



## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING PUBLIC MINUTES

Friday, April 24, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Committee Members: Michele Mencer, Chair (absent)  
Paulo Lopes, Rich Pieros, David Rizza

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent  
Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary  
Don Race, Facilities Manager

- **2026-2027 Budget**

- a. The County approved the March 23<sup>rd</sup> preliminary budget with no significant modifications.
- b. To increase transparency with the budget process, a webpage will be added to the district website. The page will provide details to the community in regard to key aspects of the budget.
- c. The User Friendly Budget and the Advertised Revenues / Appropriations / Fund Balances are available on the district website.
- d. Upon approval of the final budget on April 28<sup>th</sup>, the tax information will be sent to Readington Township. A newspaper article will also be submitted for publication.

- **Referendum Projects**

- a. An update on the referendum projects was presented to the committee, and the projects are continuing on schedule with no identified issues.
- b. The referendum page on the district website has a listing of all ongoing and planned projects, including expected timelines. The sheet is consistently updated as new information is received. The list can be found by clicking on the “Live Project Tracking” link.

- **Reviewed the final rates for health and dental insurance**

- a. The district utilizes the SHIF plan for health insurance, and the rate increase was 15.6%, which is the lowest of any available plan in the state
- b. The dental insurance rate increase is 1%.

- **Bus Route Efficiencies for 2026-2027 School Year - tabled**

- **OPRA Log- tabled**

- **Finance Agenda Items**

- a. Preschool Expansion Aid (PEA) Transfers
- b. Referendum Projects
- c. Sustainable Jersey Grant \$10K
- d. Farm to School \$2K Grant
- e. Wellness Grant
- f. Budget Resolutions
- g. Health and Dental Renewals

- **Bills List - Standard**

- Next meeting date to be determined.