

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 25, 2026 - Regular Meeting, 6:30 PM
Media Center, 20 Obre Place, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

MINUTES

1.0 Opening Procedures

1.1 Call to order – 6:36 pm

1.2 Flag salute

1.3 Opening Statement

1.4 "In compliance with Pl 1975, Chapter 231, Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was advertised in the Asbury Park Press on May 21, 2025. A copy of this notice is posted at the entrance to the Shrewsbury Borough School and is posted on the district’s website. A copy of this notice is also on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

1.5 Roll Call:

Mr. Ngo (President)
 Ms. Choi
 Mr. Galvin
 Ms. Jafolla
 Ms. Moore

Ms. Gourley-Thompson (Vice President)
 Ms. Fiorentini
 Ms. Gaul-Spitale
 Ms. McCullough

Absent:

Also Present:

Mr. MacConnell, Superintendent (left 6:41 pm)
 Ms. Case, Business Administrator

1.6 Mission Statement:

The mission of the Shrewsbury Borough School District, a system built on successful cooperation among family, school and community, is to prepare all students to achieve excellence and to become responsible citizens through rigorous educational programs consistent with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content State Standards and which respect individual differences and diversity. Students will be prepared to meet the challenges presented in the regional high school and the world beyond.

2.0 Executive Session I

2.1 It was motioned by Mr. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Gourley-Thompson to move into Closed Executive Session at 6:36 pm to discuss confidential personnel matters or Board Business and/or matters of attorney/client privilege and/or matters of litigation and/or negotiations or contractual matters from which the public may be excluded. Minutes of this meeting will be made available to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Choi	X				
Ms. Fiorentini	X				
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Gaul-Spitale	X				
Ms. Jafolla	X				
Ms. McCullough	X				
Ms. Moore	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson	X				

Mr. Ngo	X				
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On a voice vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent

2.2 It was motioned by Mr. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Gourley-Thompson to reconvene into public session at 6:55 pm.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Choi	X				
Ms. Fiorentini	X				
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Gaul-Spitale	X				
Ms. Jafolla	X				
Ms. McCullough	X				
Ms. Moore	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				

On a voice vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent

3.0 Correspondence to the Board

It was motioned by Ms. McCullough, seconded by Ms. Gourley-Thompson to approve the following items as listed:

- Email received, Mar 12, 2026, cuervoe@sbs-nj.org, regarding “Hiring Committee”
- Email received Mar 15, 2026, Candidate, regarding “Thank you”
- Email received, Mar 15, 2026, Candidate, regarding “Thank you”
- Email received, Mar 16, 2025, Candidate, regarding “Thank you”
- Email received, Mar 24, 2026, Candidate, regarding “Thank you”

4.0 Public Participation - Agenda Items Only - None

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on matters of interest to the school community. Individuals wishing to speak **must state their name and address**. Comments are limited to three minutes duration, but an individual may speak a second time after all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. All statements should be directed to the Board President and no participant may address or question Board members individually. All speakers are requested to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy of others whose legal rights may be affected. Please note: While it is not the Board’s intention to stifle comment on matters of legitimate concern, the public should be aware that if their statements violate the rights of others under the law of defamation or invasion of privacy, they may face personal liability to the injured party. If speakers are uncertain of the legal ramifications of their comments, the Board urges them to seek guidance beforehand from their own legal advisor.

5.0 Superintendent’s Report - Mr. MacConnell

- Honor 8th Grade Students - Basketball, Cheerleading, Spelling Bee
- Read Across America 2026/Book Fair
- March 24th - SPTA K-8 Kindness Assembly
- April 2nd - 12:30 Dismissal/Homework Free Weekend
- April 3rd - 10th - School Closed for Spring Break
- April 17th, 18th, 19th - Spring Musical (Friday & Saturday 7pm) (Sunday 2pm)
- May 4th - 8th - NJSLA Testing ELA & Math

- May 11th & 12th - NJSLA Science testing 5th & 8th
- Recognize the Girls and Boys Basketball Teams and Cheerleading Squad

It was motioned by Mr. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Fiorentini to approve the following items as listed:

5.1 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury School District Board of Education approve the following District HIB Report

March 2026	1-Confirmed HIB
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5.2 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury School District Board of Education approve the revised 2025-2026 school calendar.

6.0 Finance & Facilities - Mr. Ngo

Committee Report: The Finance & Facilities Committee met on March 16, 2026

It was motioned by Mr. Ngo seconded by Mr. Galvin to approve the following items as listed:

Board of Education Certification Budget Major/Fund Status for February 2026

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2.13(D), we certify that as of February 28, 2026, after review of the Secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriation section), and open consultation with appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major account fund has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:20-2(B), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the school year.

I, Lindsey Case, Part-time School Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that no line item has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.”



School Business Admin/Board Secretary

Payroll Certification

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary reported, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1B, has certified the payroll for February 13, 2026 in the amount of \$283,839.98, February 27, 2026 in the amount of \$284,953.19.

6.1 The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following minutes as listed:

- 6.1.2 Regular Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2026
- 6.1.3 Executive Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2026

6.2 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following:

Transfer of Funds for February 2026 (available for review in the Board Secretary’s Office)

Policy # 6422 Budget Transfers

WHEREAS NJAC 6A:20-2.13 “Over expenditure of Funds” states “a district Board of Education shall not incur any obligation or approve any payment in excess of the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education in the line item pursuant to NJSA 18A:22-8.1”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached line item transfers be approved.

Approve Bills List – March 2026

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the bills paid and checks issued at the Board meeting in the amount of \$232,963.36, March 2026.

Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification for February 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that the financial reports of the Secretary to the Board of Education (Referenced below 6.0) and the Monthly Reconciliation Report (Referenced below 6.0) for February 28, 2026 which are in agreement be accepted as submitted and attached to and made part of the minutes of this meeting.

PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(d), we certify that as of February 21, 2026, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Shrewsbury School District Board of Education pursuant to NJSA 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1

Treasurer’s Report

PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(d), approve the Treasurer’s Report for February 2026.

6.3 The following Fire and Evacuation Drills occurred during **March 2026**:

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Shrewsbury Borough School	Shelter in Place	3/9/2026 - 10:17am
Shrewsbury Borough School	Fire Drill	3/11/2026 - 11:03am

6.4 Tentative Budget Approval for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

The Superintendent recommends the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approval to adopt the Tentative Budget for FY 2026-2027:

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2026-2027 school year using the 2026-2027 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary 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 Revenue	Debt	Total
2026-2027 Total Expenditures	\$11,531,203	\$158,632	\$1,678,125	\$13,367,960
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$1,535,066	\$158,632	\$301,703	\$1,995,401
Taxes to be Raised	\$9,996,137	\$0	\$1,376,422	\$11,372,559

And to post said tentative budget on the district’s website 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 at the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education meeting located at 20 Obre Place, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702 on April 29, 2026 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Adjustment for Enrollment

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shrewsbury Borough Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$149,795. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

Capital Reserve Withdrawal – Other Capital Projects

BE IT RESOLVED that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Other Capital Projects in the amount of \$50,000 for other capital project costs of partial roof repair. The total cost of this project is \$50,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal

BE IT RESOLVED that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) the general fund appropriations include a \$80,000 withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve Account for use on required maintenance for activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2026-2027

WHEREAS, the Shrewsbury Borough School District 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:23A-7.3 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, the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education established \$6,500 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$920.48 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$6,500 for the 2026-2027 school year.

6.5 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the tuition costs for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Grade	Cost
Preschool	\$12,000
Kindergarten	\$19,648
Grade 1-5	\$19,220
Grade 6-8	\$20,720

6.6 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following services for the 2025-2026 school year.

Student#	Service	Provider	Cost
7121	Neurodevelopmental Assessment	DPCJ/G&A	\$650.00
7145	Neurodevelopmental Assessment	DPCJ/G&A	\$650.00
7146	Physical Therapy Evaluation	DeMonte Therapy Services	\$365.00

6.7 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$448 from the Foundation for Shrewsbury as a reimbursement for Farnum grant. Account # 20-001-100-610-01-0

6.8 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$300 from the Foundation for Shrewsbury as a reimbursement for Math Worksheets 4Kids. Account # 20-001-100-610-01-0

6.9 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education accept the 2026 NJ STEM Month Mini Grant grant in the amount of \$500 from the Research and Development Council. Account # 20-003-200-600-04-0

7.0 Curriculum and Instruction - Ms. Gourley-Thompson

Committee Report: The Curriculum and Instruction Committee met on March 9, 2026

It was motioned by Ms. Gourley-Thompson, seconded by Mr. Galvin to approve the following items as listed:

7.1 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following field trips for the 2025-2026 school year:

Class/Group	Destination	Date(s)	Cost of Trip	Cost of Transportation
SBS Drama Club	Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre, New York, NY	April 21, 2026	\$1707.26	\$0.00
Debate Club	Knollwood School, Fair Haven, NJ	March 21, 2026	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grade 7	Beach Clean-Up Sandy Hook, NJ	April 22, 2026	\$0.00	\$850.00

7.2 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following professional development for the 2025-2026 school year:

Staff Member	Program/Workshop	Training Date	PD/Travel Cost
Laura Fox	Change 44th Annual Colloquium Resistance: A Mother’s Quest for Justice Lincroft, NJ	May 20, 2026	\$10.00
Darianne Masticola	Change 44th Annual Colloquium Resistance: A Mother’s Quest for Justice Lincroft, NJ	May 20, 2026	\$10.00
Kristy Kiely	Assessment and Differential Diagnosis of Children, Virtual	April 16, 17, 23, and 24, 2026	\$240.00
Heather Cellary	Red Bank Regional Math Articulation Red Bank, NJ	April 15, 2026	\$0.00
Cindy Newman	Red Bank Regional Math Articulation Red Bank, NJ	April 15, 2026	\$0.00

Staff Member	Program/Workshop	Training Date	PD/Travel Cost
Jean Scully	Red Bank Regional Math Articulation Red Bank, NJ	April 15, 2026	\$0.00
Jamie Fritz	Math Matters MTSS 2.0: Deepening Our Impact on Intervention & Inclusion New Brunswick, NJ	June 3, 2026	\$231.02
Lisa Campbell	Math Matters MTSS 2.0: Deepening Our Impact on Intervention & Inclusion New Brunswick, NJ	June 3, 2026	\$217.76
Cheryl Salway	Preview Jordan Toma, Motivational Speaker Point Pleasant, NJ	March 27, 2026	\$0.00
Darianna Masticola	Preview Jordan Toma, Motivational Speaker Point Pleasant, NJ	March 27, 2026	\$15.98
Darianna Masticola	NJ MDT Conference Morriston, NJ	April 29, 2026	\$57.17

8.0 Personnel - Mr. Galvin

Committee Report: The Personnel Committee met on March 17, 2026

It was motioned by Mr. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Gourley-Thompson to approve the following items as listed:

8.1 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve a resolution to authorize the Superintendent, between the date this resolution is adopted and the next meeting of the Shrewsbury Board of Education, to take all actions necessary to protect the interest of the Shrewsbury Borough Public Schools including, but not limited to, employment of services, hiring and firing of employees under their jurisdiction subject to consultation with the appropriate district officials and the Board President and, further subject to ratification of the actions taken at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting to be held April 29, 2026.

8.2 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Rebecca Ferranti as substitute for the 2025-2026 school year.

8.3 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve Jaime Fritz's maternity leave from August 31, 2026 - March 24, 2027 for the 2026-2027 school year.

8.4 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approve the following softball coach parent volunteers:

- William Cooney
- Jen Wolf
- Lou Sprizza

9.0 Policy - Ms. Moore

Committee Report: The Policy Committee met on March 12, 2026

It was motioned by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Galvin, to approve the following items as listed:

9.1 The Superintendent recommends that the Shrewsbury School District Board of Education approve the first reading of the following policies:

- Policy 1210 Board - Superintendent Relations
- Policy 3281 Inappropriate Staff Conduct

10.0 School & Community Relations - Ms. Choi

Committee Report: The School and Community Committee met on March 5, 2026

- Topics
 - Fields
 - Spring Sports
 - Batting Cages installed 4/1/26
 - Kindergarten movement
 - Used 3 snow days so ½ day on June 23, 2026
 - 5th grade orientation changes
 - CSA update 48 candidates to 10 to 4 to 2 and chose 1 very soon

11.0 Vote/Roll Call on Agenda Items

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Choi	X				
Ms. Fiorentini	X				
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Gaul-Spitale	X				
Ms. Jafolla	X				
Ms. McCullough	X				
Ms. Moore	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				

On a voice vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members was absent

12.0 Unfinished Business

- Ms. Jafolla - Alliance update about screen time

13.0 Public Participation - All Topics - None

14.0 Board President’s Report - Mr. Ngo

- Provided CSA update and extremely impressive with experience and candidates to narrow down what we are looking for and appreciate their feedback

15.0 Executive II

15.1 It was motioned by Ms. Gourley-Thompson, seconded by Mr. Galvin to move into Closed Executive Session at 7:26 pm to discuss confidential personnel matters or Board Business and/or matters of attorney/client privilege and/or matters of litigation and/or negotiations or contractual matters from which the public may be excluded. Minutes of this meeting will be made available to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

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Ms. Choi	X				
Ms. Fiorentini	X				
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Gaul-Spitale	X				
Ms. Jafolla	X				
Ms. McCullough	X				
Ms. Moore	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				

On a voice vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent

15.2 It was motioned by Ms. Gourley-Thompson, seconded by Ms. Fiorentini to reconvene into public session at 8:40 pm.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Choi	X				
Ms. Fiorentini	X				
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Gaul-Spitale	X				
Ms. Jafolla	X				
Ms. McCullough	X				
Ms. Moore	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				

On a voice vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent

16.0 Adjournment

It was motioned by Ms. Choi, seconded by Ms. McCullough to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Choi	X				
Ms. Fiorentini	X				
Mr. Galvin	X				
Ms. Gaul-Spitale	X				
Ms. Jafolla	X				
Ms. McCullough	X				
Ms. Moore	X				
Ms. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mr. Ngo	X				

On a voice vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent