Andover Regional Board of Education Regular Meeting

February 18, 2026

Attendance:

Present: Dr. Maria Dunbar, Mr. James Fetcho, Mr. Steven Minnick, Ms. Kelsey Shalinksy, Ms. Margaret Widgren

Also Present: Mr. John Fritzky, Superintendent
Ms. Nicole Sylveter, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
53 members of the public

Not Present: Ms. Jane Byron, Mr. Brian Hertenstein, Mr. William Porter and Dr. Robert Koroski

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:

Vice President Dunbar called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Dunbar led the flag salute.

Mission Statement: Dr. Dunbar read the mission statement:

Andover Regional Schools prepare students to successfully meet the challenges of today and tomorrow by fostering a love of learning. Our safe, supportive, and stimulating environment encourages students to reach their full potential. It is an expectation that all students shall achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels. In Andover Regional, every child catches the learning spirit!

Public Meeting Notice: Vice President Dunbar read the following public meeting notice:

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure 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 either discussed or acted upon. The Board has fully complied with the notice requirements by advertising in the New Jersey Herald, posting publicly and by notifying the municipal clerk of the date, time and place of the meeting."

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.

III. PRESENTATION:

- Mr. Yanez & Mrs. Ortega introduced and congratulated the Girl's Basketball team on

a great season. Mr. Mendes introduced and congratulated the Boy's Basketball team on a great season.

- Mr. Ardito presented the 2024-2025 audit.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Fetcho moved and Mr. Minnick seconded, that the Andover Regional Board of Education approve the minutes as amended of the following Board of Education meeting, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

December 16, 2025 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2026 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Dr. Dunbar, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Minnick, Ms. Shalinksy, Ms. Widgren

No: None

Abstain: None

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board Committees:

Personnel/Policy	Finance/Operations	Curriculum/Instruction
Mr. Porter (Chair)	Mr. Fetcho (Chair)	Ms. Byron (Chair)
Dr. Dunbar	Ms. Widgren	Mr. Hertenstein
Dr. Koroski	Mr. Minnick	Ms. Shalinsky

Special Committees/Ad Hoc Assignments:

WHAT	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE(s)
Sussex County School Boards Association	Dr. Koroski	Ms. Byron/Ms. Widgren/Dr. Dunbar
NJSBA Delegate Assembly	Mr. Minnick	Ms. Widgren/Dr. Dunbar
Newton Board of Education Rep.	Ms. Widgren	Mr. Hertenstein/Dr. Koroski
Sussex County Educational Services	Dr. Koroski	Ms. Widgren/Mr. Hertenstein
Andover Regional PTA	Ms. Shalinsky	Ms. Widgren/Dr. Dunbar
Township Liaison	Ms. Widgren	Dr. Dunbar
Negotiations/Sick Bank	Dr. Koroski	Mr. Fetcho/Ms. Widgren/Mr. Hertenstein

QSAC Committee	Dr. Koroski	Mr. Minnick/Ms. Widgren
SEPAG Liaison	Mr. Hertenstein	Dr. Koroski/Mr. Fetcho/Ms. Widgren
Andover Regional Education Foundation	Dr. Dunbar	Dr. Koroski

Dr. Dunbar reported on the Personnel/Policy committee stating that they met to discuss policies and personnel matters discussion ensued.

Ms. Sylvester reported on the Finance/Operations committee stating that they met to discuss the FMB septic update, FMB Playground upgrade, the tuition update from Newton and the 2026-2027 budget, discussion ensued.

Mr. Fritzky reported on the Curriculum/Instruction committee stating they discussed the foreign language testing, WIDA testing, NJSLA testing, mid-year data review at LPS, new curriculum mandate on handwriting (introducing cursive), Dibbles data review and Literary night on March 12th, discussion ensued.

Ms. Widgren reported on the Newton board meeting stating that they are refurbishing their auditorium as it has not been upgraded since 1952 which includes a lot of asbestos abatement, along with mechanical & lighting upgrades. She said they discussed their chronic absenteeism presentation and are looking into a “walking bus route”. Newton gave a budget update presentation and also highlighted that Newton wrestling celebrated their 1st female wrestler along with 300 wins and 100 years in service, discussion ensued.

Ms. Shalinksy gave an update on the PTA stating that they have an upcoming Father Daughter Dance and also stated that two PTA members will be stepping down so they will need to fill those open positions, discussion ensued.

Ms. Widgren gave an update as the Township Liaison congratulating the DPW for staying on top of salting roads and our schools even with the major salt crisis going on. She also reported that the Winter Farms Market would be held on February 22nd from 11-3pm at Hillside Park, discussion ensued.

Dr. Dunbar reported that the AREF is hosting their annual Tricky Tray in March.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

A. Mr. Fritzky attended student data meetings at FMB.
B. Mr. Fritzky continued tuition discussions with Newton School District.
C. Mr. Fritzky reported that an Ai workshop was held on Monday and staff reported lots of positive feedback.
D. Mr. Fritzky said there will be a meeting held in March to discuss student population growth at FMB. This meeting will be open to parents, staff and community members.
E. Mr. Fritzky gave an FMB playground update.
F. Mr. Fritzky reported that state funding will be delayed this year.
G. Mr. Fritzky gave an update on Schools to Watch.
H. Mr. Fritzky also reported that our 8th grade math teacher had an article done about her from nj.com!
I. Mr. Fritzky gave his monthly Suspension/HIB Report.

Mr. Fetcho moved and Mr. Minnick seconded, that the Andover Regional Board of Education approve the resolution below as presented:

Resolve that the Board of Education accepts the attached HIB Report**,** as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Dr. Dunbar, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Minnick, Ms. Shalinksy, Ms. Widgren

No: None

Abstain: None

B. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment: Listed below is the report from **Jennifer Reynolds,** Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

- Working with NHS on foreign language expectations
- Preparing for WIDA testing in March
- Completed the NJSLA mandatory state test training
- Completed a Preschool ECERS training for staff
- Attended NJDOE -Title I, Part A - From Funds to Outcomes webinar
- Met with Mr. Fleming and Mr. Fritzky to discuss MOY data review
- Attended a meeting with Learning Without Tears to discuss cursive writing mandate
- Attended NJTSS Cohort 5 Webinar
- Attended Teaching Strategies Webinar: The Practice of Play
- Attended the monthly Curriculum Consortium of Sussex County Meeting
- Attended the Science of Comprehension Symposium

- Attended Webinar: Building Knowledge in Pre-K: Big Learning Starts Small
- Met with 2nd grade teachers to review narrative writing tasks
- Competed Dibels Data review with Mrs. Dilkes and FMB staff
- Completing Social Studies Program Material Review with committee
- Working with Mrs. Dilkes to host an FMB Literacy Night on March 26.
- Completed both formal and information evaluations

C. Technology Report: Listed below is a report from **Joseph DeLuca**, Technology/Network Systems Administrator.

- Organized AI Workshops during staff PLC hosted by the ARSD Technology Committee.
- Coordinated new door intercoms for FMB.
- Attended the Introduction of LEGO® Education Computer Science & AI.

D. Child Study Team Report: Listed below is a report prepared by **Suzanne Ross**, Supervisor of Special Services/LDTC.

- Ongoing collaboration with the administrative team regarding operations and programs, for the 25/26 school year, and for 26/27 school year.
- Ongoing planning with Ms. Sylvester and the administrative team on the 26/27 budgeting process.
- Attended the Sussex/Warren Special Education Directors group. Discussion focused on procedural updates and mandates from the NJDOE, including Child Outcome survey reporting, mediation agreements and virtual learning opportunities.
- Met with special education teachers at LPS to discuss programs and services for the 26/27 school year, student needs and student/classroom expectations.
- Began discussions with Newton High School Child Study Team members regarding programs and placement for incoming freshmen.
- Completed formal and informal teacher observations for round 2, including pre and post conferences.
- Reviewed virtual training options for DLM and WIDA testing.
- Completed DLM mandatory training. Coordinated DLM training for applicable staff
- Developed, in coordination with Ms. Reynolds, CST documents for accommodations and modifications for standardized testing.

Mr. Fetcho moved and Mr. Minnick seconded, that the Andover Regional Board of Education approve resolution E below as presented:

E. HIB Findings: Resolved that the Andover Regional Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, affirm the Superintendent's findings on HIB(s) FMB-2526-5, FMB-2526-6, FMB-2526-7 and FMB-2526-8.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Dr. Dunbar, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Minnick, Ms. Shalinksy, Ms. Widgren

No: None

Abstain: None

F. Principal's Reports

VII. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT:

- Ms. Sylvester reported that the release of State Aid numbers is being pushed back so we may need to change the board and committee meeting dates.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Below are the comments from the Public, all questions were answered and discussed, if applicable.

Mr. Ordile- Asked about our March meeting regarding the budget. He also asked about our population growth and how we are getting this information out to the community. He asked if there was an image of the playground available and what stage we are in. He also inquired about the phone free schools grant and what it is being used for. Discussion ensued.

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A. PERSONNEL/POLICY:

Mr. Fetcho moved and Mr. Minnick seconded, that the Andover Regional Board of Education approve resolutions #1-2 as presented:

1. **Substitutes:** Approve the following substitute(s) for the 2025-2026 school year pending receipt of all required paperwork, including criminal history clearance, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kristy Minkewicz - Substitute ParaProfessional
Bahira Petersen - Substitute Teacher, Leave Replacement, Secretary
Sheri Picinic (Employee) - Substitute Teacher (retro to 2/10/26)

2. **First Reading of Policies & Regulations:** Approve the first reading of the following (and attached) policies and regulations, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Alert 236
P 0142.1 Nepotism (M) (Revised)

P 0142.1C	Nepotism – Charter School (M) (Revised)
P 0174C	Legal Services – Charter School (M) (Revised)
P 0177C	Professional Services – Charter School (M) (Revised)
P 1220	Employment of Chief School Administrator (M) (Revised)
P & R 1570C	Internal Controls – Charter School (M) (Revised)
P & R 1552	Sexual Harassment – Staff (M) (New)
P 3362	Sexual Harassment (M) (Abolished)
R 3362	Sexual Harassment of Teaching Staff Members Complaint Procedure (Abolished)
P 4352	Sexual Harassment (M) (Abolished)
R 4352	Sexual Harassment of Support Staff Members Complaint Procedure (Abolished)

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Dr. Dunbar, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Minnick, Ms. Shalinksy, Ms. Widgren

No: None

Abstain: None

B. FINANCE/OPERATIONS:

Mr. Fetcho moved and Mr. Minnick seconded, that the Andover Regional Board of Education approve resolutions #1-11 as presented:

1. **Treasurer & Board Secretary's Certification and Report**: Approve the January 2026 Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, we certify that as of January 2026 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, *and reflects all audit adjustments to date,* to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

2. **Transfers**: Approve/accept the Transfer Report for January 2026, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

3. **Bills List**: Approve/accept the Bills List from January 22, 2026 through February 18, 2026 for a total of $1,915,479.75 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

4. **Building Use for 2025-2026 School Year**: Approve the following building use for the Long Pond and/or Florence M. Burd schools, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	PURPOSE	DATE REQUESTED	INSURANCE CERTIFICATE	BUILDING
Newton Braves Youth	Free Lacrosse Clinic	Feb. 27, 2026	Yes	LPS

Lacrosse				
PTA	Fun Fair Assembly	April 2, 2026	Yes	FMB

5. **Participation in Joint Agreement:** Approve the following resolution, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, between Andover Regional Board of Education and the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative for the 2026-2027 school year for participation in joint transportation agreement whereas, the Andover Regional Board of Education desires to transport students to specific destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Board of Education is willing to provide the services to coordinate transportation for the Andover Board of Education for transportation along established routes to specific destinations in an attempt to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Board of Education shall provide such services under the name of Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Andover Board of Education that pursuant hereto the President and Secretary of the Andover Board of Education are hereby authorized and directed to execute a duplicate of the Resolution, which shall act as an agreement between the Andover Board of Education and the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative for the coordination of transportation of students to specific destinations upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The Andover Board of Education shall pay to the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative in consideration of the services it shall render pursuant to this agreement, a percentage of the actual cost paid for the transportation during the 2026-2027 school year, as set forth below:

Schedule of Fees	**Administrative Fees**
Special Education Routes:	4.5%
Public Routes:	2.0%
Non-Public Routes:	2.0%
Field Trips/Athletic Trips:	5.0%

There shall be a $20.00 processing fee for each B6T – Nonpublic School Transportation Application processed. This fee will not apply if the Andover Board of Education exceeds $500,000 annually in transportation services.

There shall be a $50.00 quote fee for each field/athletic trip sent to the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative for the purpose of quoting and scheduling. Upon completion of the field/athletic trip, the trip quote fee will be waived. In the event of trip cancellation, the $50.00 quote fee will be invoiced to the Andover Board of Education. This fee shall not apply to the

Board of Education if it currently has an existing bid or renewal contract for field trips and/or athletic trips with the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative for the current school year.

Payment for the services set forth herein during the term of this agreement or any extension hereof shall be made in accordance with the following schedule:

Required First Installment Invoice: 8/30/2026
Transportation Invoices: Monthly

Invoices shall be paid within 60 days of receipt. The first installment includes: 20% of prior year's transportation total; and 100% of estimated administrative fees for current year. All 2026 summer routes shall be billed upon completion of transportation. If there is a net credit as of June 30, 2027 following the completion of this agreement, the credit will be applied to the next school year. If this agreement is not renewed, a check will be issued on or about July 30, 2027 for all transportation funds not used.

2. The Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative will provide the following services:
a. routes coordinated with other districts to attempt to achieve a maximum cost reduction while maintaining a realistic capacity and travel time;
b. statements prepared on appropriate vouchers according to the above schedule delineating costs per route;
c. computer print-outs of student lists for all routes coordinated by the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative for ASSA reporting deadlines;
d. all necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
e. timely review and revision of routes;
f. provide transportation within five days or sooner after receipt of the formal written request;
g. timely submission of contracts, renewals or addenda to the county office for approval.

3. The Andover Board of Education will provide the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative with the following:
a. requests for any students on approved digital forms/templates to be provided by the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative, completed in full and signed by Board of Education Secretary or other designated district personnel;
b. withdrawal for any students on approved digital forms/templates to be provided by the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative, completed in full and signed by the Board of Education Secretary or other designated district personnel; no billing adjustment will be made without this completed form; and
c. strict adherence to the above payment schedule.

4. Additional Cost – all additional costs generated by unique requests, including but not limited to mid-day runs, early dismissals, change in number of children being transported on each route, or change in mileage during the year, will be borne by the Andover Board of Education.

5. Invoice Disputes – The Andover Board of Education shall notify the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative in writing of any dispute with any invoice, along with a reasonably detailed description of the dispute, within 30 days from the date of receipt of such invoice. Invoices for which no such timely notification is received shall be deemed accepted by the Andover Board of Education as true and correct, and the Andover Board of Education shall pay all amounts due under such invoices within the period set forth above. The parties shall seek to resolve all such disputes expeditiously and in good faith. The Andover Board of Education shall not withhold payment of any amount due and payable under this agreement by reason of any setoff of any claim or dispute with the Hopatcong Board of Education and/or the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative.

6. Late Payments – Invoices shall be paid within 60 days of receipt. Except for invoiced payments that have been successfully disputed, all late payments shall bear interest at the lesser of the rate of four percent (4.0%) per month or the highest rate permissible under applicable law, calculated daily and compounded monthly. The Andover Board of Education also shall reimburse the Hopatcong Board of Education under the name of the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative for all costs incurred in collecting any late payments, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs. In addition to all other remedies available under this agreement or at law, which the Hopatcong Board of Education does not waive by the exercise of any rights hereunder, the Hopatcong Board of Education shall be entitled to suspend the provision of any Services provided under this Agreement if the Board of Education fails to pay any amounts when due hereunder.

7. Length of Agreement – This agreement and obligations and requirements herein shall be in effect between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027.
8. The Andover Board acknowledges and agrees that prior to the start of each school year, the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative is required to plan its budget and take on expenses in order to plan for the following school year. As a result, the Andover Board agrees to provide written notice to the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative at least 180 days before June 30th advising whether or not the Andover Board will be renewing its contract with the Cooperative. If timely notice is not provided, the parties agree that the Cooperative will plan its budget and take on expenses based on the assumption that the Andover Board will be renewing its contract with the Cooperative for the upcoming school year. Should the Andover Board notify the Cooperative it will not be renewing its contract after the notice period, the Andover Board agrees to reimburse the Cooperative for any costs or expenses incurred by the Cooperative as a result of the Andover Board's failure to provide timely notice. In the event this agreement is renewed, the consideration to be paid to the Cooperative shall remain the percentages set forth in Paragraph 1 of the Andover Board of Education's actual cost paid for transportation of students to specific destinations during the prior year.

9. Termination – The Hopatcong Board of Education under the name of Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative, in its sole discretion, may terminate this agreement at any time, without cause, by providing at least 30 days' prior written notice to the Andover Board of Education.

10. The Hopatcong Board of Education under the name of Sussex County Regional Transportation

Cooperative accepts no responsibility for a pupil's use of arranged transportation or attendance on an established route. Once assigned to a route, the billing for the pupil's reserved seat will continue until the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative is otherwise notified in writing to delete the pupil from the assigned route.

11. Force Majeure – No party shall be liable or responsible to the other party, nor be deemed to have defaulted under or breached this Agreement, for any failure or delay in fulfilling or performing any term of this agreement (except for any obligations to make payments to the other party hereunder), when and to the extent such failure or delay is caused by or results from acts beyond the impacted party's control.

12. Headings – The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not intended to be part of, or to affect the interpretation of, this Agreement.

13. Entire Agreement – This agreement constitutes the entire and only agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this agreement, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings, agreements, representations, and warranties, both written and oral, with respect to the subject matter. This agreement only may be amended by an instrument in writing over authorized signature.

14. It is a condition of this agreement that a representative from each applicable position: School Business Administrator/School Board Secretary, Special Services Director, and Transportation Supervisor attend at least one (1) Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative meeting on an annual basis to promote and provide effective and efficient transportation services.

6. **Contract with Kroll:** Approve the contract with Kroll, LLC to provide an updated fixed asset accounting ledger and an updated property insurance appraisal at a cost of $2,200, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

7. **2026-2027 SEMI Waiver:** Approves the waiver of Requirements Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides for school district participation requirements related to the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) and permits districts to request a waiver of the requirement to optimize SEMI participation under specified circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has provided the District with its SEMI projection for the subsequent school year; and

WHEREAS, based upon the NJDOE projection, the District is projected to have forty (40) or fewer Medicaid-eligible classified students for the subsequent school year; and

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed the anticipated SEMI reimbursement relative to administrative and operational requirements and has determined that submission of a waiver request is appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Andover Regional School District authorizes the Superintendent and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to prepare and submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools a written request for waiver of the requirement to optimize SEMI participation for School Year 2026-2027, consistent with NJDOE guidance and applicable regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the administration to submit all supporting documentation required for ECS review, including this resolution, the NJDOE projection information, and any cost-benefit analysis or other reliable evidence used to support the request.

8. **Phone-Free Schools Grants:** Approve and accept the Phone-Free Schools Grant funding in the amount of $1,203.88, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

9. **Fundraising**: Approve the following fund raising events, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Advisor/Coach/Organization	Class/Club/Team/Group	Date(s)	Activity
Jessie Seaton (PTA)	LPS Students	March 9-13, 2026	Penny Wars - Scholastic All for Book
Ryan Zuccheri	Musical - Matilda, Jr.	March 1 - April 18, 2026	Advertisements & Shout Outs in the playbill/program
Bozena Toczynski	LPS Students	March 26, 2026	Wear a Hat for a Day Raise money for Class Trips

10. **Volunteers**: Approve the attached volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

11. **Extended Volunteers**: Approve the following volunteer(s) for an extended amount of time, pending criminal history clearance, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Brayden Ayers - School Musical

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Dr. Dunbar, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Minnick, Ms. Shalinksy, Ms. Widgren

No: None

Abstain: None

C. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION:

Mr. Fetcho moved and Mr. Minnick seconded, that the Andover Regional Board of Education approve resolutions #1-3 as presented:

1. **Professional Development Workshops:** Approve the following professional development, registration fees and mileage reimbursement, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Name	Program/Location	Date	Fees/Mileage
John Fritzky	Hot Issues in AI, Schools & the Law 2025-2026 Virtual (retro)	February 5, 2026	Registration: $160.00
Marianela Torres	World Language Annual Conference (Different Workshops about Language Methodology) Rutgers, New Brunswick	March 18, 2026	Registration: $180.00 Mileage: 92.8 x 47¢ mile = $43.61
Robert Riffel	NJSBGA Harrah's, Atlantic City	March 22-25, 2026	Registration: $350.00 Mileage: $144.76 Meals: $238.00 Lodging: $110 + fees x 3 nights Tolls: $19.76 Parking: $65.00
Siobhan Eilbacher	485: HIB Law Update Legal One. New Providence	February 26, 2026	Registration: $195.00 Mileage: $20.94

2. **Activities/Trips**: Approve the following student activities/class trip, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Grade/ Teacher	Date/ Destination/ Purpose	Student Cost	Board Cost
Jeni Moriarty 3rd Grade	May 19, 2026 County College of Morris - Longo Planetarium Randolph, NJ Students will watch a planetarium show and learn about the sky through the stories told from a variety of cultural perspectives.	$15.00	$250.00 (Nurse)

3. **Student Observation**: Approve the following, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Student Teacher/College	Duration	Cooperating Teacher
LeeAnn Grant from Felician Nursing School	4 Hours on February 25, 2026	Maia Febrero

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Dr. Dunbar, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Minnick, Ms. Shalinksy, Ms. Widgren

No: None

Abstain: None

X. COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD: None at this time.

XI. OLD and NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Below are the comments from the Public, all questions were answered and discussed, if applicable.

Mr. Ordile- Asked about the cursive writing curriculum mandate and what grades this would apply to and when does this start. He also asked about the electronic board asking about the length of time items are up and if we can put the Pre-K & K registration up, discussion ensued.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Fetcho moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Andover Regional Board of Education, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter; 2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: negotiations, legal and personnel matters; 3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matters will be made public upon resolution of all information discussed; 4.

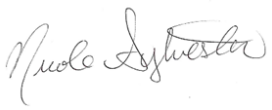
This resolution shall take effect immediately; the Board anticipates being approximately 30 minutes to discuss personnel & legal matters and no action will be taken.

Motion was seconded by Ms. Shalinksky at 8:46 p.m. and unanimously CARRIED in a voice vote.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Mr. Fetcho moved to return to regular session, seconded by Mr. Minnick and unanimously CARRIED in a voice vote at 9:34 p.m.

Adjournment: Ms. Widgren moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Shalinksky and approved at 9:35 p.m. and carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote call by all members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Sylvester

Business Administrator/Board Secretary