



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2026/Rescheduled March 24, 2026

Virtual Meeting - 8:30 A.M.

Committee Members: Paulo Lopes, Chair

Linda Rad, David Rizza (not present), Justina Ryan, Elizabeth Fiore (Alt)

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent of Schools

Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary

Rebecca Burns, Director of Pupil Services

Dr. Stacey Brown, Humanities Supervisor

Katie DaQuisto, Early Childhood Supervisor

Sarah Pauch, Math, Science, Tech Supervisor

Dr. Anthony Tumolo, Special Projects Supervisor

Jim Belske, Technology Coordinator

Agenda

1. Mid-Year iReady Results: Comparison data was presented by Stacey Brown, Sarah Pauch. Data shows comparison between students from some neighboring districts, and compares to state average. When comparing this data we can see that our district is meeting or exceeding those districts. There are some differences, these differences are due to the student population. Charts show some mid-year results are under 50% but in the past that has been corrected by the end of the year, and most results are at or above 50%, which is expected at mid-year. A chart was presented on reading and math growth per building for non English learners vs English learners. Charts are showing growth. A Board member asked how many teachers have SEI training and Anthony Tumolo stated SEI training for all Three Bridges and Whitehouse teachers will be completed by next school year

A Board member asked how many students were in intervention?

Intervention students average 20-25 per building. Further discussion led to questions on how many students test out of intervention classes. The only way to tell is to look at the release rate. In addition, it was explained that parents don't always consent to intervention for a student.

Intervention students numbers and release rate will be shared with the committee.

2. Spring Teacher Academy [Catalog](#).
Stacey Brown: Teacher academies are underway. The new teacher academy catalog is now digital via 'Sched' software and website. This has streamlined the process for sign ups and also gives teachers reminders.
3. Anthony Tumolo: In-Service Day was on March 13th, The day met diverse needs of staff based on grade level. Sample sessions include Creative Curriculum, a workshop on understanding accommodations and modifications, articulation across grade level, and understanding key take-aways from iReady consultant.

End of day teachers were able to unwind with games. Food trucks were available and teachers had opportunities to win prizes.

A Board member asked if paras were asked to go to the in service day. Paras had their own in-service day specifically for them in October. Climate Survey was offered to paras for input. Their voices have been heard and changes have been made for next year's in service day schedules.

4. Anthony Tumolo: presented on [Parent Academy](#) which is on March 25th, 6:00pm, information is on google website. The academy offers different sessions. Parents asked if they would be interested in presenting and Dr McCrea, a local veterinarian, is offering a session on how dogs communicate and what kids should know.

A board member suggested sending out a separate genesis blast.

5. Cursive Handwriting Law Update: Stacey Brown stated this law will have minimal impact due to the fact that we already have cursive handwriting in 3rd grade. Adding it to 4th and 5th grade will have minimal impact due to it being the same program. No added cost.

6. NJSLA-A Updates, Changes made by State have made administering the test more challenging.. Principles and teachers have been helpful in adjusting schedules for testing

There are 50 questions split into two sessions with 75 questions in each session.

Some other changes are math and reading are adaptive, the questions are in groups of 3-4 and change depending on how the student answers.

Teachers will explain the changes to students.

Agenda items: typical agenda items including student teacher placements, fundraisers, etc.

Next Meeting: April 20th,2026

Summaries of Curriculum Revisions