

**MAYWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 22, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the Maywood Board of Education was held on April 22, 2026. President Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Benson-Kraft, Ms. Kiely, Mr. O’Neill, Mr. Ramirez, Ms. Soriano, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Velez

MEMBERS ABSENT: n/a

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Michael Jordan, Superintendent and Ms. Jennifer Pfohl, Business Administrator

FLAG SALUTE

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 7, 2026 in accordance with the New Jersey Statutes 10:4-8 as follows: Posted by the Board Secretary in the Board of Education Office, 452 Maywood Avenue, e-mailed to Our Town and the Record newspapers, e-mailed to Municipal Building for posting on the Municipal Bulletin Board in the Borough Clerk’s Office, 15 Park Avenue.

All staff motions have been recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, subject to approval by the New Jersey Department of Education, Chapter 116, PL 1986, Provisional Employment, pending criminal history background check.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Jordan reported on the following:

- n/a

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ms. Pfohl reported on the following:

- Budget presentation

COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Buildings & Grounds – *Transformers set at both buildings. We are pretty close to turning on the air conditioning.*

Finance – *No report*

Curriculum – *NJ SLA assessments next week*

Policy – *A few first readings of mandatory changes on agenda tonight.*

Personnel – *Job fair at Mahwah HS this Saturday.*

Safety/OEM – *Police testing was hosted here. Maywood PD thanks the BOE.*

Technology – *No report*

Community Relations – *Bus in parade*

Negotiations – *Custodial meeting May 4, 2026*

Legislation – *No report*

Mayor and Council – *No report*

MAS PTO – Book fair wrapped up, 8th grade social is Friday night, 5/1 Principal for a day. Teacher appreciation week 1st of May.

MEM PTO – No report

Seniors – Senior show is coming up.

Library – It's National Library week. Adult programs have been very well attended.

Office of Emergency Management – No report

Becton BOE – 3/25/26 was the last meeting.

- Mia Hodge crowned district wrestling champion at 114lbs
- Becton debate team attended Harvard Model Congress
- BectoBots headed to states 2nd year in a row
- Nicholas Rodriguez Bergen County Unsung Hero, may be attending Clemson (Fall) for the only national 18-21 program
- Amelia Carrasco student of the month
- Winter Track Team won Bergen County small schools team of the year
- Coach Gerrity - Track Coach — won coach of the year
- Passed a preliminary budget that increases the tax levy by 5.9%

PRESENTATIONS and RECOGNITIONS;

- n/a

BREAK

- n/a

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- n/a

BOARD COMMENTS

- n/a

OLD BUSINESS

- n/a

NEW BUSINESS

BL.12 Meeting Block Motion/Approval to Vote on Monthly Motions as a Group

Any board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted motions will be entertained:

RECOMMENDED ACTION - "move that the following actions of the Maywood Board of Education numbered: A.165, A.166, A.167, A.168, A.169, A170, A.171, A.172, A.173, PO.3, P.127, P.128, P.129, P.130, P.131, P.132, F.116, F.117, F.118, F.119, F.120, F.121, F.122, F.123, F.124, F.125, F.126 and F.127, excepting motion A.164 to be approved as shown on the agenda dated, 4/22/2026."

Moved by: Mr. Taylor
Seconded by: Ms. O'Neill
Vote: 7/0
Abstentions: 0

A.165 Acceptance of Recorded Fire/Security Drills - "that the Board accept the following recorded Fire/Security Drills for March 2026:

MEM:	MAS:
3/10/26 Fire Drill	3/20/26 Fire Drill
3/24/26 Code Blue Medical	3/24/26 Code Blue Medical

A.166 Approval of HIB Grades – “that the Board approve the review of the HIB Grades for the 2024-2025 school year.”

A.167 Approval of Related Services – “that the Board approve the following special services for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Student:</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Speech Therapy</u>	<u>OT Therapy</u> <i>The Therapy Corner – NJ</i>	<u>PT Therapy</u> <i>White Glove Comm. Care</i>	<u>Total</u>
MK (OOD-6)	SBJC Lodi Campus	12/1/25 – 6/23/26	One 30 min. session per wk @ \$65 per session			\$1,820
CCB (RES- OOD-5)	Private Residential Facility, DCF Regional School, Union Campus, Scotch Plains	12/1/25 – 6/30/26		1 hr per wk @ \$200 per hr & 1 hr per mo. prep/doc		\$6,500
		3/16/26 – 6/30/26			1 hr per wk @ \$250 per hr. & 1 hr per mo. prep/doc.	\$4,000

A.168 Approval of Special Services – “that the Board approve the following special services for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Students</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>1:1 Aide</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Dates</u>
TE (3/OOD)	South Bergen Jointure, Maywood	\$24,280	Parent	2/18/26 – 6/23/26

A.169 Approval of New Placement – “that the Board approve the following out of district placement for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Students</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Dates</u>
DC (11/OOD)	Cornerstone Day School, Cranford	\$23,145.60	Region V	4/21/26-6/26/26

A.170 Approval of Evaluation – “that the Board approve the Evaluation for student **MA(MAS)** as follows:”

Provider:	Dr. Michael Lienhard, Englewood, NJ
Evaluation:	Psychiatric Evaluation
Date:	To be completed by 6/18/26
Rate per Evaluation:	\$850

A.171 Approval of Evaluation – “that the Board approve the Evaluation for student **BD(MEM)** as follows:”

Provider:	Dr. Sameh Rageb, Upper Saddle River, NJ
Evaluation:	Psychiatric Evaluation
Date:	To be completed by 5/30/26
Rate per Evaluation:	\$750

A.172 Approval of Class Trips – “that the Board approve the following class trips for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Grade/Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
MAP	TBD	AMC movie theater, Clifton, NJ

A.173 Approval of Conference/Workshop Attendance – “that the Board approve the following individual’s attendance at the specified conferences/workshops:

	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Approx. Cost</u>
E. Davis	Client Learning Exchange	5/05/26	\$75+mileage
J. Bennett	Client Learning Exchange	5/05/26	\$75+mileage

PO.3 First Reading of Policy and Regulation Revisions – “that the Board approve the first reading of the revisions to the following policies and regulations:

P 0142.1	Nepotism
P 0142.1C	Nepotism – Charter School
P 0174C	Legal Services – Charter School
P 0177C	Professional Services – Charter School
P 1220	Employment of Chief School Administrator
P & R 1570C	Internal Controls – Charter School
P & R 1552	Sexual Harassment – Staff
P & R 2530	Resource Materials
P & R 2535	Library Material
P & R 9130	Public Complaints

P.127 Appointment of Paraprofessional – "that the Board appoint Jillian Chierico, as a paraprofessional for 2025-2026, ABA, step A, with an annual salary of \$26,995.18, to be prorated. Anticipated start date will be 4/23/26 (*pending clearance*).”

P.128 Approval of Resignation - “that the Board accept with regret the resignation of Rosemary Curtin, a paraprofessional at MEM, effective 4/22/26.”

P.129 Amendment to a Leave of Absence - “that the Board approve an amendment to the maternity leave of absence for Emily McNamara, a teacher at MEM:

DATES:	REASON:
10/11/2025	Due Date
9/19/25 – 10/10/25	Period of disability (pre-birth) with pay & health benefits
10/13/25 – 11/07/25	Period of disability (post-birth) with pay & health benefits
11/10/25 – 2/18/26	FMLA – unpaid leave with health benefits
2/19/26 – 5/29/26	Unpaid leave
June 1, 2026	Anticipated date of return (<i>Pushed back 1 month</i>)

P.130 Approval of Sub List – “that the Board approve the following individuals be added to the substitute list for the 2025-2026 school year (*pending clearance*).”

Sub-Teacher & Para

Christian Pasamba – NJ Sub cert. w/degree
 Rosemary Curtin – NJ Sub cert. w/degree
 Melissa Pizzuto – NJ Sub cert.

P.131 Approval of Stipends - “that the Board approve the following teachers be approved to receive the \$206 overnight stipend for being a chaperone on the Fairview Lakes trip, Wednesday, May 13th through Friday, May 15th 2026:

Denise Biggins Kerry Leto Karen Vastola Kelly Thomson
Luke Walker Austin Wey Adam Vecchia Christina Ecochard

P.132 Approval of Payment - “that the Board approve payment of \$150 per diem plus the \$206 overnight stipend, to Colleen Russo for being the school nurse at the Fairview Lakes trip, May 13-15, 2026.”

F.116 Correction to Motion F.105 - “that the Board approve the correction to the total of the March check run. The correct total is \$845,485.18, not \$815,485.18.”

F.117 Approval of Additional Check Run - “that the Board approve an additional check run in *March* in the amount of \$ 904.90.”

F.118 Approval of Check Run - “that the Board approve a check run in *April* in the amount of \$ 1,411,603.67.”

F.119 Approval of Check Run for Cafeteria Bills - “that the Board approve a check run for Cafeteria bills in *April* in the amount of \$ 11,665.55.”

F.120 Approval of Board Secretary’s Report – “that the Board approve the Board Secretary Report, as submitted, for March 31, 2026.”

F.121 Approval of Treasurer’s Report – “that the Board approve the Treasurer of School Monies Report, for March 31, 2026.”

F.122 Approval of Transfer of Funds - "that the Board approve the report of transfer of funds for March 31, 2026.”

F.123 Approval of Disposal of Equipment - "that the Board approve of the disposal of computer equipment as submitted. These assets have no fair book market value.”

F.124 Approval of Payroll - “that the Board approve the payroll for *March* as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	
10	1,131,450.99
20	5,822.22
Total:	\$ 1,137,273.21
Board Share FICA/Medicare	25,070.94
State Share FICA Medicare	58,704.01
Board DCRP	3,621.58
Total Payroll Expense:	1,224,669.74

F.125 Approval of Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - "that the Board accept the Board Secretary's monthly certification on budget line status as follows: Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6:20-2.13(d), I certify that as of **March 31, 2026**, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:22-8.1."

F.126 Approval of Board's Monthly Certification - "that the Board approve the Board's monthly certification Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status as follows: Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11, we certify that as of **March 31, 2026**, after review of the secretary's monthly report (statement of expenditures) and upon consultation with violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year."

F.127 Approval of the Sale of Two Buses - "that the Board approve the sale of district 54 passenger buses to the Atlantic County Special Services School District as follows:

VIN	Make/Model	Year	Bid (Sale Price)
4UZABRFAMCMF2192	Thomas C2 Conventional Bus	2021	\$91,555.00
4UZABRA6MCMF2193	Thomas C2 Conventional Bus	2021	\$91,555.00

EXCEPTED MOTIONS VOTED ON SERPARATELY

A.151 Acceptance of Minutes – “that the Board accept the following minutes of the Board of Education meetings.”

3/18/26 Work Session, Regular Meeting, Closed

Moved by: Mr. Taylor
Seconded by: Ms. Kiely
Vote: 6/0
Abstentions: 1

TABLED MOTIONS

- n/a

BOARD COMMENTS

- n/a

CLOSED SESSION

- n/a

MEETING ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 8:25PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Pfohl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jennifer Pfohl, Board Secretary