (ERI)	7/6/2026-7/9/2026	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ITEM A through B**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ (Discussion):

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cooper \_\_\_\_ Ms. Kilday \_\_\_\_ Mr. Mazzilli \_\_\_\_ Ms. Shelkin \_\_\_\_ Mr. Scerbo \_\_\_\_

**VI. FINANCE**

**Board Liaison: Mr. Mazzilli**

- A. Approve the February 2026 certified gross (net & agency) payroll in the amount of \$2,071,788.85.
- B. Approve the payment of the attached list of bills in the amount of \$7,082,795.03 which in proper legal form and subject to audit, provided funds are available in their respective accounts.
- C. Approve the Board Secretary’s certification to the Oakland Board of Education that, as of February 28, 2026 no line-item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which, in total, exceed the line-item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)3; and further,  
  
Approve the Oakland Board of Education’s certification that, after a review of the Board Secretary’s and Board Treasurer’s monthly financial reports and the advice of District officials, there is no reason to doubt that any major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4.
- D. Approve the school year 2025-2026 Budget appropriation transfers for the month ending February 28, 2026.
- E. Approve the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month ending February 28, 2026.
- F. Approve the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month ending February 28, 2026.
- G. Approve staff participation in professional conferences/workshops outside the District, as per the attached.
- H. Approve the submission of the ESEA amended application for programmatic and fiscal changes.

**FINANCE(cont.)**

- I. Approve the agreement with Quest Diagnostics to perform pre-employment chemical screenings.
- J. Approve Amplify to provide Professional Development for Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) in the amount of \$3,200 to be paid with Title IV funds.
- K. **RESOLVED** that the Oakland Board of Education adopt the following tentative School District Budget for the 2026-2027 school year and hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the proposed budget and required supporting documentation to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools for approval:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax</u>
Total General Fund	\$43,589,141	\$37,038,321
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$460,240	\$ -0-
Total Debt Service Fund	\$-0-	\$ -0-
Totals	\$44,049,381	\$37,038,321

Note: As stated, this is the Tentative Budget figure, which may increase, decrease, or remain unchanged between the date of this resolution and the Board's Public Hearing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Oakland Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for increase in health care costs in the amount of \$1,121,557. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$225,907 for the purpose of increases in special education costs.

Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects, is \$2,897,515 for other capital project costs of Valley Middle School Generator Replacement to replace failed generator (\$704,700), Manito Elementary School Restroom Renovations (\$839,500) and Partial Roof Replacement at Manito Elementary School (\$175,000). The district has determined that these projects are necessary for the health and safety of our students. Other capital projects costs include Classroom Conversion to Small Group Instructional Spaces at Heights Elementary (\$246,053) and Small Group Instruction Conversion at Manito Elementary School (\$932,262). These additional spaces are necessary as our special education programs continue to expand to meet the needs of our students. The total cost of these projects is \$2,897,515, 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 the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

- L. **RESOLVED** that there should be raised for General Fund School District Tax Levy \$37,038,321 for the ensuing 2026-2027 school year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that \$96,100 will be withdrawn from the District’s Emergency Reserve Account for security related costs, including but not limited to additional security cameras, server replacement for security software, door access/locks and radios.

**FINANCE(cont.)**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a withdrawal will be made from the Maintenance Reserve Account in the amount of \$199,950 for required maintenance repairs including but not limited to: flooring replacement and gym floor refinishing at all four district owned schools, heating valve replacement at Heights Elementary School, uninvent compressor replacement at Manito Elementary School, door opener for handicapped restroom at Valley Middle School and sink/cabinet replacement at Dogwood Hill Elementary.

M. **WHEREAS**, the Oakland School District Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses/conference expenditures 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:23B-1.1 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 Oakland Board of Education appropriated \$65,725 for travel in the general fund during the 2025-2026 school year and has spent \$12,198 as of March 19, 2026,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves general fund travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$66,825 for all staff and Board members in the 2026-2027 school year.

N. Approve a contract with Hazmat Diagnostic L.L.C in the amount of \$27,887.78 to perform a ceiling asbestos abatement in the kitchen at Manito Elementary School. This project will be funded with Food Service Funds.

**FINANCE ITEMS A through N**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ (Discussion):

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cooper \_\_\_\_ Ms. Kilday \_\_\_\_ Mr. Mazzilli \_\_\_\_ Ms. Shelkin \_\_\_\_ Mr. Scerbo \_\_\_\_

**VII ADMINISTRATION**

**Board Liaison: Ms. Kilday**

A. Approved the revised Playground Cafeteria Aide Job Description as per the attached.

**ADMINISTRATION ITEM A**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ (Discussion):

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cooper \_\_\_\_ Ms. Kilday \_\_\_\_ Mr. Mazzilli \_\_\_\_ Ms. Shelkin \_\_\_\_ Mr. Scerbo \_\_\_\_

**VIII. TRANSPORTATION**

**Board Liaison: Ms. Kilday**

- A. Approve the list of field trips for students in the Oakland School District for the 2025-2026 school year as per the attached.
- B. Approve the contract with Logic 54 Computer Software Program at an annual cost of \$5,275 for 2026-2027 school year.
- C. Approve the Logic 54 Computer Software Program currently used by the Oakland Board of Education, as the determining factor for purposes of eligibility for mandated transportation during the 2026-2027 school year.
- D. Approve the per seat subscription transportation fee of \$925 (round trip) and \$600 (one way) for the 2026-2027 school year.
- E. Approve the family subscription fee of \$1,975 for families with three or more children utilizing subscription busing services for the 2026-2027 school year.

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS A through E**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ (Discussion):

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cooper \_\_\_\_ Ms. Kilday \_\_\_\_ Mr. Mazzilli \_\_\_\_ Ms. Shelkin \_\_\_\_ Mr. Scerbo \_\_\_\_

**IX. POLICY**

**Board Liaison: Ms. Cooper**

- A. Approve the *second* reading of revised Board regulation as listed below:

P 5111 Eligibility of Resident Students

**POLICY ITEM A**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ (Discussion):

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cooper \_\_\_\_ Ms. Kilday \_\_\_\_ Mr. Mazzilli \_\_\_\_ Ms. Shelkin \_\_\_\_ Mr. Scerbo \_\_\_\_

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (If requested)

WHEREAS, The Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning personnel matters, legal issues, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying, and/or contract negotiations concerning the District, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects to be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in closed executive session pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, it is therefore

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in a closed executive session by this Board and administrative and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

Time Entered Executive Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ (Discussion):

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cooper \_\_\_\_ Ms. Kilday \_\_\_\_ Mr. Mazzilli \_\_\_\_ Ms. Shelkin \_\_\_\_ Mr. Scerbo \_\_\_\_

Topics: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Time Executive Session closed: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ to Close Executive Session and return to Open Session

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Adjournment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments**

<b>Minutes:</b>	Work Session- February 10, 2026 Regular Monthly Meeting- February 10, 2026
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds:</b>	February 2026 Security Drill Report
<b>Personnel:</b>	Personnel Agenda Items
<b>Regular Education:</b>	March 2026 Enrollment 2025-2026 Spring Track Officials
<b>Special Education:</b>	None
<b>Finance:</b>	February 2026 Treasurer Report February 2026 Board Secretary Report February 2026 Transfers Bills Lists Conferences/Workshops
<b>Administration:</b>	Job Description- Playground Cafeteria Aide
<b>Transportation:</b>	Field Trips
<b>Policy:</b>	P 5111      Eligibility of Resident Students