



Board of Education

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

Date and Time

Tuesday, April 28, 2026
at 9:30 A.M

Location

The SBJC Ed Center
696 Route 46 West, Teterboro, NJ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NJ OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting 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 Business Administrator-Secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be sent to the following, announcing time and place thereof, agenda, etc.:

North Jersey Media Group

Notice of this meeting has been posted in the lobby of the Board of Education Office and at the South Bergen Jointure Commission Public Schools. This is an official meeting of the Board of Education/South Bergen Jointure Commission.

Meeting opened at _____.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Also Present:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District status update.

Motion:

Seconded:

Resolution honoring Administrative Professionals and proclaiming April 19 - 25, 2026 as National Administrative Professionals Week.

WHEREAS, the South Bergen Jointure Commission School District's Administrative Professionals have successfully served the South Bergen Jointure Commission Public Schools, its administration, faculty, and student body in the daily performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the South Bergen Jointure Commission School District's Administrative Professionals have faithfully and unselfishly carried out their duties in an exemplary manner to the benefit of our students and the community; and

WHEREAS, the South Bergen Jointure Commission Board of Education wishes to formally recognize and honor every Administrative Professional staff member for their personal dedication;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the week of April 19 - 25, 2026 is hereby proclaimed "National Administrative Professionals' Week" for the purpose of providing public recognition and appreciation for the contributions that the Administrative Professional staff members to the South Bergen Jointure Commission School District in the performance of their duties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Bergen Jointure Commission by this resolution does hereby formally recognize and commend these Administrative Professionals for their personal dedication and outstanding professional achievements.

Action taken:

Motion:

Seconded:

Resolution proclaiming the week of May 4-8, 2026 as Teacher Appreciation Week.

WHEREAS, America's greatest strength has always been an educated citizenry, and that educated citizenry is directly attributable to our system of free and universal public education that provides an educational opportunity for all students; and

WHEREAS, the foundation upon which that system of public schooling rests is the classroom teacher, and the classroom teacher is challenged daily to reach out to every student – regardless of ability, interest in learning, social or economic background, physical, mental, or emotional disability, race, religion, creed, or ethnic origin – to provide assistance and guidance necessary for full intellectual development; and

WHEREAS, the classroom teacher is a key to the intellectual and occupational preparation of individual citizens, who collectively determine the quality of life in America and in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the work of the classroom teacher immeasurably affects the future lives of all students; and

WHEREAS, the classroom teacher deserves the deepest respect and admiration of the citizens of our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Bergen Jointure Commission hereby proclaims "Teacher Appreciation Week" May 4-8, 2026 for the purpose of providing public recognition and appreciation for the dedication and contributions of the classroom teacher, not only to our communities as a whole, but to each of us individually as citizens. Additionally, May 6th, 2026 is proclaimed as "School Nurse Day."

Action taken:

Motion:

Seconded:

Resolution declaring the week of May 10-16, 2026 as Special Education Week.

WHEREAS, the week of May 10-16, 2026 has been designated as Special Education Week by the New Jersey School Boards Association and the Association of Schools and Agencies for the Handicapped; and

WHEREAS, in the South Bergen Jointure Commission we have a tradition of excellence in our special education programs and a superb and dedicated staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Bergen Jointure Commission does hereby declare May 10-16, 2026 as Special Education Week in the South Bergen Jointure Commission. The Commission, furthermore, is proud to provide exceptional programs that assist every child in reaching his or her potential.

Action taken:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Seconded:

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that the minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of March 25, 2025 be approved.

Action taken:

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. FINANCE REPORT

Motion:

Seconded:

2a. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that the FINANCE resolutions as per the attached report are approved. (*Attachments 2b, 2c, 2g, 2i*)

2b. The Board accepts the Board Secretary's Report as of February 28, 2026 and approves "Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10(E), certify that as of February 28, 2026 the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (Appropriations sections), did not reflect an over expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, and based on the appropriations balances reflected on the report and the advice of districts officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year." (*Attachment 2b*)

2c. The Board accepts the financial report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of February 2026. (*Attachment 2c*)

2d. The Board approves the following resolution: "Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10(d), we certify that as of February 28, 2026, no budgetary line item has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2A.10(a)."

2e. The March and April bills list below are approved (lists attached):

Bills Payable	\$ 4,666,317.91
Payroll Transfers	\$ 3,177,363.64
Cafeteria Checks	\$ 27,617.34
Total	\$ 7,871,298.89

2f. Motion to approve the transfers for the month of February 2026. (*Attachment 2f*)

2g. The Board accepts the Board Secretary's Report as of January 31, 2026 and approves "Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10(E), certify that as of January 31, 2026 the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (Appropriations sections), did not reflect an over expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, and based on the appropriations balances reflected on the report and the advice of districts officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year." (*Attachment 2g*)

2h. The Board accepts the financial report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of January 2026. (*Attachment 2h*)

2i. Motion to approve the attached Agreement for Licensing and Maintenance for purchasing through the Educational Data Cooperative Pricing System for the 2026-27 school year at the cost of \$1,245. (*Attachment 2i*)

2j. Motion to approve the following professional workshops and the reimbursement costs of the workshops.

Name	Workshop	Workshop Provider	Date(s)	Cost
Fenner, Michael	CPI Advanced Training Renewal	CPI	3/26/27 - 3/27/26	\$2,899.00 + gas/Mileage
Balestier, Claudia	CPI Advanced Training Renewal	CPI	3/26/26	\$2,499.00
Marszalek, Joseph	CPI Refresher Training	CPI	3/26/26	\$2,499.00
Rossig, Scott	CPI Train-The-Trainer Renewal	CPI	3/26/26	\$2,499.00
McGowan, Stephanie	CPI Trainer Refresher	CPI	3/26/26	\$2,499.00
Cucciniello, Susan	NJASBO Conference	NJASBO	6/3/26-6/5/26	\$500.00 + meals/travel/incidentals
Sotiroska, Angelina	CPI Training	CPI	3/26/26	\$2,499.00
Chun, Nancy	CPI Training	CPI	3/26/26	\$2,499.00
Desrosiers, Gandhi	CPI Training	CPI	3/26/26	\$2,499.00

2k. Motion to approve the attached Agreement for access to Time and Material Bids through Educational Data Services for the 2026-27 period at the cost of \$2,100. (*Attachment 2k*)

2l. Motion to approve the following tuition rates for the 2026-2027 school year. (*Attachment 2l*)

2m. Motion to approve the 2026 Summer Extended School Year tuition rates. (*Attachment 2m*)

2n. Motion to approve a three percent (3%) surcharge for non-member districts for Tuition for the 2026-2027 school year.

2o. BE IT RESOLVED that the the South Bergen Jointure Commission hereby approves the revised 2026-2027 budget as follows: (*Attachment 2o*)*

Current General Expense (Fund 11)	\$70,556,393
Total Expenditures/Appropriations	\$70,556,393

2p. Motion to approve \$75,700 as the maximum travel budget for the 2026-2027 school year. This amount includes reimbursements for conferences, professional development workshops, regular school travel, meals and mileage for conferences / workshops, as well as any other associated costs for school related travel events. The year to date (to January 2026) travel expenditures for the 2025-2026 school year are \$45,754.

2q. Motion to approve the following list of field trips.

Field Trip Date	Destination	Teacher(s)	Cost of Trip	Est. Cost of Trans.	Total Cost of Trip for SBJC
6/3/2026	American Museum of Natural History	Winand	\$72.00		\$72.00
5/27/2026	Dave & Busters	Schmidt and Balestier	\$1500.11	\$826.00	\$2326.11

ACTION TAKEN FOR 2. FINANCE

3. PERSONNEL

Motion:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that in compliance with Chapter 116, P.L. 1986 and in accordance with the State of New Jersey Department of Education memorandum dated October 29, 1986 that all new personnel shall be considered to be provisionally hired; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to comply with State Department directives concerning the State and Federal criminal history background checks of these employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said new personnel shall be considered provisionally hired until such time as the Department of Education has indicated that they have completed the criminal history background checks of prospective employees and that said employees have satisfied the requirements of Chapter 116, P.L. 1986 at which time said employees shall no longer be provisional; the Business Administrator shall be hereby directed to employ personnel and to take such other personnel actions as indicated.

All appointments upon recommendation of the Superintendent are on an emergent basis, pending completion of a criminal history background check. In addition, all appointments are contingent upon the employee signing a contract in accordance with law and the receipt of favorable reference responses. All aide appointments are contingent upon the employee being available for employment for the month of July 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026. All employees are approved to be paid additional compensation for the Clubs and Activities Program, Home Programming and Parent Training Home Program, office support and Home Instruction on an as-needed basis.

3a. Motion to approve the attached additional pay for services rendered as indicated. (*Attachment 3a*)

3b. Motion to approve the contract with each of the Boards of Education for the SBJC to provide 1:1 aide services for the 2025-2026 school year. Full amount of the annual prorated fee shall be charged to each of the Boards of Education.

District	Student ID
Little Ferry	48451700

3c. Motion to rescind the resignation of Paige Cassetta, Paraprofessional.

3d. Motion to accept the resignation of the following personnel:

Name	Position	Effective Date	Purpose
Miller, Jayne	Paraprofessional	4/8/2026	Resignation
Francione, Kayla	Paraprofessional	5/9/2026	Resignation
Artola, Emily	Paraprofessional	4/21/2026	Resignation
Bridge, Marie	School Nurse	8/1/2026	Resignation

3e. Motion to approve the leave of absence for the following, using days in accordance with the individual agreement with the Board and utilizing the FMLA and/or NJFLA leave entitlement.

Employee ID#	Position	Effective Dates
1291	Paraprofessional	3/10/26 - 5/8/26
1256	Paraprofessional	3/10/26 - 4/20/26 (adjusted)
1206	Behavior Specialist	12/1/25 - 6/30/26 (adjusted)
1365	Behavior Specialist	2/27/26 - 3/22/26 (Adjusted)

3f. Motion to reappoint the attached Teachers for the 2026-2027 school year with salaries per attached. (*Attachment 3f*)

3g. Motion to reappoint the attached Administrator employees, for the 2026 - 2027 school year with salaries per attached. (*Attachment 3g*)

3h. Motion to reappoint the Paraprofessional employees for the 2026 - 2027 school year with salaries to be determined. (*Attachment 3h*)

3i. Motion to reappoint the 12 month employees for the 2026 - 2027 school year with salaries to be determined. *(Attachment 3i)*

3j. Motion to reappoint the Outreach employees for the 2026 - 2027 school year with salaries per attached. *(Attachment 3j)*

3k. Motion to reappoint the Behavior Specialist employees for the 2026 - 2027 school year with salaries to be determined. *(Attachment 3k)*

3l. Motion to approve the following list of staff for after school home programming, services and evaluations:

Name	Position
Gabe Whittemore	Teacher
Sidorela Aga	Paraprofessional

3m. Motion to approve the following staff to be paid their hourly rate for the following functions.

Name	Function	Date
Inna Pavlovskia	8th Grade field trip	5/15/26

ACTION TAKEN FOR 3. PERSONNEL

4. POLICY

Motion:

Seconded:

4a. Motion to approve the second reading of the following policies and regulations. *(Attachment 4a)*

Policy/Regulation #	Policy/Regulation Title
Policy 0142.1	Nepotism
Policy 1220	Employment of Chief School Administrator
Policy 1552	Sexual Harassment – Staff
Regulation 1552	Sexual Harassment – Staff
Policy 2530	Resource Materials
Regulation 2530	Resource Materials
Policy 2535	Library Material
Regulation 2535	Library Material

Policy 9130	Public Complaints
Regulation 9130	Public Complaints

4b. BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Bergen Jointure Commission Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB investigations for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents, and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents.

25-26-5-Lodi-3005411461

25-26-5-Lodi-7112040665

25-26-6-Lodi-1315064210

25-26-6-Lodi-6849910836

4c. Motion to approve the South Bergen Jointure Commission 2026 - 2027 Calendar. (*Attachment 4c*)

4d. Motion to approve the High School Voter Registration Statement of Assurance for the 2025-2026 school year to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent by June 30, 2026. (*Attachment 4d*)

4e. Motion to approve adjusted SBJC Felician 2025 - 2026 Calendar. (*Attachment 4e*)

4f. Motion to approve the authorization of the Superintendent to execute a Data Use Agreement with Parthion, Inc. for the limited purpose of sharing fully de-identified student data for research and platform validation, in full compliance with FERPA, IDEA, and applicable New Jersey law, as reviewed and approved by Board counsel.

ACTION TAKEN FOR 4. POLICY

5. TRANSPORTATION

Motion:

Seconded:

5a. Motion to approve the attached 2025-2026 RSY Quotes Set 7. (*Attachment 5a*)

5b. Motion to approve the attached contract addendums for 25-26 School Year. (*Attachment 5b*)

5c. Motion to approve the bid results from March 18, 2026, Special Education/Regular Student Transportation Services, Bid #031826. (*Attachment 5c*)

5d. Motion to approve the withholding of payment on route DT252 for John Leckie Inc. for repeated late arrival at destination school for 1 day. Total penalty is \$728.28 to be deducted from March billing.

5e. Motion to approve the withholding of payment on route 8096 for First Choice Tranz for overpayment in the month of January. Total overpayment is \$594.00 to be deducted from March billing.

5f.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-9.2 (b) (c), recognizes the need to seek competitive bid prices for certain student transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education annually seeks approval from the Board of Education for various student transportation activities including:

- To and From School Transportation
- Athletics and Field Trips

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the following:

Preparation of Student Transportation Bid Specifications

Heather Auerbach, Transportation Manager in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, is designated to prepare all student transportation bid specifications for the Board.

Opening of Student Transportation Bids

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to open all student transportation bids and publicly announce the contents. In the absence or unavailability of the School Business Administrator, the Board of Education designates Heather Auerbach, Transportation Manager, to open all student transportation bids and publicly announce the contents.

Approval of Student Transportation Bid Specifications

The Board of Education hereby approves the student transportation bid specifications (To and From School Transportation) as prepared. The bid specifications will be sent to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval.

ACTION TAKEN FOR 5. TRANSPORTATION**6. FACILITIES AND PLANNING**

Motion:

Seconded:

ACTION TAKEN FOR 6. FACILITIES AND PLANNING**7. FOOD SERVICE**

Motion:

Seconded:

ACTION TAKEN FOR 7. FOOD SERVICE

8. CURRICULUM

Motion:

Seconded:

ACTION TAKEN FOR 8. CURRICULUM

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting is adjourned at _____.

ACTION TAKEN FOR ADJOURNMENT



**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
CLOSED MEETING TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

APRIL 28, 2026

Motion:
Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION will hold a closed meeting on April __, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. to review personnel matters and other confidential concerns as listed on the Closed Agenda dated April __, 2026. The items discussed will be made public at the conclusion of the executive session or at a date not determined at this time.

Action taken:

**SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION
CLOSED - MONTHLY MEETING**

Meeting Opened at _____.

Members Present:
Members Absent:
Also Present:

Special Order of Business

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:
Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this closed session is adjourned at _____.

Action taken: