

**BUTLER BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUTLER, NJ 07405
MINUTES
EXECUTIVE MEETING 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.
MARCH 25, 2026
BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**



CALLED TO ORDER:

BY: K. Smith, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and read the Open Meeting Statement, below:

MEETING NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law 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 discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Butler Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be advertised by having the date, time, and place thereof posted at the Butler Board of Education Office, 38 Bartholdi Avenue, as designated by the Board of Education for posting of such notice in a public place, with copies of such notice delivered or mailed or electronically mailed to the following:

Suburban Trends and The Daily Record in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975

Chapter 8, P.L. 1995, provides for the representation of sending school district board of education members on the receiving school district board of education.

The Bloomingdale Board of Education representative has voting privileges on matters as outlined in Board Policy No. 0141.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL (MEETING ATTENDANCE):

A. Allison -**ABSENT**
J. Tacinelli -**PRESENT**
J. Tadros -**PRESENT**

A. Drucker -**ABSENT**
H. Oguss -**PRESENT**
W. Neira -**PRESENT**

J. Karpowich -**PRESENT**
K. Smith -**PRESENT**
M. Gogel -**PRESENT**

L. Grecco- Bloomingdale Representative -**PRESENT**



MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Motion by J. Karpowich, seconded by J. Tacinelli, that the Butler Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Butler Board of Education on this 25th day of March, 2026 at 6:02 p.m., as follows:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, provides for the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and;

WHEREAS, the Butler Board of Education is of the opinion that such circumstances exist to discuss Personnel and Finance which are exempt from public participation pursuant to New Jersey Public Law 1975, Chapter 231 "Open Public Meetings Act";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Butler Board of Education shall enter Executive Session on 3/25/2026 at 6:02 p.m.

The Board will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The information discussed during the Executive Session will be disclosed to the public as soon as it is determined by the Board that the information is no longer confidential.

1. The Board shall recess to closed session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (1), (2), (6), (7) and (8). The general nature of the discussion will involve matters confidential by law, any investigations or tactics or techniques to protect persons or public property, litigation, anticipated litigation and attorney-client matters.
2. These matters will be disclosed to the public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer applies.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

By motion of J. Karpowich, seconded by H. Oguss, the meeting was called back to public session at 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S): None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DISTRICT RECOGNITION: None.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:

- Trinity Pang and Dimitri Bozarov



PRESENTATIONS:

- PTA High School Presentation - Lisa Cammilleri
- Preliminary Budget Presentation - 2026-2027 School Year

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by H. Oguss, seconded by J. Tadros, it was moved to approve the following minutes and dispense with the reading of the same since each member had received a copy:

- February 26, 2026 executive meeting minutes.
- February 26, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

Upon request, all approved minutes shall be made promptly available to the public at any time on or after the next business day following the meeting, unless the need for confidentiality with respect to the approved Executive Session Minutes exists, in which case all privileged and/or confidential information shall be redacted.

After a review of these executive session minutes, the reasons for prior redactions remain present, to the extent that any prior redactions have been made.

All in Favor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- a. Good News and Progress in Our Schools**
- b. HIB Report - Approval of HIB Self Assessment Report:**

Motion by J. Karpowich , seconded by J. Tadros , that the Butler Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the attached HIB Report beginning February 24, 2026 through March 25, 2026.

School	Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents HIB	Inconclusive - Case Remains Active	Unfounded/ Threshold or Code of Conduct Determinations
BHS	3	1	0	2
RBS	2	0	1	1
ADS	0	0	0	0

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Butler Board of Education approves the remedial and disciplinary action taken by the building principals.



ROLL CALL:

A. Allison -**ABSENT**
J. Tacinelli -**YES**
J. Tadros -**YES**

A. Drucker -**ABSENT**
H. Oguss -**YES**
W. Neira -**YES**

J. Karpowich -**YES**
K. Smith -**YES**
M. Gogel -**YES**

L. Grecco - Bloomingdale Representative –**YES**

Motion carried 8-0-0

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

DELEGATE/LIAISON REPORTS:

- a. Butler Education Foundation - K. Smith
 - Golf Outing 5/1/2026. Grant applications are open for Butler & Bloomingdale teachers.
- b. NJ School Boards Delegate - M. Gogel
 - The next meeting will be held Friday, March 27, 2026.
- c. MOCESCOM - H. Oguss
 - No News.
- d. MCSBA - J. Tadros
 - No News.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION #1 (on agenda action items only, if applicable): None.

Public participation shall be governed by the following rules (Per District Policy #0167):

1. The Public participation period shall be for thirty minutes or fewer;
2. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his or her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate;
3. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes' duration;
4. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;
5. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer;
6. The presiding officer may:
 - a) Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
 - b) Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
 - c) Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
 - d) Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and
 - e) Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the



efficient administration of the Board's business.

Please note that "Comments from the Audience" is not a time for dialogue – it is an opportunity for you to share a comment with the Board of Education. In addition, by law, administrators and Board of Education members are not permitted to publicly discuss personnel matters, student discipline, or other issues requiring confidentiality. While we may not respond to your comments, all input shared with the Board of Education is taken very seriously, and will be discussed at future deliberations by the Board of Education and its Committees.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY - J. Tacinelli, Chair

Personnel Committee Meeting Report

Policy Committee Meeting Report

Motion by J. Tacinelli, seconded by J. Karpowich, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motion PP 28-26 as described below:

PP 28-26 Appointments*

Discussion: Mrs. Smith and the Butler Board of Education would like to recognize Mrs. Elena Bocchino choir teacher at BHS/RBS schools. "Mrs. Bocchino served the Butler Public School district for 33 years. During her tenure she was an amazing teacher that always cared about her students. Her work contributed to the success of many students in our district. She will be missed and difficult to replace. Thank you for all the support Mrs. Bocchino."

ROLL CALL:

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| A. Allison - ABSENT | A. Drucker - ABSENT | J. Karpowich - YES |
| J. Tacinelli - YES | H. Oguss - YES | K. Smith - YES |
| J. Tadros - YES | W. Neira - YES | M. Gogel - YES |
| L. Grecco - Bloomingdale Representative - YES | | |

Motion carried 8-0-0

Motion by J. Tacinelli, seconded by J. Karpowich, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motion PP 29-26 as described below:

PP 29-26 Appointments

Discussion: None.

ROLL CALL:

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| A. Allison - ABSENT | A. Drucker - ABSENT | J. Karpowich - YES |
| J. Tacinelli - YES | H. Oguss - YES | K. Smith - YES |
| J. Tadros - YES | W. Neira - YES | M. Gogel - YES |

Motion carried 7-0-0



RESOLUTIONS PP 28-26: APPOINTMENTS*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following appointments pending applicants' completion of all required background checks pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A6-4 et seq., and P.L. 2018, c. 5 as applicable:

PERSONNEL

A. Administrative/ Office Personnel

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion

B. Instructional

Name	Nature of Action	De/Step	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Elena Bocchino	Approve Resignation	BA/15	\$96,205.00	BHS	06/30/2026		For the purpose of retirement. Accept resignation with regret after 33 years with the district.

C. Substitute/Other

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Melanie Manger	Approve	Substitute Nurse	\$160.00/day	DT	03/26/2026	06/30/2026	

D. Coaches/Activity Positions

Sport	Nature of Action	Coach	Position	Season	Stipend	Longevity	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Spring Musical	Approve	Stephanie Parmelee	Pit Musician	Spring	\$560.00	-	02/24/2026	05/01/2026	
Spring Musical	Approve	Michael Iapicca	Pit Musician	Spring	\$560.00	-	02/24/2026	05/01/2026	
Spring Musical	Approve	Chris Pomante	Pit Musician	Spring	\$560.00	-	02/24/2026	05/01/2026	
Spring Musical	Approve	Tim Jedlika	Pit Musician	Spring	\$560.00	-	02/24/2026	05/01/2026	
Spring Musical	Approve	Pierre Lawrence	Pit Musician Piano	Spring	\$650.00	-	02/24/2026	05/01/2026	



E. Student Interns/Teacher

Name	Nature of Action	School	Program	Subject	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion

F. Non-Instructional

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
James Polons	Approve	Custodian	\$1,383.00	DT	03/20/2026		Asbestos License Stipend

G. Extra Duty Pay

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion

RESOLUTION PP 29-26: APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following appointment pending applicants' completion of all required background checks pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A6-4 et seq., and P.L. 2018, c. 5 as applicable:

PERSONNEL

A. Instructional

Name	Nature of Action	De/Step	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
#5437	Approve	MA/15	\$95,183.00	ADS	09/01/2026	09/01/2027	Employee is requesting a leave for the purpose of maternity leave. FMLA leave will start on 09/01/2026 - 11/20/2026. Unpaid leave will begin on 11/23/2026 - 09/01/2027. Employee will return on 09/01/2027.
#4991	Approve	MA/10	\$76,028.00	ADS	05/01/2026	09/01/2027	Employee is requesting a medical leave of absence. Employee will use 33 sick days from 05/01/2026 - 06/19/2026. FMLA will begin on 09/01/2026 - 11/20/2026. Unpaid leave will begin on 11/23/2026 - 09/01/2027. Employee will return on 09/01/2027.
#5638	Approve	MA+30	\$96,641.00	RBS	06/05/2026	11/24/2026	Employee is requesting a leave for the purpose of maternity leave.



F. Substitute/Other

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND SPECIAL SERVICES - J. Tadros, Chair

Committee Meeting Report

Motion by J. Tadros, seconded by H. Oguss, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions CIS 73-26 through CIS 77-26, as described below:

- CIS 73-26 Approval of Professional Development***
- CIS 74-26 Approval of Field Trips***
- CIS 75-26 Approval of Fundraisers***
- CIS 76-26 Renewal of Homebound/Bedside Instruction for the 2025-2026 SY***
- CIS 77-26 Approval of NJSIAA Cooperative Girls Wrestling***

Discussion: None.

ROLL CALL:

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| A. Allison - ABSENT | A. Drucker - ABSENT | J. Karpowich - YES |
| J. Tacinelli - YES | H. Oguss - YES | K. Smith - YES |
| J. Tadros - YES | W. Neira - YES | M. Gogel - YES |
| L. Grecco - Bloomingdale Representative - YES | | |

Motion carried 8-0-0

Motion by J. Tadros, seconded by H. Oguss, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions CIS 78-26 through CIS 81-26, as described below:

- CIS 78-26 Approval of Professional Development**
- CIS 79-26 Approval of Field Trips**
- CIS 80-26 Approval of Fundraisers**
- CIS 81-26 Renewal of Homebound/Bedside Instruction for the 2025-2026 SY**

Discussion: None.

ROLL CALL:

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| A. Allison - ABSENT | A. Drucker - ABSENT | J. Karpowich - YES |
| J. Tacinelli - YES | H. Oguss - YES | K. Smith - YES |



J. Tadros -YES

W. Neira -YES

M. Gogel -YES

Motion carried 7-0-0

RESOLUTION CIS 73-26: APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following professional days for the 2025-2026 school year:

Date	Vendor	Workshop Title/Presenter	Cost	Participants/Requestor

RESOLUTION CIS 74-26: APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following field trips for the 2025-2026 school year:

Date	School	Destination/ Purpose	Requesters/Chaperones	Cost/Funding Source
04/07/2027 - 04/11/2027	BHS	Orlando, FL/Marching Band Performance	Lyn Lowndes	\$2,209.00 per student
04/17/2026	BHS	Butler Senior Center/Community Outreach	Maurice Johnson Marisa Fatzer	\$0.00 per student
04/16/2026	BHS	The Sanctuary/Life Skills CBI	Rebecca Collette Brian Baylor Eileen Basket Amy Winkler Fran Findura	\$0.00 per student
06/04/2026	BHS	The Sanctuary/Life Skills CBI	Rebecca Collette Brian Baylor Eileen Basket Amy Winkler Fran Findura	\$0.00 per student
05/08/2026	BHS	Creative Abilities/Life Skills CBI	Rebecca Collette Brian Baylor Eileen Basket Amy Winkler Fran Findura	\$0.00 per student

RESOLUTION CIS 75-26: APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISERS*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following fundraisers and activities for the 2025-2026 school year:



Club/Activity	Dates of Fundraiser	Event Description	Purpose of Fundraiser

RESOLUTION CIS 76-26: RENEWAL OF HOMEBOUND/BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the renewal of Home Instruction/Bedside Hours as per Guidance Department, Student Physician, and/or Court Order, paid upon submission of timesheets:

Student ID Number/District	Grade	Effective Date	Hours Per Week	End Date
#50496	12	3/2/26	10	4/20/26
#95035	9	2/19/26	10	4/2/2026

RESOLUTION CIS 77-26: APPROVAL OF NJSIAA COOPERATIVE GIRLS WRESTLING*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education does hereby authorize and approve the submission of a petition to the NJSIAA for a cooperative wrestling program for the 2026-2027 school year.

WHEREAS the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association allows two or more schools to form a joint, cooperative wrestling team for interscholastic competition purposes and;

WHEREAS the Board is desirous of entering into such a cooperative agreement with Pompton Lakes and potentially Kinnelon,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the cooperative girl wrestling program agreement between Pompton Lakes and potentially Kinnelon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President and the Board Secretary are authorized to sign Cooperative Girls Wrestling Program, subject to final review and approval by Board Attorney effective for year 2026-2027.

RESOLUTION CIS 78-26: APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following professional days for the 2025-2026 school year:

Date	Vendor	Workshop Title/Presenter	Cost	Participants/Requestor



RESOLUTION CIS 79-26: APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following field trips for the 2025-2026 school year:

Date	School	Destination/ Purpose	Requesters/Chaperones	Cost/Funding Source
05/13/2026	ADS	Skylands Stadium Baseball Game	Ryan Kelly Karen Lomascola Dan Clark Nicole Neumann Amy Silverstein Lillian Faust Alexa Herrin	\$27.00 per student
05/12/2026	ADS	Mayo Performing Arts Center	Kelly Dougherty Carolyn Holl Samantha Jo Jimenez April Legregni Karen Lomascola	\$16.00 per student \$10.00 per student from the PTA

RESOLUTION CIS 80-26: APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISERS

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following fundraisers and activities for the 2025-2026 school year:

Club/Activity	Dates of Fundraiser	Event Description	Purpose of Fundraiser
RBS Student Council	03/23/2026 - 04/01/2026	Tattoo a Teacher/Students will purchase temporary tattoos that teacher will wear.	To raise funds for student activities.

RESOLUTION CIS 81-26: RENEWAL OF HOMEBOUND/BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the renewal of Home Instruction/Bedside Hours as per Guidance Department, Student Physician, and/or Court Order, paid upon submission of timesheets:

Student ID Number/District	Grade	Effective Date	Hours Per Week	End Date
# 20315	2	2/19/26	10	4/2/2026



FINANCE - J. Karpowich , Chair

Committee Meeting Report

Motion by J. Karpowich, seconded by J. Tacinelli, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions FIN 77-26 through FIN 85-26, as described below:

- FIN 77-26 Bills and Claims and Payroll Report***
- FIN 78-26 Open Purchase Order Reports***
- FIN 79-26 Transfers***
- FIN 80-26 Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer***
- FIN 81-26 Submission of the 2026-2027 SY Tentative Budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools***
- FIN 82-26 Approval of Maximum Travel Expenses for the 2026-2027 SY***
- FIN 83-26 Approval of Staff And Board Members Maximum Travel Expenses Reimbursement for the 2026-2027 SY***
- FIN 84-26 District Participation in the Special Education Program (SEMI)***
- FIN 85-26 Approval to Join/Renew Membership in the Pooled Insurance Program of New Jersey***

Discussion: None.

ROLL CALL:

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| A. Allison - ABSENT | A. Drucker - ABSENT | J. Karpowich - YES |
| J. Tacinelli - YES | H. Oguss - YES | K. Smith - YES |
| J. Tadros - YES | W. Neira - YES | M. Gogel - YES |
- L. Grecco - Bloomingdale Representative -**YES**

Motion carried 8-0-0

Motion by J. Karpowich, seconded by J. Tadros, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions FIN 86-26 through FIN 87-26 as described below:

- FIN 86-26 Approval of Donation from 4th Grade Class of 2026 Legacy Gift to Aaron Decker School**
- FIN 87-26 Approval of Donation from Butler Elementary Schools PTA To Richard Butler Middle School**

Discussion: None.

ROLL CALL:

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| A. Allison - ABSENT | A. Drucker - ABSENT | J. Karpowich - YES |
| J. Tacinelli - YES | H. Oguss - YES | K. Smith - YES |
| J. Tadros - YES | W. Neira - YES | M. Gogel - YES |



Motion carried 7-0-0

RESOLUTION FIN 77-26: BILLS AND CLAIMS AND PAYROLL REPORT*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the **Bills and Claims and Payroll Report**, as per attached list, in the amount of **\$2,461,640.83** and further move that the following bills drawn on the current account in the total amount of **\$434,483.19** for materials received and/or services rendered, having been duly audited by the business administrator and submitted to the Board, be ratified by the Board.

RESOLUTION FIN 78-26: OPEN PURCHASE ORDER REPORTS*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes approval of the **Open Purchase Order Reports**, as per attached, in the amount of **\$37,908.78**.

RESOLUTION FIN 79-26: TRANSFERS*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves transfers for the month of **February 28, 2025** as presented and on file in the Board Office.

RESOLUTION FIN 80-26: REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the period ending **January 31, 2026 and February 28, 2026** Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13, and 6:20-2A.10 (d) and (e), and as certified by the Board Secretary, the Board certifies that no budgetary line account has been over expended or has obligations or payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

RESOLUTION FIN 81-26: SUBMISSION OF THE 2026-2027 SY TENTATIVE BUDGET TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT*

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the submission of the 2026-2027 school year tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget the adjustment for increase in Health Benefit costs in the amount \$622,424. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for anticipated renewal rates for the 26-27 school year,; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) the general fund appropriations include a \$700,000 withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve Account for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2026-2027 School Year as follows:



	GENERAL	SPECIAL	DEBT	
	<u>FUND</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2026-2027				
Total Expenditures	\$31,767,816	\$373,298	\$991,225	\$33,132,339
Less: Anticipated Revenues	(\$10,202,119)	(\$373,298)	(\$194,912)	(\$10,770,329)
Taxes to be Raised	\$21,565,697	\$0.00	\$796,313	\$22,362,010

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Suburban Trends in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in Butler High School Media Center, Butler, New Jersey on April 30, 2026, at 6:30 PM, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing in the budget for the 2026-2027 School Year.

RESOLUTION FIN 82-26: APPROVAL OF MAXIMUM TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE 2026-2027 SY*

Pursuant to N.J.A.C 6A:23A-7.3, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et sep.,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of \$70,000 for the 2026-2027 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the current school year is \$70,000 of which, \$1,019.83 has been spent and \$68,980.17 is encumbered to date.

RESOLUTION FIN 83-26: APPROVAL OF STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS MAXIMUM TRAVEL EXPENSES REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE 2026-2027 SY*

The 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

AND, N.J.A.C.6A:23A Subchapter 7 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, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 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, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C 6A:23A Subchapter 7 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;

BE IT RESOLVED, the board of education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 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 includes in the tentative budget a travel and related expense reimbursement in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of \$70,000 for all staff and board members for the 2026-2027 school year.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall tack and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

RESOLUTION FIN 84-26: DISTRICT PARTICIPATION IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (SEMI)*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the District's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) program with alternate projection revenues for the 2026-2027 school year.

RESOLUTION FIN 85-26: APPROVAL TO JOIN/RENEW MEMBERSHIP IN THE POOLED INSURANCE PROGRAM OF NEW JERSEY*

WHEREAS, a number of Boards of Education in various Counties have joined together to form a Joint Insurance Pool as permitted by N.J. Title 18A-.18B and;

WHEREAS, said Pool was approved effective July 1, 1984 by the New Jersey Commissioner of Insurance and has been in operation since that date and;

WHEREAS, the Bylaws and regulations governing the creation and operation of this Insurance Pool contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a Pool, and;



WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Butler has determined that membership in the Pooled Insurance Program of New Jersey is in the best interest of the District;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education of Butler does hereby agree to join/renew membership in the Pooled Insurance Program of New Jersey and hereby accept the Bylaws as approved and adopted. The renewal term is from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized to execute the application for membership and the accompanying certification on behalf of the District and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the Pool as are required by the Group’s Bylaws and to deliver the same to the Executive Director.

RESOLUTION FIN 86-26: APPROVAL OF DONATION FROM 4TH GRADE CLASS OF 2026 LEGACY GIFT TO AARON DECKER SCHOOL

RESOLVED, the Board of Education accepts the donation of the 4th Grade Class of 2026 Legacy Gift of a speaking podium with built in audio system and custom plaque to Aaron Decker School value \$1,100.00.

RESOLUTION FIN 87-26: APPROVAL OF DONATION FROM BUTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS PTA TO RICHARD BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL

RESOLVED, the Board of Education accepts the donation of the Butler Elementary Schools PTA of a Goalrilla GS54 In-Ground Basketball Hoop with Adjustable Height Backboard and Pro-Style Breakaway Rim to the Richard Butler Middle School, to support student recreation and physical activity. The value of the donation is \$1,449.95.

OPERATIONS - M. Gogel , Chair
Committee Meeting Report

Motion by M. Gogel, seconded by H. Oguss, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motion OPS 25-26, as described below:

PS 25-26 HS/District Facility Use Requests*

Discussion: None.

ROLL CALL:

A. Allison -**ABSENT**
J. Tacinelli -**YES**
J. Tadros -**YES**

A. Drucker -**ABSENT**
H. Oguss -**YES**
W. Neira -**YES**

J. Karpowich -**YES**
K. Smith -**YES**
M. Gogel -**YES**



L. Grecco - Bloomingdale Representative -YES

Motion carried 8-0-0

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M. Gogel -**YES**

Motion carried 7-0-0

RESOLUTION OPS 25-26: HS/DISTRICT FACILITY USE REQUESTS*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following application(s) for **use of facilities** for the **2025-2026 & 2026-2027** school year:

Date	Group	Event	Place	Classification/ App. #	Fee
3/17/2026 Through 5/5/2026	Elevate Team Training	Spring Team Training for BHS Student Athletes All Grades	BHS Gym Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30 p.m.	SY 25/26 -C1(10)	\$199 for 10 Sessions Paid by the Athlete
6/12/2026	BHS Student Activities	Dunkin Mid Day Refresher	Smith Field 12:00 p.m.	SY 25/26 -A1(14)	\$0.00
6/15/2026 6/16/2026 8/26/2026	BHS Yearbook	Senior Portraits	BHS Auditorium 12:00 p.m.~6:00 p.m.	SY 25/26 -A1(5)	\$0.00
6/22/2026 Through 8/14/2026	Butler Recreation	Summer Rec	Memorial Field & Rec. Center 7:00 a.m.~4:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(1)	\$0.00
3/1/2026 Through 6/30/2026	Butler Stars Travel Softball Team	Practices and Games for Butler Stars Travel	BHS Smith Field Monday-Friday	SY 25/26 -B1(83)	\$0.00



		Softball Team	5:00 p.m.~8:00 pm. Saturday & Sunday Around school sports and school events schedules.		
6/13/2026 6/14/2026	Claim to Fame	Dance Recital	BHS Auditorium & 3 Extra Classrooms 6/13/2026 11:00 a.m.~4:00 p.m. 6/14/2026 10:00 a.m.~6:00 p.m.	SY 25/26 -E1(7)	Rental Fee: \$750.00 for two day rental, \$120.00 Classroom Plus Custodial OT
8/3/2026 Through 8/7/2026	DC Education Solutions	Bulldog Skills Baseball/Softball Camp	Hempstead Field 7:30 a.m.~1:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -C1(2)	\$0.00
6/23/2026 6/24/2026 6/25/2026	Bulldog Football	Youth Football Camp	Memorial Field 8:00 a.m.~3:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(3)	\$0.00
6/28/2026 Through 7/1/2026	Bulldog Wrestling	Youth Wrestling Camp	BHS Gym 9:00 a.m.~2:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(4)	\$0.00

RESOLUTION OPS 26-26: ELEMENTARY FACILITY USE REQUESTS

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following application(s) for **use of facilities** for the **2025-2026 & 2026-2027** school year:

Date	Group	Event	Place	Classification/ App. #	Fee
3/16/2026 3/25/2026 4/1/2026 4/15/2026 4/22/2026 4/29/2026 5/6/2026 5/13/2026 5/20/2026 5/27/2026	BBYC	Football & Cheer Strength & Agility Training	RBS Gym & Multipurpose Room 5:30 p.m.~8:30 p.m.	SY 25/26 -B1(83)	\$0.00



6/10/2026	Wise Owl Learning Center	Preschool Graduation	ADS Gym 5:00 p.m.~8:00 p.m.	SY 25/26 -E1(6)	\$0.00
7/27/2026 Through 8/7/2026	Mr. Kelly's Sports Camp	Outdoor Sports Camp	ADS Field 9:00 a.m.~12:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -C1(1)	\$0.00
9/1/2026 Through 6/30/2027	DC Education Solutions	Before & After School Care	ADS Gym, Classrooms, & Field Monday~Friday 6:30 a.m.~7:30 a.m. 2:50 p.m.~6:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -C1(3)	\$0.00
4/25/2026	B&B United Soccer	Groovy Goodies Fundraiser	ADS Parking Lot 1:00 p.m.~4:00 p.m.	SY 25/26 -B1(84)	\$0.00
10/26/2026 Through 3/9/2027	Butler Travel Basketball	Basketball Practice for 4th Grade Team	ADS Gym Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.~8:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(2)	\$0.00
3/25/2026	Butler PTA	Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Sales Delivery and Distribution	ADS Breezeway Delivery before 1:00 p.m Distribution 4:30 p.m.~6:00 p.m.	SY 25/26 -B1(85)	\$0.00
5/7/2026 5/13/2026 5/14/2026 5/20/2026 5/27/2026 5/28/2026	Butler PTA	ADS BASE Programs	Available Rooms at ADS 2:15 p.m.~3:45 p.m.	SY 25/26 -B1(86)	\$0.00
6/29/2026 Through 8/14/2026	Bloomingtondale Recreation	Bloomingtondale Rec. Summer Camp	RBS Gym, Cafeteria, Multipurpose Room, Classrooms, & Field 7:30 a.m.~4:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(5)	\$0.00 Custodial OT will apply

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/FOLLOW UP PREVIOUS AGENDA: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION #2:

- Julie Jorda, 27 Western Ave., Butler, NJ 07405, asked a question regarding the new band schedule next school year. Dr. Johnson informed the parent that the schedule will not be changed next year.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by H. Oguss, seconded by J. Karpowich, that the Butler Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the motion to close the meeting of the Butler Board of Education at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Vargas
Board Secretary