

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



CALLED TO ORDER:

BY: K Smith, called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 -**ABSENT**
J. Tadros -**PRESENT**

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

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

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



MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Butler Board of Education on this 30th day of April, 2026 at 6:03 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 4/30/2026 at 6:03 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 H. Oguss, seconded by J. Tadros, the meeting was called back to public session at 6:33 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S): None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DISTRICT RECOGNITION: None.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.



APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

- March 25, 2026 executive meeting minutes.
- March 25, 2026 regular meeting minutes.
- March 25, 2026 addenda 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. A. Drucker recused.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

a. Good News and Progress in Our Schools

April Superintendent's Report

Proud to be able to share that our budget was approved by the County Executive Superintendent and Business Administrator without need for correction or adjustment. As shared during our presentation last month, we worked to ensure that our students remained the focus within this budget - retaining all programs and activities. In fact, we are working to expand upon the offering we have in the district.

Our district has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation, one of the most respected acknowledgments in arts education in the country. Now in its 26th year, this program from the NAMM Foundation (The charitable arm of the National Association of Music Merchants, the world's largest music trade organization) recognizes school districts that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to ensuring access to music education for all students as part of a well-rounded learning experience. Districts are evaluated through a rigorous, independently verified application process examining funding levels, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, and community engagement. Selection is conducted by WolfBrown, a leading independent arts education research firm. Joining over 1,000 districts and schools honored across 46+ states, this designation affirms that music isn't a supplement to education in Butler, it's central to it.

Our high school has earned recognition in the 2025-2026 U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools rankings, one of the most widely trusted and comprehensive public school evaluations in the United States. Out of nearly 24,000 public high schools reviewed nationally, fewer than 18,000 qualify for ranking. Schools are evaluated on six performance indicators: state assessment proficiency, state



assessment performance, underserved student performance, graduation rate, college readiness (measured by AP exam participation and performance), and college curriculum breadth. Being named to this list signals that our high school is preparing students to thrive in college and beyond and doing so equitable across all student populations.

Alongside our high school, our middle school has also been recognized in the U.S. News Best Middle Schools rankings. This evaluation encompasses more than 79,000 public schools nationally, ranked at both state and district levels using publicly available data from the U.S. Department of Education. The methodology centers on student proficiency in mathematics and reading/language arts, adjusting for student background to ensure an equitable comparison. Earning placement in these rankings speaks to the strong academic foundation our middle school provides during one of the most pivotal developmental stages in a student's life.

Our middle school continues to lead after we earned the prestigious Schools to Watch designation; a national recognition that identifies high-performing middle level schools willing to serve as models and provide mentorship to other schools. Sponsored by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform, the program evaluates schools across four rigorous categories: academic excellence, developmental responsiveness (addressing the unique social and emotional needs of early adolescents), social equity (equal access to high-quality programming for all students), and organizational structures and processes. Applicants complete a detailed self-assessment, followed by an intensive review and full-day site visit by a team of educators and state partners. The designation lasts three years, and designated schools are expected to host peer visits and share best practices at state conferences, meaning this honor comes with a mandate to lift others along with us.

Our district has been honored as a CharacterStrong Spotlight District, recognizing our intentional investment in student belonging, well-being, and engagement. CharacterStrong is a nationally recognized, evidence-based character development and social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum used by schools across the country. The Spotlight recognition, part of Character Strong's Certified Schools Program, celebrates districts that are building meaningful, research-aligned systems to nurture the whole child. Districts submit a summary of current practices, outcomes, and stories demonstrating how students and educators are actively fostering significantly improves student academic engagement, self-management, and grit. This award affirms that our district believes academic achievement and character development are not competing priorities, they are inseparable.

We are thrilled to congratulate Derek Hall, our Athletic Director, on being named the NJIC Athletic Director of the Year by the North Jersey Interscholastic Conference. The NJIC is one of North Jersey's premier high school athletic conferences, comprising 36 public and private schools across Bergen, Passaic, Morris, and surrounding counties. This peer-selected honor is voted on by fellow athletic directors throughout the conference making it a recognition rooted in deep professional respect. An Athletic Director of the Year award acknowledges not only the management of competitive athletic



programs, but the cultivation of sportsmanship, student development, equitable access to athletics, and the unwavering commitment to doing things the right way. Mr. Hall exemplifies all of these qualities, and his recognition is a reflection of the culture he has built within our athletic department. Our student-athletes are fortunate to have a leader of his caliber in their corner.

b. HIB Report - Approval of HIB Self Assessment Report:

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the attached HIB Report beginning March 26, 2026 through April 28, 2026.

School	Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents HIB	Inconclusive - Case Remains Active	Unfounded/ Threshold or Code of Conduct Determinations
BHS	1	0	0	1
RBS	0	0	0	0
ADS	1	0	1	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 -**ABSENT**
J. Tadros -**YES**

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

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

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

Motion carried 7-0-0

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

DELEGATE/LIAISON REPORTS:

- a. Butler Education Foundation - K. Smith
 - BBEA grants were approved and awarded to teachers for the purchase of classroom equipment. The annual Golf outing this year has been the biggest event so far.
- b. NJ School Boards Delegate - M. Gogel
 - No News
- c. MOCESCOM - H. Oguss
 - No News



d. MCSBA - J. Tadros

- Last meeting to be held 5/6/2026. MCSBA will recognize BOE Members from various districts for their time served.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION #1 (on agenda action items only, if applicable):

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. Karpowich Acting Chair

Personnel Committee Meeting Report

Policy Committee Meeting Report

Motion by J. Karpowich, seconded by H. Oguss, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motion PP 30-26 as described below:

PP 30-26 Appointments*

Discussion: None.



ROLL CALL:

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

Motion carried 7-0-0

Motion by J. Karpowich, seconded by H. Oguss, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motion PP 31-26 as described below:

PP 31-26 Appointments

Discussion: None.

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion carried 6-0-0

RESOLUTIONS PP 30-26: 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
Alexandria Spellman	Approve	Supervisor of STEAM	\$102,000.00	DT	09/01/2026	06/30/2027	

B. Instructional

Name	Nature of Action	De/Step	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Robert Meyers	Approve	MA+45/12	\$90,663.00	BHS	09/01/2026	06/30/2027	



Emma Gibson	Approve	MA+30/1	\$67,051.00	DT	09/01/2026	06/30/2027	
Steven Pocze	Approve Resignation	MA/1	\$61,973.00	BHS	05/30/2026		

C. Substitute/Other

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
George Atom Johnston	Approve	Long Term Substitute	\$120.00/day for the first 30 days \$288.85/day there after	BHS	04/13/2026	06/12/2026	

D. Coaches/Activity Positions

Sport	Nature of Action	Coach	Position	Season	Stipend	Longevity	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Baseball	Approve	Joseph Fischer	Assistant Coach	Spring	\$4,264.00	-	03/25/2026	06/15/2026	

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

G. Extra Duty Pay

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Karrie McNear	Approve	Prom Chaperone	\$20.00/hr.	The Legacy Castle	05/28/2026	05/28/2026	
Holly Corsaro	Approve	Prom Chaperone	\$20.00/hr.	The Legacy Castle	05/28/2026	05/28/2026	
Lisa Reda	Approve	Prom Chaperone	\$20.00/hr.	The Legacy Castle	05/28/2026	05/28/2026	
Amanda Phillips	Approve	Prom Chaperone	\$20.00/hr.	The Legacy Castle	05/28/2026	05/28/2026	
Reid Groder	Approve	Prom Chaperone	\$20.00/hr.	The Legacy Castle	05/28/2026	05/28/2026	
Michael Connors	Approve	Prom Chaperone	\$20.00/hr.	The Legacy Castle	05/28/2026	05/28/2026	



Sean Centinaro	Approve	Prom Chaperone	\$20.00/hr.	The Legacy Castle	05/28/2026	05/28/2026	
Tracy Ruitenberg	Approve	Prom Chaperone	\$20.00/hr.	The Legacy Castle	05/28/2026	05/28/2026	
Rebecca Collette	Approve	Prom Chaperone	\$20.00/hr.	The Legacy Castle	05/28/2026	05/28/2026	
Julia Ring	Approve	Prom Chaperone	\$20.00/hr.	The Legacy Castle	05/28/2026	05/28/2026	
Lisa Kindzierski	Approve	Prom Chaperone	\$20.00/hr.	The Legacy Castle	05/28/2026	05/28/2026	
Sharon Longinetti	Approve	Prom Chaperone	\$20.00/hr.	The Legacy Castle	05/28/2026	05/28/2026	
Marc Loveland	Approve	Prom Chaperone	\$20.00/hr.	The Legacy Castle	05/28/2026	05/28/2026	

RESOLUTION PP 31-26: 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
Brianna McPartland	Approve Resignation	BA/13	\$82,830.00	RBS	05/15/2026		
Michelina Smith	Approve	BA/12	\$79,280.00	RBS	06/01/2026	06/30/2026	

B. Coaches/Activity Positions

Sport	Nature of Action	Coach	Position	Season	Stipend	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion

C. Student Interns

Name	Nature of Action	School	Program	Subject	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Jordan Petriello	Approve	ADS	WPU Education Program	K-3	09/01/2026	05/12/2027	



D. Non-Instructional

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Jorgie Shimokawa	Rescind	Paraprofessional	\$21,363.00	ADS	04/13/2026	06/30/2026	
Zoe Clark	Approve	Paraprofessional	\$22,363.00	ADS	04/23/2026	06/30/2026	\$21,363.00 salary \$1,000.00 ABA stipend
Mallory Sanchez	Approve	Paraprofessional	\$23,363.00	ADS	05/01/2026	06/30/2026	\$21,363.00 salary \$1,000.00 ABA stipend \$1,000.00 College Degree stipend
Patricia Hermans	Approve Resignation	Paraprofessional	\$22,363.00	ADS	04/30/2026		
Rosemarie Haberlin	Approve Termination	Paraprofessional	\$21,363.00	ADS		04/15/2026	

E. Extra Duty Pay

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

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 81-26 through CIS 86-26, as described below:

- CIS 81-26 Approval of Professional Development***
- CIS 82-26 Approval of Field Trips***
- CIS 83-26 Approval of Fundraisers***
- CIS 84-26 Renewal of Homebound/Bedside Instruction for the 2025-2026 SY***
- CIS 85-26 Approval of Out-of-District Private Placements for 2026 ESY and 2025-2026 SY***
- CIS 86-26 Approval of Revised School Calendar For The 2025-2026 SY***

Discussion: None.



ROLL CALL:

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

Motion carried 7-0-0

Motion by J. Tadros, seconded by J. Karpowich, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions CIS 87-26 through CIS 90-26, as described below:

- CIS 87-26 Approval of Professional Development**
- CIS 88-26 Approval of Field Trips**
- CIS 89-26 Approval of Fundraisers**
- CIS 90-26 Renewal of Homebound/Bedside Instruction for the 2025-2026 SY**

Discussion: None.

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion carried 6-0-0

RESOLUTION CIS 81-26: 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 82-26: 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
04/29/2026	BHS	Special Olympics Brookdale Park Bloomfield	Erin Morgese	\$0.00/student



		/ Students will assist in running the track events.		
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RESOLUTION CIS 83-26: 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 84-26: 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
#95000	11	4/23/26	10	5/11/26
#62787	9	3/6/26	10	3/26/26
# 95035	9	4/13/26	10	5/22/26
# 95252	11	4/1/26	2	4/1/26
# 50496	12	3/31/26	10	4/12/26
# 82218	12	4/1/26	10	4/16/26

RESOLUTION CIS 85-26: APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT PRIVATE PLACEMENTS FOR 2026 ESY AND 2025-2026 SY*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following out-of-district private placements for the 2026 extended school year and 2025-2026 school year:

Student ID Number	District	School Attending	Dates	Tuition	Extraordinary Services	Account
#95531	Butler	The Capstone Center	05/01/26-8/7/26	SY: \$42,000 ESY: \$36,000	n/a	11-000-100-565 -00-000



RESOLUTION 86-26: APPROVAL OF REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the proposed revised calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

RESOLUTION CIS 87-26: 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
05/27/2026	Montclair State University	MSUI Prism PD / Cybersecurity	\$0.00	Michael Konopinski
04/17/2026	Montclair State University	MSUI Prism PD / Artificial Intelligence	\$0.00	Michael Konopinski

RESOLUTION CIS 88-26: 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

RESOLUTION CIS 89-26: 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	04/27/2026 - 05/01/2026	Coin Wars competition during lunch	All funds raised will be donated to the victims impacted by the recent fire in Butler.

RESOLUTION CIS 90-26: 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
#45963	5	4/13/26	10	5/22/26

FINANCE - A. Drucker, Chair

Committee Meeting Report

Motion by A. Drucker, seconded by J. Karpowich, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions FIN 88-26 through FIN 96-26, as described below:

- FIN 88-26 Bills and Claims and Payroll Report***
- FIN 89-26 Open Purchase Order Reports***
- FIN 90-26 Transfers***
- FIN 91-26 Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer***
- FIN 92-26 Adoption of the 2026-2027 School Year Budget***
- FIN 93-26 Establishment of The Light of Faith Scholarship Grant***
- FIN 94-26 Approval of the Systems 3000 Agreement for the 2026/2027 SY***
- FIN 95-26 Approval of Contract with Maschio’s Food Services, Inc.***
- FIN 96-26 Renewal of Contracts with Jordan Transportation for the 2026-2027 School Year***

Discussion: None.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Motion carried 7-0-0

Motion by A. Drucker, seconded by H. Oguss, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motion FIN 97-26 as described below:

FIN 97-26 Approval Parent Transportation Agreement

Discussion: None.

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion carried 6-0-0



RESOLUTION FIN 88-26: 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 **\$3,133,625.66** and further move that the following bills drawn on the current account in the total amount of **\$413,656.32** 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 89-26: OPEN PURCHASE ORDER REPORTS*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes approval of the **Open Purchase Order Reports**, as per attached, in the amount of **\$101,859.65**.

RESOLUTION FIN 90-26: TRANSFERS*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves transfers for the month of **March 31, 2026** as presented and on file in the Board Office.

RESOLUTION FIN 91-26: REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the period ending **March 31, 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 92-26: ADOPTION OF THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET*

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the adoption of a budget for the 2026-2027 school year noting that the budget has been submitted and approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education includes in the 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 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

WHEREAS, the Butler 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 \$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

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with 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 all travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to maximum expenditure of \$70,000 for all staff and board members for the 2025-2026 school year.



WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.. 6a:23a;5.2(a) mandates boards to establish annually prior to budget preparation, for public relations and each type of professional service a maximum level of spending for the ensuing school year; and

WHEREAS, the budget includes the following appropriations:

Legal	\$ 49,800
Accounting	\$ 33,941
Other Purchased Services - Admin	\$ 20,650
Professional Development	\$ 88,342

WHEREAS, the Administration needs to notice the Board if there arises a need to exceed said maximums upon which the board may adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal board action; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Administration wishes to minimize the amount of paperwork involved in this area;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Butler School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey establishes maximums for professional services in the areas listed above at a level of 130% of the amounts listed for the 2026-2027 school year.

RESOLUTION FIN 93-26: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LIGHT OF FAITH SCHOLARSHIP GRANT*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves The Light of Faith Scholarship Grant to recognize One Butler High School senior attending college, university, OR vocational school after graduation. The candidate will need to write a brief essay regarding how their faith has influenced their decision on an experience, habits, sports, character, or relationship. The selected candidate will receive \$500 at Senior Awards Night.

RESOLUTION FIN 94-26: APPROVAL OF THE SYSTEMS 3000 AGREEMENT FOR THE 2026/2027 SY*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the 2026-2027 school year contract with Systems 3000 to provide the following services:

Item	Cost
Professional Services/Support and annual software license, ID# 302S-M3-B0015	\$28,090.00



RESOLUTION FIN 95-26: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH MASCHIO'S FOOD SERVICES, INC.*

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has concluded that the proposal submitted by Maschio's Food Services Inc. is the most advantageous to the School District, price and other factors considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Butler Board of Education approve and award a contract for School Food Service Management for the 2026-2027 school year, with an option for three (3) one (1) year extensions thereafter at the Board's discretion, to Maschio's Food Services Inc. located at 525 East Main Street, Chester, NJ 07930 for the total (expenses) cost of \$519,304.88.

It is the recommendation of the Business Administrator that the Butler Board of Education award the contract to Maschio's Food Services Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "FSMC"), subject to the following contractual provisions:

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, a Flat Fee of \$26,780 for the 2026-2027 School year to compensate the Food Service Management Company for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The District guarantees the payment of such costs and fees to the Food Service Management Company.

The FSMC guarantees that the return to the District from the Food Service Program for the 2026-2027 school year will be Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). If the annual operating statement shows a return less than the aforementioned amount, the FSMC will pay the difference between the actual and the guaranteed amount. The Guaranteed Return is based on the following conditions and assumptions remaining in effect for the school year.

- Reimbursement rates for Food Service Program meals shall not be less than those stated in the request for proposal.
- The value of USDA donated foods received shall not be less than the value of USDA donated foods received during the prior year.
- The mix and quantity of USDA donated foods shall not change from the mix and quantity received the prior school year so as to increase actual food costs over the level of projected food cost.
- The SFA shall work with Maschio's in a commercially reasonable manner to acquire USDA processed commodities for a total price (including all applicable costs and fees) commensurate with the then-current market price for a comparable commercial item.
- There shall be at least one hundred seventy – eight (178) full-service days where breakfast is served for the Current Year.
- There shall be at least One Hundred Seventy-Five (175) full-service days where lunch is served in the Current Year.
- The average daily student enrollment for the Current Year shall be at least 1157.

In the event any of the foregoing conditions or assumptions is not met during the Current Year, Maschio's obligation shall be reduced by the amount of any increase in SFA's Total Food Service Costs or reduction in Gross Receipts which is attributable to the changes in such conditions or assumptions. In the event the District requests a change (other than a material change that would necessitate commencement of a new RFP process) in a phase of the Food Service Program that would result in a



decrease in Gross Receipts or an increase in Total Food Service Costs from the amounts set forth in the Projected Food Service Budget, Maschio’s shall advise the District of its estimate of the increase in the Total Food Service Costs or decrease in Gross Receipts attributable to such requested change, and the budget, shall be adjusted to reflect such estimated increase in Total Food Service Costs or decrease in Gross Receipts.

RESOLUTION FIN 96-26: RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS WITH JORDAN TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the 2026-2027 Student Transportation Contract Renewal for In-District Routes, Multi Contract as follows:

Route #	Renewal #	Contract Amount	Contract Term
In-district 22-23	4	\$786,536.70	7/01/26 - 6/30/27
FT/Athletics	4	\$207,196.37	7/01/26 - 6/30/27

RESOLUTION FIN 97-26: PARENT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves a Parent Transportation Agreement with the parent of student ID #95545, to transport the student on Route #A360 26-27 to and from Academy 360, at a cost of \$24,200.00, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

OPERATIONS - A. Drucker , Chair

Committee Meeting Report

Motion by A. Drucker, seconded by H. Oguss, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions OPS 27-26 through OPS 28-26, as described below:

- OPS 27-26 HS/District Facility Use Requests***
- OPS 28-26 School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report***

Discussion: None.

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion carried 7-0-0

Motion by A. Drucker, seconded by J. Karpowich, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motion OPS 29-26 through OPS 30-26 as described below:



OPS 29-26 Elementary Facility Use Requests
OPS 30-26 School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report

Discussion: None.

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion carried 6-0-0

RESOLUTION OPS 27-26: 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
7/13/2026 Through 7/16/2026	Bulldog Basketball	Basketball Camp	BHS Gym 9:30 a.m.~2:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(6)	\$0.00
9/12/2026 10/3/2026 11/7/2026 12/5/2026 3/6/2027 5/1/2027 6/5/2027	BHS SAT	SAT National Testing	BHS Classrooms 6:30 a.m.~1:30 p.m.	SY 26/27 -A1(1)	\$0.00
9/19/2026 10/17/2026 12/12/2026 2/27/2027 4/10/2027 6/12/2027	BHS ACT	ACT National Testing	BHS Classrooms 6:30 a.m.~2:30 p.m.	SY 26/27 -A1(2)	\$0.00
7/27/2026 Through 7/30/2026	BHS Girls Basketball	Girls Basketball Clinic/Camp	BHS Gym 8:00 a.m.~4:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(7)	\$0.00
3/31/2026 4/1/2026	Butler Police	Active Shooter Training	BHS Hallways 3:30 p.m.~7:30 p.m.	SY 25/26 -B1(89)	\$0.00
7/6/2026 Through	Butler Baseball	Baseball Camp	BHS Memorial and Hempsted Field	SY 26/27 -B1(8)	\$0.00



7/10/2026			8:00 a.m.~1:00 p.m.		
5/19/2026	Butler Music Club - Band	Baked Potato Night	BHS Cafeteria 3:00 p.m.~8:00 p.m.	SY 25/26 -A1(17)	\$0.00
4/28/2026 4/29/2026 4/30/2026	Walter T. Bergen School - Theater Arts	WTB Theater Arts Tech Nights & Performance	BHS Auditorium 4:00 p.m.~9:00 p.m.	SY 25/26 -C1(11)	\$0.00
6/23/2026 Through 8/6/2026	Akadema Prospects Baseball	Baseball Practice	Hempstead Field Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30 p.m.~8:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -E1(1)	\$0.00

RESOLUTION OPS 28-26: SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL REPORT*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports for the 2025-2026 school year:

School	Location of Drill	Route #'s	Drill Supervisor
Butler High School	Hasbrouck Street Parking Lot	BHS Route #5	Mr. Fitzgerald

RESOLUTION OPS 29-26: 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
5/8/2026	Butler PTA	One Voice Base Program	ADS Available Room 2:30 p.m.~3:30 p.m.	SY 25/26 -B1(88)	\$0.00
5/18/2026	RBS Gateways	Gateways Parent Open House	RBS All Purpose Room 2:40 p.m.~5:00 p.m.	SY 25/26 -A1(16)	\$0.00
5/4/2026 5/8/2026 5/11/2026	Butler PTA	ADS BASE Programs	ADS Available Room 2:00 p.m.~4:00 p.m.	SY 25/26 -B1(90)	\$0.00
5/9/2026	Butler PTA	Clothing Drive Pick Up	RBS Parking Lot 9:00 a.m.~12:00 p.m.	SY 25/26 -B1(91)	\$0.00
5/28/2026	Butler PTA	Pickle Pick Up	RBS Side Overhang 3:00 p.m.~6:30 p.m.	SY 25/26 -B1(92)	\$0.00



6/2/2026	Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey	Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony	ADS Gym 5:30 p.m.~8:00 p.m.	SY 25/26 -B1(93)	\$0.00
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RESOLUTION OPS 30-26: SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL REPORT

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports for the 2025-2026 school year:

School	Location of Drill	Route #'s	Drill Supervisor
Richard Butler Middle School	Front of School	RBS Route #3	Mr. Calabro
Richard Butler Middle School	Side of School	RBS Route #4	Mr. Calabro

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/FOLLOW UP PREVIOUS AGENDA: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION #2:

- Harlyne Lack Kaplan, 62 Kakeout Street, Butler, NJ 07405, recognized the district’s efforts on building the budget given the current financial challenges.

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 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Vargas
Board Secretary