

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 18, 2026 - Regular Meeting, 6:30 PM
Fern Ross Gymnasium, 20 Obre Place, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

MINUTES

1.0 Opening Procedures

1.1 Call to order – 6:39 pm

1.2 Flag salute

1.3 Opening Statement

1.4 "In compliance with PI 1975, Chapter 231, Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was advertised in the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger on June 3, 2025. A copy of this notice is posted at the entrance to the Shrewsbury Borough School and is posted on the district’s website. A copy of this notice is also on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

1.5 Roll Call:

Mr. Ngo (President)	Ms. Gourley-Thompson (Vice President)
Ms. Choi	Ms. Fiorentini
Mr. Galvin	Ms. Gaul-Spitale
Ms. Jafolla	Ms. McCullough
Ms. Moore	

Absent:

Also Present:

Mr. MacConnell, Superintendent
 Ms. Case, Business Administrator

1.6 Mission Statement:

The mission of the Shrewsbury Borough School District, a system built on successful cooperation among family, school and community, is to prepare all students to achieve excellence and to become responsible citizens through rigorous educational programs consistent with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content State Standards and which respect individual differences and diversity. Students will be prepared to meet the challenges presented in the regional high school and the world beyond.

2.0 Executive Session I

2.1 It was motioned by Ms. Choi, seconded by Mr. Galvin to move into Closed Executive Session at 6:40 pm to discuss confidential personnel matters or Board Business and/or matters of attorney/client privilege and/or matters of litigation and/or negotiations or contractual matters from which the public may be excluded. Minutes of this meeting will be made available to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Choi	X				
Ms. Fiorentini	X				
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Gaul-Spitale	X				
Ms. Jafolla	X				
Ms. McCullough	X				
Ms. Moore	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				

On a voice vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent

2.2 It was motioned by Ms. Choi, seconded by Ms. Gourley-Thompson to reconvene into public session at 7:02 pm.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Choi	X				
Ms. Fiorentini	X				
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Gaul-Spitale	X				
Ms. Jafolla	X				
Ms. McCullough	X				
Ms. Moore	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				

On a voice vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent

3.0 Correspondence to the Board

It was motioned by Mr. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Gourley-Thompson to approve the following items as listed:

Email received Jan 27, 2026, kellybonett@gmail.com, regarding “Community Input Session focus groups”

Email received Jan 29, 2026, ghemschoot@gmail.com, regarding “Request to Reinstate Courtesy Busing in the Shrewsbury School District Budget”

Email received Feb 12, 2026, ashleyemmons1016@gmail.com, regarding “Concern Regarding Recess Time for Kindergarten Students”

Email received Feb 12, 2026, cuervoe@sbs-nj.org, regarding “Hiring Committee”

Email received Feb 17, 2026, jennaciongoli@gmail.com, regarding “recent letter to community”

4.0 Public Participation - Agenda Items Only - None

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on matters of interest to the school community. Individuals wishing to speak **must state their name and address**. Comments are limited to three minutes duration, but an individual may speak a second time after all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. All statements should be directed to the Board President and no participant may address or question Board members individually. All speakers are requested to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy of others whose legal rights may be affected. Please note: While it is not the Board’s intention to stifle comment on matters of legitimate concern, the public should be aware that if their statements violate the rights of others under the law of defamation or invasion of privacy, they may face personal liability to the injured party. If speakers are uncertain of the legal ramifications of their comments, the Board urges them to seek guidance beforehand from their own legal advisor.

5.0 Superintendent’s Report - Mr. MacConnell

- Feb. 18th - 20th - Conferences/12:30 Dismissal Days
- Feb. 20th - Talent Show 6:30pm
- Feb. 27th - SPTA Boys Glow Party
- March 2nd-6th - Read Across America 2026. This year's theme is “A Reading Revolution” and will
- kick-off SBS’s celebration of America’s 250th birthday and Shrewsbury’s centennial. March 2nd’s

- National SEL Day will be integrated into Monday's activities, March 4th - Community Readers
- March 4th & 5th - Book Fair in MPR
- March 5th - Interim Reports are published
- March 6th - Spring Fling Dance for 6th-8th Grade
- April 2nd - 12:30 Dismissal/Homework Free Weekend
- April 6th - 10th - School Closed for Spring Break

It was motioned by Mr. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Gourley-Thompson to approve the following items as listed:

5.1 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury School District Board of Education approve the following District HIB Report

February 2026	None
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5.2 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the updated 2026-2027 school calendar.

6.0 Finance & Facilities - Mr. Ngo

Committee Report: The Finance & Facilities Committee met on February 9, 2026

It was motioned by Mr. Ngo seconded by Mr. Galvin to approve the following items as listed:

Board of Education Certification Budget Major/Fund Status for January 2026

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2.13(D), we certify that as of January 31, 2026, after review of the Secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriation section), and open consultation with appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major account fund has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:20-2(B), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the school year.

I, Lindsey Case, Part-time School Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that no line item has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.”



School Business Admin/Board Secretary

Payroll Certification

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary reported, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1B, has certified the payroll for January 15, 2026 in the amount of \$284,413.01, January 30, 2026 in the amount of \$285,964.80.

6.1 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following minutes as listed:

- 6.1.2 Re-Organization Meeting, January 7, 2026
- 6.1.3 Regular Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2026
- 6.1.4 Executive Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2026

6.2 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following:

Transfer of Funds for January 2026 (available for review in the Board Secretary’s Office)

Policy # 6422 Budget Transfers

WHEREAS NJAC 6A:20-2.13 “Over expenditure of Funds” states “a district Board of Education shall not incur any obligation or approve any payment in excess of the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education in the line item pursuant to NJSA 18A:22-8.1”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached line item transfers be approved.

Approve Bills List – February 2026

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the bills paid and checks issued at the Board meeting in the amount of \$200,637.87, February 2026.

Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification for January 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that the financial reports of the Secretary to the Board of Education (Referenced below 6.0) and the Monthly Reconciliation Report (Referenced below 6.0) for January 31, 2026 which are in agreement be accepted as submitted and attached to and made part of the minutes of this meeting. PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(d), we certify that as of January 31, 2026, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Shrewsbury School District Board of Education pursuant to NJSA 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1

Treasurer’s Report

PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(d), approve the Treasurer’s Report for December 2025.

6.3 The following Fire and Evacuation Drills occurred during **January and February 2026**:

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Shrewsbury Borough School	Shelter in Place	1/30/2026 - 9:20am
Shrewsbury Borough School	Fire Drill	2/1/2026 - 2:19am
Shrewsbury Borough School	Lockdown Drill	2/9/2026 - 8:45am
Shrewsbury Borough School	Shelter in Place	2/9/2026 - 1:59pm

6.4 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$144 from the Foundation for Shrewsbury as a reimbursement for Pixton. Account # 20-001-100-610-01-0

6.5 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$299 from the Foundation for Shrewsbury as a reimbursement for Rockalingua. Account # 20-001-100-610-01-0

6.6 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$192 from the Foundation for Shrewsbury as a reimbursement for the Farnum grant. Account # 20-001-100-610-01-0

6.7 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$32,371 from the Shrewsbury PTA for the purchase of a theater projector for the school. Account # 95-000-270-162-01-0

6.8 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$940.00 from the Shrewsbury PTA for the Kindergarten trip. Account # 95-000-270-162-01-0

6.9 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following services for the 2025-2026 school year.

Student#	Service	Provider	Cost
7127	Neurodevelopmental Assessment	DPCJ/G&A	\$650.00
7144	Neurodevelopmental Assessment	DPCJ/G&A	\$650.00
7127	Physical Therapy Evaluation	DeMonte Therapy Services	\$365.00
7119	Physical Therapy Evaluation	DeMonte Therapy Services	\$365.00
7076	Physical Therapy Evaluation	DeMonte Therapy Services	\$365.00

6.10 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve to waive out of the SEMI Program (Special Education Medicare Initiative) for 2026-2027 school year.

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2026-2027 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students for the 2026-2027 budget year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Monmouth an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2025-2026 school year.

6.11 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve student #7006 to attend the Collier School at the per diem rate of \$383.00 for the 2025-2026 school year to commence on February 23, 2026

6.12 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the travel request for Mike Tillett to attend the 2026 New Jersey School Building and Grounds Expo, Atlantic City, NJ, March 22-25, 2026.

7.0 Curriculum and Instruction - Ms. Gourley-Thompson

Committee Report: The Curriculum and Instruction Committee met on February 9, 2026

It was motioned by Ms. Gourley-Thompson, seconded by Mr. Galvin to approve the following items as listed:

7.1 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following field trips for the 2025-2026 school year:

Class/Group	Destination	Date(s)	Cost of Trip	Cost of Transportation
7th & 8th Grade Engineered Students	Engineering Competition Red Bank Regional High School Red Bank, NJ	February 27, 2026	\$0	\$0
Grade 4 Classes	Sunrise Assisted Living Shrewsbury, NJ	May 19, 2026 June 9, 2026	\$0	\$0

7.2 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following professional development for the 2025-2026 school year:

Staff Member	Program/Workshop	Training Date	PD/Travel Cost
Vinnie Peri	NJ Music Association Conference, Atlantic City, NJ	February 19, 2026	\$300
Yolanda Roeder	World Language Peninsula Articulation Meeting, Fair Haven, NJ	February 26, 2026	\$0.00
Laura Fox	Art Peninsula Articulation Meeting, Fair Haven, NJ	February 26, 2026	\$0.00
Vinnie Peri	Music Peninsula Articulation Meeting, Fair Haven, NJ	February 26, 2026	\$0.00
Kathleen Fitzpatrick	Restorative Justice Conference, New Brunswick, NJ	April 28, 2026	\$25.87
Cheryl Salway	Restorative Justice Conference, New Brunswick, NJ	April 28, 2026	\$0.00
Kristina Kiely	Making the Decision to Report Suspected Child Maltreatment, Virtual	March 3, 2026	\$60.00
William Clark	Engaging Students in Middle School Civics, Piscataway, NJ	February 24, 2026	\$30.83
William Clark	Learning, Leading, and Innovating with AI, Virtual	March 27, 2026	\$0.00
Darianne Masticola	Addiction Trends, Social Media and Artificial Intelligence, Freehold, NJ	January 30, 2026	\$10.99

Staff Member	Program/Workshop	Training Date	PD/Travel Cost
Tracy Farnum	Wilson Dyslexia Conference, Virtual	January 26, 2026	\$99.00
Cheryl Salway	Genesis Process of Scheduling, Monroe Twp., NJ	February 17, 2026	\$0.00
Alanna O’Handley	Genesis Process of Scheduling, Monroe Twp., NJ	February 17, 2026	\$0.00

8.0 Personnel - Mr. Galvin

Committee Report: The Personnel Committee met on February 17, 2026

It was motioned by Mr. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Gourley-Thompson to approve the following items as listed:

8.1 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve a resolution to authorize the Superintendent, between the date this resolution is adopted and the next meeting of the Shrewsbury Board of Education, to take all actions necessary to protect the interest of the Shrewsbury Borough Public Schools including, but not limited to, employment of services, hiring and firing of employees under their jurisdiction subject to consultation with the appropriate district officials and the Board President and, further subject to ratification of the actions taken at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting to be held March 18, 2026.

8.2 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Allison Gandolfo as a substitute for the 2025-2026 school year.

9.0 Policy - Ms. Moore

Committee Report: The Policy Committee met on February 12, 2026

It was motioned by Ms. Moore, seconded by Ms. Gourley-Thompson, to approve the following items as listed:

9.1 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following policies for the second reading and adoption.

- P 0142.1 Nepotism (M) (Revised)
- P 1220 Employment of Chief School Administrator (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)

10.0 School & Community Relations - Ms. Choi

Committee Report: The School and Community Committee met on February 5, 2026

11.0 Vote/Roll Call on Agenda Items

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Choi	X				
Ms. Fiorentini	X				
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Gaul-Spitale	X				
Ms. Jafolla	X				
Ms. McCullough	X				
Ms. Moore	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				

On a voice vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members was absent

12.0 Unfinished Business

- Ms. Jafolla - Alliance will have assembly on inclusion for K-4 in April

13.0 Public Participation - All Topics

- Shrewsbury Resident - Please consider having a second recess
- Shrewsbury Resident - Send email about recess and/or alternative ways for students to move instead of in the classroom

14.0 Board President’s Report - Mr. Ngo

- Thank you for coming out and braving the weather. We are continuing to work on the Superintendent search and will share updates.

15.0 Executive II

15.1 It was motioned by Ms. McCullough, seconded by Ms. Gourley-Thompson to move into Closed Executive Session at 7:26 pm to discuss confidential personnel matters or Board Business and/or matters of attorney/client privilege and/or matters of litigation and/or negotiations or contractual matters from which the public may be excluded. Minutes of this meeting will be made available to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Choi	X				
Ms. Fiorentini	X				
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Gaul-Spitale	X				
Ms. Jafolla	X				
Ms. McCullough	X				
Ms. Moore	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				

On a voice vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent

15.2 It was motioned by Ms. Gourley-Thompson, seconded by Ms. Fiorentini to reconvene into public session at 8:40 pm.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Choi	X				
Ms. Fiorentini	X				
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Gaul-Spitale	X				
Ms. Jafolla	X				
Ms. McCullough	X				
Ms. Moore	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				

On a voice vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent

16.0 Adjournment

It was motioned by Ms. Gourley-Thompson, seconded by Ms. Fiorentini to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Choi	X				
Ms. Fiorentini	X				
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Gaul-Spitale	X				
Ms. Jafolla	X				
Ms. McCullough	X				
Ms. Moore	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				

On a voice vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent