Andover Regional Board of Education Regular Meeting

March 25, 2026

Attendance:

Present: Dr. Maria Dunbar, Mr. James Fetcho, Mr. Brian Hertenstein, Mr. Steven Minnick, Mr. William Porter, Ms. Kelsey Shalinksy, Ms. Margaret Widgren and Dr. Robert Koroski

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

Not Present: Ms. Jane Byron

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:

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

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

Mission Statement: Dr. Koroski 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: President Koroski 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.

Mr. Hertenstein entered the room at 7:35 p.m.

III. PRESENTATION:

- Dr. Koroski thanked and recognized former Board Member, Lena Sciroppo for her dedicated service to the Andover Regional School District.
- Mr. Josh Thompson from Parette Somjen Architects gave an update on the FMB Septic System.
- Ms. Sylvester & Mr. Fritzky presented the 2026-2027 budget.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Fetcho moved and Mr. Hertenstein 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.

February 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2026 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: Dr. Koroski

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

Mr. Porter reported on the Personnel/Policy committee stating that they met to discuss the 2026-2027 budget, 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 and the 2026-2027 budget, discussion ensued.

Mr. Fritzky reported on the Curriculum/Instruction committee stating they discussed Family Literacy night, Pre-K & K registration, Read Across America, new cursive writing curriculum mandate, Solar Sprints and many other great things happening in Andover, discussion ensued.

Ms. Widgren reported on the Newton board meeting reporting that they are creating videos to promote their school on their website and also looking to see if they can get funding as an urban district. They also reduced staff and are no longer charging their capital projects to their tuition so our tuition rates to Newton will not be as high in upcoming years as it would have been, discussion ensued.

Ms. Shalinksy gave an update on the PTA stating they discussed the Father Daughter Dance, Read-A-Thon, coin drive and they are preparing for teacher appreciation week. She 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 stating they approved our septic project plans, thanked the Fire Department for helping to put out the house fire last week and reported that the family is safe. She also explained that they are reviewing the PILOT services to ensure they are receiving the proper tax levy percentage. The next meetings will be held on April 12th & 16th,

discussion ensued.

Mr. Hertenstein thanked the AREF for such a successful Tricky Tray!

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

A. Mr. Fritzky stated that Andover Regional was featured in Business Week Magazine on early literacy as well as character building projects.
B. Mr. Fritzky stated the district newsletter was mailed.
C. Mr. Fritzky explained that a Flag Day Celebration is being coordinated.
D. Mr. Fritzky said there was a great turn out to discuss the population rise at FMB.
E. Mr. Fritzky stated the school year has been extended by one day due to snow days.
F. Mr. Fritzky served as a voting member for the County Teacher of the Year.
G. Mr. Fritzky stated the NJDOE visited FMB to learn about the tremendous progress in early literacy.
H. Mr. Fritzky attended Tricky Tray on March 21st sponsored by the Ed Foundation.
I. Mr. Fritzky attended a PTA meeting.
J. Mr. Fritzky is planning a transition day for 4th graders to visit LPS.
K. Mr. Fritzky thanked the PTA for the Book Fair held in each school.
L. Mr. Fritzky stated the Family Literacy Night will be held on March 26th at FMB.
M. Mr. Fritzky gave his monthly Suspension/HIB Report.

Mr. Porter 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. Hertenstein, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Porter, Ms. Shalinksy, Ms. Widgren and Dr. Koroski

No: None

Abstain: None

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

- Completing WIDA testing. A special thank you to Ms. VanBenschoten, Ms. Ross, and Ms. Torres for their hard work
- Completed NAEP testing. A special thank you to Mr. Deluca and Ms. Housby

- Attended the AI committee meeting
- Attended NJDOE -Title II & IV-From Funds to Outcomes Webinar
- Attended NJTSS Consultative Check In with Mrs. Dilkes and Mr. Fritzky
- Completed a check in with Preschool Instructional Coach and Mrs. Dilkes
- Hosted a meeting with Mrs. Housby, Mr. DeLuca and the CST Team to discuss NJSLA testing preparations and timelines
- Met with Admin team to discuss preschool registration
- Worked with Mrs. Sylvester and Mr. Fritzky on preschool budget
- Attended a LinkIt webinar with Mrs. Dilkes and Mr. Fritzky
- Hosted a science materials discussion with Mr. Petersen and Mrs. VanBenschoten
- Completed the 2026 Visual and Performing **Arts** Education **Survey** for Andover
- Met with third and fourth grade teachers to discuss cursive handwriting mandate in grades 3 and 4
- Met with Mr. Fleming to discuss cursive mandate in grade 5
- Met with Mrs. March, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Fritzky and NJ.com reporter
- Hosted Social Studies Program Material Review with committee
- Working with Social Studies Standards representative from NJDOE
- Working with Mrs. Dilkes and Mrs. Huffman to host an FMB Literacy Night on March 26.
- Completed both formal and informal evaluations

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

- Attended state mandated Cambium TIDE training for Spring NJSLA testing.
- Met with Ms. Housby and Ms. Reynolds to discuss NJSLA preparation for assistive technologies.
- Met with CST to discuss assigning assistive technologies to students through their IEP.

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 26/27 school year.
- Ongoing planning for 26/27 budgeting process with Ms. Sylvester.
- Attendance at the Sussex/Warren Special Education Directors group. Discussion focused NJDOE updates and mandates, as well as current and future legislation regarding procedures and protocols for special education.
- Met with special education teachers at LPS to discuss programs and services for the 26/27 school year, as well as student grades and struggles.
- Virtual meeting with Newton High School Child Study Team members regarding programs and placement for incoming freshmen, needs and services
- Worked with several new homeless families. Coordinating services to agencies for assistance.

- Participated in NJDOE DLM virtual training 1 regarding resource, the training deck and parent portal. Participated in virtual training 2 Educator portal and special circumstances codes.
- Participated in the NJDOE Preschool Screening in Action - early literacy initiative.
- Met to collaborate with Ms. Reynolds, Mrs. Housby, Mr. DeLuca and the CST Case managers to discuss NJSLA testing preparations and timelines.
- Met with Mr. DeLuca to discuss specific student accommodations in regards to technology.
- Developed NJSLA accommodations documents for testing for students with IEP's.
- Met with Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Dilkes and Mr. Fritzky to discuss preschool registration process
- Completed formal and informal teacher observations for round 2, including pre and post conferences.
- Developed, in coordination with Ms. Reynolds, CST documents for accommodations and modifications for standardized testing.

Mr. Porter 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) LPS-2526-4.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Dr. Dunbar, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Hertenstein, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Porter, Ms. Shalinksy, Ms. Widgren and Dr. Koroski

No: None

Abstain: None

F. Principal's Reports

VII. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT: None at this time.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

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

Mr. Ordile- Thanked Mr. Fritzky & Ms. Sylvester for a minimal increase to the tax levy and stated they presented a great budget. Mr. Ordile asked various questions regarding the playground bids. He also asked if we were aware of the septic grants available, discussion ensued.

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A. PERSONNEL/POLICY:

Mr. Minnick moved and Mr. Hertenstein seconded, that the Andover Regional Board of Education approve resolutions #1-4 as presented:

1. **Leave of Absence**: Approve FMLA medical leave for Employee ID # 0272 effective March 25, 2026 with an anticipated return to work date of on or about June 25, 2026 using illness days, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

2. **NJSLA Bootcamp 2026**: Approve the following teachers to run Before/After School NJSLA Camps at $50/hour not to exceed 6 hours paid from Title I funds for the 2025-2026 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Becky Morrell - FMB
Nicole Smith - FMB
Stacy Publik - LPS
Dave Petersen - LPS
Maya Shah - LPS

3. **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.

Laura Kiely - Substitute Teacher & Substitute ParaProfessional
Kelly Booth - Substitute Secretary
Avery Kaplan - Substitute Custodian

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

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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)

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Dr. Dunbar, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Hertenstein, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Porter, Ms. Shalinksy, Ms. Widgren and Dr. Koroski

No: None

Abstain: None

B. FINANCE/OPERATIONS:

Mr. Porter moved and Mr. Hertenstein seconded, that the Andover Regional Board of Education approve resolutions #1-26 as amended:

1. **Treasurer & Board Secretary's Certification and Report**: Approve the February 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 February 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 February 2026, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

3. **Bills List**: Approve/accept the Bills List from February 18, 2026 through March 25, 2026 for a total of $1,726,748.25 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
AREF	Easter Egg Hunt	March 27, 2026	Yes	FMB
East West Karate& Fitness LLC	Karate Event	March 28 & Nov. 14, 2026	Yes	LPS
Newton Braves Girls Youth Softball	Softball Practice & Games	Various	Yes	LPS & FMB

5. **2026-2027 Tentative Budget**: Approve the following motion for the 2026-2027 budget information to be submitted to the County Office, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

A. **WHEREAS**, the Andover Regional Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of $1,500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with the N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of $25,000 for all staff and board members.

B. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the tentative budget be approved for the 2026-2027 School Year using the 2026-2027 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	General Fund	***Special Revenues***	***Debt Service***	***Total***
2026-2027 Total Expenditures	$20,321,607	$200,297	$327,255	$20,849,159
Less: Anticipated Revenues	$3,110,748	$200,297	$0	$3,311,045

Taxes to be Raised	$17,210,859	$0	$327,255	$17,538,114

And to advertise said tentative budget on the District's website and/or in the New Jersey Herald on April 24, 2026 in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that a public hearing is being held at the Long Pond School, 707 Limecrest Road in the Township of Andover, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of approving the budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

C. Be it resolved that the Andover Regional Board of Education, hereby approves the professional services maximum costs for the 2026-2027 school year:

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.2 provides that a school district must establish a maximum dollar limit prior to budget preparation for public relations and professional services fees, and;

Whereas, the Andover Regional Board of Education has established the following maximum dollar limits as required, and;

Whereas, if these professional services exceed the maximum amount listed, the Andover Regional Board of Education will consider another motion to increase amounts listed:

Architects	$180,000	Attorneys	$150,000
Auditors	$40,000	School Physician	$10,000

6. **Tuition Reserve:** Approve the use of tuition reserve in the amount of $401,826 for use in the 2026-2027 school year budget, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

7. **Enrollment Adjustment:** Approve the enrollment adjustment for the 2026-2027 budget in the amount of $77,046, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

8. **PEA Approval:** Approve the submission of the 2026-2027 PEA (Preschool Education Aid) Grant Application to the NJ Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education (Grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Education for five full-day Pre-K classrooms).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board formally approves the application submission for the grant listed above for a total revised award up to $991,020, based on per pupil costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the school administrators are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application to the New Jersey Department of Education on behalf of the Andover

Regional Board of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Superintendent and Business Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Andover Regional Board of Education and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

9. **FMB Playground Bids:** WHEREAS, the Andover Regional Board of Education (the "Board") advertised for bids for the Playground Replacement at Florence M. Burd ES (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. (the "Contracts Law"), provides that the Board must award bids to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for goods or services in excess of the bid threshold, as is defined in the Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board received and publicly opened two bids in connection with the Project; and

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed by the School Business Administrator and appropriate staff and professionals to determine whether they were both responsive and responsible; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the bids, it was determined that the bids substantially exceeded the Board's cost estimates and appropriation for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Contracts Law provides that a Board of Education may reject all bids in certain situations, including where the lowest responsive bid received substantially exceeded the Board's cost estimates and appropriation for the Project.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that both bids received for the Project are hereby rejected because they substantially exceeded the cost estimates and appropriations for the Project, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

10. **Septic System Replacement at FMB:** Be it RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Andover Regional School District Board of Education, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey authorizes Parette Somjen Architects to submit all necessary plans and paperwork to the Department of Education concerning the Septic System Replacement at Florence M. Burd Elementary School to serve as an application to the office of School Facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this project shall be a "Capital Reserve" project and the Board of Education is NOT seeking additional State funding but will fund the Project through the District's Capital Reserve Account.

11. **Playground at FMB:** WHEREAS, the Andover Regional Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") received a bid via a co-operative purchasing agreement for the Playground Replacement at Florence M. Burd Elementary School as follows to be paid out of capital reserve: Ben Shaffer Recreation through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Approved Cooperative Agreement Pricing System #65MCESCCPS Playground Equipment

RFP #ESCNJ 24/25-01 in the amount of $245,478.73 and Site Surfacing RFP #ESCNJ 24/25-03 in the amount of $336,563.68 for a total sum of $582,042.41; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Ben Shaffer Recreation is responsive in all material respects and it is the Board's desire to award the bid to Ben Shaffer Recreation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANDOVER REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION to award a contract for the Playground Replacement at Florence M. Burd Elementary School to Ben Shaffer Recreation at a total contract sum of $582,042.41; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Architect is hereby directed to draft an agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for this project. The Board Secretary is hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

12. **Rescind Contract with EM Electrical**: Rescind motion F/O motion #7 from November 19, 2025 Board meeting as follows, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

> *7.* ***Contract with EM Electrical:*** *Approve the contract with EM Electrical for electric installation of the rollup electrical gym curtain install at a cost of $5,866, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.*

13. **Rescind Maintenance Reserve Proposals**: Rescind motion F/O motion #8 from November 19, 2025 Board meeting as follows, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

> *8.* ***Maintenance Reserve Proposals:*** *Approve the following to be paid out of maintenance reserve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:*

Item	***Amount not to exceed:***
Electric FMB rollup gym curtain (EM Electrical)	*$5,866*

14. **Contract with SAL Electric:** Approve the contract with SAL Electric for electric installation of the rollup electrical gym curtain install at a cost of $4,865, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

15. **Maintenance Reserve Proposals:** Approve the following to be paid out of maintenance reserve, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Item	**Amount not to exceed:**
Electric FMB rollup gym curtain (SAL Electric)	$4,865

16. **Contract with FinalSite:** Approve the contract with FinalSite for a Chatbot feature for our district website from April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028 at a cost of $4,499, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

17. **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 $2,160, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

18. **Contract Allowance with AME:** Approve the additional scope of work for univent mechanical repairs at FMB & LPS with AME Inc. as part of the current allowance of $84,022 and additional cost of $70,185 with the SDA grant for the BMS System upgrades at a total cost of $154,207, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

19. **Tuition Contract with Northern Hills Academy:** Approve, retroactively, the tuition contract with Northern Hills Academy for Student ID#3008652385 at a tuition cost of $23,500.42 effective February 25, 2026, cost of an aide of $12,656.68 and additional therapies, if applicable, through the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

20. **Transportation Contract**: Approve the parent transportation contract #P-13 between the parent and the Andover Regional School District for the 2025-2026 school year effective February 24, 2026 for SID #3008652385 for transportation to Northern Hills Academy in Sparta, NJ at a cost of $7,676.43, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

21. **Tuition Reimbursement**: Approve the following tuition reimbursement, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Name	Program	Credits	Location	Cost per Credit	Reimbursement Cost	Dates
Jeni Moriarty	OL-5643 Trust, Praise & Connection for Meaningful Relationships with Students	3	Augustana University	--	$489.00	Summer I 2026
Jeni Moriarty	OL-5116 Connection & Calming Strategies for Today's Teachers	3	Augustana University	--	$489.00	Summer I 2026

Maia Febrero	PSY-6830 Substance Abuse: Interventions	3	WPU	$824.50	$2,473.50	Summer I 2026
Maia Febrero	SPC-5010 Intro to Special Education	3	WPU	$824.50	$2,473.50	Summer II 2026

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

Advisor/Coach/Organization	Class/Club/Team/Group	Date(s)	Activity
Bozena Toczynski	PTA	May 8, 2026	Mother's Day bouquets of flowers distributed/sold during lunch. Pre-order forms will be sent to parents closer to the event to raise funds for Class Trips.

23. **Revised 2025-2026 School Calendar**: Approve the attached revised Andover Regional District School 2025-2026 school calendar reflecting the updated last day of school, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

24. **Revised 2026-2027 School Calendar**: Approve the attached revised Andover Regional District School 2026-2027 school calendar, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

26. **Bus Evacuations**: Approve the attached Spring 2026 bus evacuations, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Dr. Dunbar, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Hertenstein, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Porter, Ms. Shalinksy, Ms. Widgren and Dr. Koroski

No: Ms. Widgren on resolution #11

Abstain: None

C. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION:

Mr. Porter moved and Mr. Minnick seconded, that the Andover Regional Board of Education approve resolutions #1-4 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
Bryan Fleming	NJAMLE 2026 Annual Conference Lincroft, NJ	March 18, 2026	Registration: $150.00
Leo LaBarge	NJAMLE 2026 Annual Conference Lincroft, NJ	March 18, 2026	Registration: $150.00 Mileage: $72.71
Delaney Connor	NJAMLE 2026 Annual Conference Lincroft, NJ	March 18, 2026	Registration: $150.00 Mileage: $72.71
Bradley Heinke	NJAMLE 2026 Annual Conference Lincroft, NJ	March 18, 2026	Registration: $150.00 Mileage: $72.71
Nicole Sylvester	NJASBO Annual Conference Atlantic City, NJ	June 2-5, 2026	Registration: $500.00 Mileage: N/A Meals: $238.00 Tolls: TBD Lodging: $110/night + taxes + fees for 3 nights Parking: $20.00
Krista Gimigliano	CDK Accounting Year End Meeting Washington, NJ	May 8, 2026	Mileage: $22.46

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
Connor Mendes Various Track Meets	Various Dates Spring of 2026 Sussex County, NJ Students will compete and show sportsmanship	$0	$2,435.00

	and be representatives of our Charger community.		
Deb Anello 2nd Grade	April 21, 2026 Newton High School To explore the importance of agriculture - FFA Annual 2nd Grader Day.	$4.50	$125.00 (Nurse)
Lauren Huffman 4th Grade	April 15, 2026 Long Pond School 4th Grade move-up/transition day	$0	$95.00

3. **Overnight Stipend**: Approve an overnight stipend of $150 for three staff members for the 8th Grade Overnight Field Trip, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

4. **Nurse Overnight Stipend**: Approve an overnight stipend of $500 for an overnight nurse for the 8th Grade Overnight Field Trip, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Dr. Dunbar, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Hertenstein, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Porter, Ms. Shalinksy, Ms. Widgren and Dr. Koroski

No: None

Abstain: None

X. COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD: Dr. Koroski informed the board that he wrote a letter to the Green Township Board of Education to express our interest in continuing to partner with them moving forward.

XI. OLD and NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Widgren thanked Mr. Fritzky and Ms. Sylvester on a great budget presentation.

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None at this time.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dr. Dunbar 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:

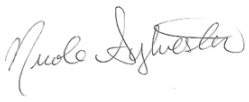
1. The public shall be excluded from discussion and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter; 2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: negotiations, legal and personnel matters; 3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matters will 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 contractual matters and no action will be taken.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Fetcho at 8:49 p.m. and unanimously CARRIED in a voice vote.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Dr. Dunbar moved to return to regular session, seconded by Mr. Fetcho and unanimously CARRIED in a voice vote at 9:23 p.m.

Adjournment: Mr. Minnick moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Fetcho and approved at 9:24 p.m. and carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote call by all members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Sylvester

Business Administrator/Board Secretary