



MAHWAH BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PUBLIC WORK SESSION/ACTION MEETING OF THE MAHWAH BOARD OF EDUCATION held on Monday, on May 11, 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

2nd Vice President Mr. Kezmarsky called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Mesdames Dr. Moorthy
Messrs. DeSilva, and 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 11, 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. Galow and seconded by Mrs. Ting Jansen to open the meeting to the public for comments.

Motion carried at 8:03 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 Mrs. Ting Jansen to close the meeting to the public for comments.

Motion carried at 8:04 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. Galow and seconded by Mr. Huston.

a. Resignation

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education accepts the resignation of Gregory Baker, teacher of music, at Betsy Ross School, George Washington School, and Joyce Kilmer School, effective June 30, 2026.

b. Appointment

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Diana Jelmini Ciappina, as teacher of music, at Betsy Ross School, George Washington School, and Joyce Kilmer School, from August 25, 2026 – June 30, 2027; salary to be Column G, Step 9, \$79,926; pending certification and employment verification.

c. Appointment – Leave Replacement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Diana Jelmini Ciappina, as leave replacement for Employee #8463, pursuant to New Jersey Statute 18A:16-1.1, from May 18, 2026,– June 30, 2026; salary to be Column G, Step 8, \$76,376, pro-rated; pending certification and employment verification.

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution 11a-11c.

Motion 11a-11c carried 6 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 Ms. Daveniero and seconded by Mr. Galow, to open the meeting to the public.

There were no public questions or comments.

Motion carried at 8:05 a.m.

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

Motion carried at 8:05 a.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Coplin and seconded by Mr. Huston to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried at 8:05 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine A. Hiromoto
Business Administrator/Board Secretary