

Somerset County Vocational Board of Education
14 Vogt Drive
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807

Special Meeting
January 14, 2026

Swear in Gregory Lalevee

- Ms. Graner swore in Gregory Lalevee as a Board of Education member. Mr. Lalevee was appointed by the Somerset County Commissioners at their January 9, 2026 Reorganization Meeting to serve as a Somerset County Vocational School Board of Education member with a term expiration date of October 31, 2029.

Call to Order

Mr. Lalevee called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Members

Gregory Lalevee, President
Adam Beder, Vice President
Matthew Loper
Lily Wong
Roger Jinks, absent

Also Present

Robert Presuto, Superintendent of Schools
Raelene Sipple, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Elizabeth Graner, Somerset County Commissioner Liaison

Adequate notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the requirement of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, Ch. 231, P.L. 1975 and published in *The Courier News* on January 9, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open to the Public – Action Items Only

Individuals and/or groups are invited to present their comments regarding the following action items to the Board of Education at this time. In accordance with Board policy, members of the public are allotted one opportunity to address the Board for a maximum of three (3) minutes during this period of the meeting.

Please understand that our public forums are not structured as question and answer sessions, but offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Board. There may be times when a member of the public makes a comment or asks a question about personnel or hiring decisions. New Jersey Statutes do not permit the Board to discuss personnel issues in Public Session.

- Andrew Coslit thanked the Board of Education members for having an open conversation regarding the high school tuition rates at the December 22, 2025 Board of Education meeting.

High School Tuition Rates – 2026-2027 School Year

On motion by Mr. Beder, seconded by Ms. Wong and on roll call vote, the Board of Education approved high school tuition rates for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

	Tuition	
	Full Time	Share Time
Academy for Health and Medical Sciences	\$ 2,584	N/A
Alternative School	\$31,515	N/A
Vocational Programs	\$ 2,584	\$1,292
Nonresident Fee	\$11,000	\$5,500

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Laveve	X	
Mr. Beder	X	
Mr. Loper	X	
Ms. Wong	X	
Mr. Jinks	absent	

Remarks from Public

Please understand that our public forums are not structured as question and answer sessions, but offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Board. In instances where the Board feels that there is a misunderstanding or inaccuracy, the Board President or Superintendent may address the comment. There may be times when a member of the public makes a comment or asks a question about personnel or hiring decisions. New Jersey Statutes do not permit the Board to discuss personnel issues in Public Session.

- Sheila Sullivan stated that she hopes there will be no RIFs with the increase in High School tuition rates.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Loper, seconded by Ms. Wong and passed, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Raelene Sipple
Business Administrator/Board Secretary