

Oakland Public Schools
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 13, 2026
10:30 AM

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education was held on April 13, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 10:36 AM by Mr. Scerbo.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings 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 Oakland Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on April 9, 2026 in the Municipal Building, the Board Offices, all school offices, on the district website <https://www.oaklandschoolsnj.org/board-of-education/legal-notice>. The Board reserves the right to limit public discussion of personnel items, so as to preserve individual privacy.

The Board appreciates the concerns and comments expressed by the public and will take them into consideration. However, please remain advised that, neither the Board nor the administration may comment on or respond to public inquiries or statements regarding any internal personnel matters involving a District employee.

Please be further advised that there is no privilege or qualified privilege with regard to any statements that you make before the Board of Education. Furthermore, in addition to their respective rights to privacy, employees of this school district retains all rights regarding defamation and slander according the laws of New Jersey.

Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise, sign in, and state their names and addresses. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. A speaker who has not finished in the allotted time will be directed by the presiding officer to summarize quickly and relinquish the floor within 30 seconds.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Ms. Cooper, Ms. Shelkin and Mr. Scerbo.

The following members were absent: Ms. Kilday, Mr. Mazzilli.

Also present: Dr. Gina M. Coffaro, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Annette M. Wells, Board Secretary/Business Administrator, Robert Lorfink, Esq., Fogary, Hara, LaPira & Cherry, LLC and 0 members of the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Ms. Shelkin and seconded by Ms. Cooper to enter executive session at 10:37 AM.

WHEREAS, The Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning personnel matters, legal issues, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying, and/or contract negotiations concerning the District, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects to be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in closed executive session pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, it is therefore RESOLVED, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in a closed executive session by this Board and administrative staff and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board returned from Executive Session at 11:04 AM.

IV. REGULAR EDUCATION

A motion was made by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Ms. Shelkin to approve Regular Education item A as follows:

- A. Approve the resolution regarding Pupil residency decision

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Shelkin and seconded by Ms. Cooper that the meeting be adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Upon call of the question, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette M. Wells
School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary