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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PUBLIC WORK SESSION/ACTION MEETING OF THE MAHWAH BOARD OF EDUCATION held on Monday, on May 04, 2026, in the Administrative Offices, 60 Ridge Road, Mahwah, New Jersey.

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting of the Mahwah Board of Education is open to members of the public to be physically present. Members of the public that attend will be asked to follow the same procedures as all other visitors to our schools. Those procedures can be found on the agenda page of our website. Additionally, the Board meeting will be live streamed for viewing purposes only. Anyone wishing to view the meeting, may do so via Zoom (<https://zoom.us>).

CALL TO ORDER

President Moorthy called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mesdames Dr. Moorthy, Davenier, and Ting Jansen
Messrs. Galow, Kezmarsky, Coplin, Huston, and DeSilva

ABSENT: Messrs. Hughes

ALSO PRESENT: Michael DeTuro, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Dennis M. Fare, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent
Katherine A. Hiromoto, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
Lisa Rizzo, Director of Special Services
Jodi Craft, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of the agenda for this meeting has been provided in accordance with P.L. 2025, c. 72 (N.J.S.A. 35:3-1 et seq.) by posting on the Mahwah Board of Education's official website at <https://www.mahwah.k12.nj.us/legal-notices> specifying that the Board will meet on May 04, 2026, in the Administrative Offices, 60 Ridge Rd., Mahwah, NJ. A copy was filed with the Township Clerk.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOTION TO OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS

Motion by Mr. DeSilva and seconded by Mr. Galow to open the meeting to the public for comments.

Motion carried at 8:32 a.m.

AGENDA QUESTIONS

There were no questions about the agenda.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS

Motion by Mr. Coplin and seconded by Mr. Kezmarsky to close the meeting to the public for comments.

Motion carried at 8:33 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON REPORTS OR OTHER NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no board member remarks.

11. NEW BUSINESS-OTHER

Resolutions 11a-11c were moved by Mr. Kezmarsky and seconded by Mrs. Ting Jansen.

a. 2026-2027 School Budget

RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves submission of the 2026-2027 school district budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, with a total budget of \$86,382,564, with \$75,879,585 to be raised by local tax levy for the General Fund as follows:

2026-2027	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total
Appropriations	\$85,728,059	\$0	\$654,505	\$0	\$86,382,564
Revenues	\$85,728,059	\$0	\$654,505	\$0	\$86,382,564
Local Tax Levy	\$75,879,585	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,879,585

BE FURTHER RESOLVED: that the following is also incorporated into the above:

10	Budgeted Fund Balance	\$ 2,506,002
40	Fund Balance	\$ 0

BE IT FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-11.3, the FY 2026-27 Budget includes a \$1,411,291 health waiver to cover the increased cost of health care. The increase in health costs is for medical and prescription drug insurance.

b. Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve

RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that, as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d), the general fund appropriations for the 2026-2027 school budget includes a \$250,000 withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve Account for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

c. Travel Expenditures for 2026-2027

RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12, in each pre-budget year, the Mahwah Board of Education is required to establish a maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year which may not be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the board of education has determined that the maximum travel expenditure amount includes all travel that is supported by State and local funds; and

WHEREAS, the board of education has not elected to exclude travel expenditures supported by federal funds from the maximum travel expenditure amount;

WHEREAS, the board of education allocated \$58,000 for the 2025-2026 school year travel expenditures, and to date, the actual travel expenditures are \$9,850.57;

RESOLVED, that the Mahwah Board of Education hereby establishes the maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2026-2027 school year as \$61,950.

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution 11a-11c.

Motion 11a-11c carried 8 ayes, 0 nays.

PUBLIC QUESTION OR COMMENT

Public participation at Board meetings is in accordance with Bylaw 0167.

At this time, members of the public may ask questions or make a comment on educational issues or school matters of community interest. As a matter of fairness, you are asked to limit your questions to no more than one, and your remarks to no longer than three minutes. If you are here representing a group, please identify yourself, the group, and your position in the group. If you are here as an individual, please give us your name and address.

Note: This section of public participation will be limited to fifteen minutes.

MOTION TO OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mr. DeSilva and seconded by Mr. Coplin, to open the meeting to the public.

There were no public questions or comments.

Motion carried at 8:33 a.m.

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mr. Galow and seconded by Mr. Kezmarsky to close the meeting to the public.

Motion carried at 8:34 a.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Kezmarsky and seconded by Mr. Galow to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried at 8:34 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine A. Hiromoto
Business Administrator/Board Secretary