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Board of Education
25 Valley Road, Princeton, New Jersey 08540
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Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2026
5:30 pm Regular Business Meeting
Valley Road Conference Room A & B

I. Open Public Meeting Statement:

Welcome

Welcome to this public meeting of the Princeton Board of Education. The Board is an elected, unpaid group of ten citizens who set policy and make decisions on educational, financial, and personnel matters for the Princeton Public Schools on behalf of all residents. We are always pleased when members of the community attend our meetings.

The Board and the school district operate under applicable New Jersey laws and under regulations of the New Jersey State Board of Education.

Each meeting includes an opportunity for those attending to comment on items on the published agenda or other matters of interest to them. The Board reserves the right to limit the time allotted to public participation. Law limits discussion of individual personnel and confidential matters.

We hope that our meetings provide useful opportunities for communication between the Board and the community. Thank you for attending.

Notice of Open Public Meeting
As required under the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.), adequate notice was given for calling this meeting. It was authorized by the Board of Education and forwarded to the municipal clerk, Princeton Packet, and The Times on January 9, 2025; and distributed to the schools and others on the standard distribution list.

The Board reserves the right to enter into Executive Session during all meetings of the Board of Education. Board Policy 0168, Recording Devices, requires that we inform those attending this in-person meeting that the proceedings are being recorded. This meeting is being live-streamed.

Notice on Votes Pertaining to Sending District
The Representative of the Sending District is authorized to vote on such matters that affect sending district students or affect the governance of the Princeton Public Schools, as more specifically designated in N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8.1. Sending District votes pertaining to personnel actions refer to high school, central administrative and district wide staff only, votes otherwise are considered abstentions. In the event that N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8.1 is amended, the law shall take precedence over this bylaw.

II. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent
Beth Behrend	✓	
Adam Bierman	✓	
Mara Franceschi	✓ (Arrived at 5:38 PM)	
Eleanor Hubbard	✓	
Dafna Kendal (President)	✓	
Susan Kanter (Vice-President)	✓	
Ari Meisel	✓ (Left at 6:51 PM)	
Christopher Santarpio	✓	
Erica Snyder	✓	
Katherine Lara (Cranbury Representative)		✓

III. Executive Session

A. Open Closed Session

Closed session commenced: 5:37 PM

Motion and Voting
Motion by Ari Meisel, second by Christopher Santarpio
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 8-0 by Voice Vote
Ayes: Beth Behrend, Adam Bierman, Eleanor Hubbard, Ari Meisel, Christopher Santarpio, Erica Snyder, Susan Kanter, Dafna Kendal

B. Closed Session Resolution

Whereas*:* The Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters, now, therefore be it

Resolved*:* The Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss: (select one or more)

1. A matter rendered confidential by federal or state law;
2. Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;
3. Protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law;
4. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege;
5. Specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session; and be it further

Resolved: The minutes of this closed session will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. No action was taken at this time.

C. Reconvene To Public Session

Closed session adjourned: 6:50PM

IV. Call to Order: Dafna Kendal, President

Open session commenced: 7:01 PM

Motion and Voting
Motion by Mara Franceschi, second by Erica Snyder
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 8-0 by Voice Vote

Ayes: Beth Behrend, Adam Bierman, Mara Franceschi, Eleanor Hubbard, Christopher Santarpio, Erica Snyder, Susan Kanter, Dafna Kendal

V. Adoption of Minutes

A. Approval: Minutes (Roll Call Vote)

Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the regular session minutes and executive session minutes from the following meetings:

1. April 28, 2026

Motion and Voting
Motion by Chritopher Santarpio, second by Eleanor Hubbard
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 8-0 by Voice Vote
Ayes: Beth Behrend, Adam Bierman, Mara Franceschi, Eleanor Hubbard, Christopher Santarpio, Erica Snyder, Susan Kanter, Dafna Kendal

VI. Administrative Reports

A. Board President's Report

President Dafna Kendal welcomed everyone and turned the meeting over to Dr. LaSusa.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. Littlebrook Principal Update

Appointment (Roll Call Vote)

Be It Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Lisa Caudill as Principal of Littlebrook School, effective July 1, 2026, replacing L. Ramirez, in accordance with the terms of her employment contract.

Motion and Voting
Motion by Mara Franceschi, second by Eleanor Hubbard
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 8-0 by Voice Vote
Ayes: Beth Behrend, Adam Bierman, Mara Franceschi, Eleanor Hubbard, Christopher Santarpio, Erica Snyder, Susan Kanter, Dafna Kendal

VII. Public Comment

The Board values the opinions and input of students, staff, parents, and community members on any topic.

When called upon to speak, please provide your name and home address, and keep your comments to three minutes, to be respectful of those who wish to comment after you. Please direct your comments to the Board, but note that this is not a discussion or Q&A.

Under New Jersey law, the Board shall not discuss personnel matters and shall not respond to comments made by the public. The Board President may refer questions or requests for action to staff for response at a later date.

Speakers are reminded that comments should be respectful and maintain a level of decorum appropriate for a meeting of a public body. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order.

There will be a 15-minute maximum time period for comments, inclusive of all speakers, unless otherwise agreed by the Board.

Thank you for your consideration of others.

Comments

Junior Girl Scout Troop 72146 spoke regarding their civic badge work and promotional efforts for May's Bike Safety Month.

A resident representing Not In Our Town Princeton requested that the administration keep the core recommendations from the district's 2017–2018 Equity Audit front and center during all ongoing budgeting evaluations.

** The Board adjourned for a break to celebrate the appointment of Lisa Caudill at 7:20 PM

Motion and Voting
Motion by Mara Franceschi, second by Beth Behrend
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 8-0 by Voice Vote
Ayes: Beth Behrend, Adam Bierman, Mara Franceschi, Eleanor Hubbard, Christopher Santarpio, Erica Snyder, Susan Kanter, Dafna Kendal

** The Board reopened the meeting at 7:38 PM

Motion and Voting

Motion by Mara Franceschi, second by Beth Behrend
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 8-0 by Voice Vote
Ayes: Beth Behrend, Adam Bierman, Mara Franceschi, Eleanor Hubbard, Christopher Santarpio, Erica Snyder, Susan Kanter, Dafna Kendal

VIII. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

A. *HIB Report Acceptance (Consent Agenda)*
Resolved*:* that the Board of Education accept the summary report for all investigations conducted between April 24, 2026 and May 15, 2026

B. *HIB Report Affirmation (Consent Agenda)*
Resolved that the Board of Education affirm all HIB investigations included in the April 28, 2026 summary report, excluding applicable appeals.

IX. Board Committee Reports

A. **Student Board Members Report** - Student Board Representative Ani Betancourt delivered the monthly campus report, noting that AP testing has officially concluded and that student focus groups are wrapping up feedback regarding district-wide AI regulations. Looking ahead to the final weeks of the school year, registration for fall athletics is officially open, the Senior Prom is scheduled for May 30th and a group of track and field athletes are preparing to compete in state matches at the end of the month.
B. **Long-Term Planning** - Summary given from May 12th meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for June 16th.
C. **Operations** - Summary given from May 14th meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for June 11th.
D. **Personnel** - Summary given from May 12th meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9th.
E. **Policy** - Summary given from May 5th meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for June 8th.
F. **Student Achievement** - Summary given from May 14th meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for May 21st.
G. **Equity** - The committee did not meet this month.

X. Consent Agenda and Action Items

A. Policy
    1. *First Reading (Consent Agenda)*
    Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the 1st reading of the policies and/or regulations listed below:
        a. None

    2. *Second Reading and Adoption (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the policies and/or regulations listed below:

a. None

B. Personnel

1. *Acceptance: Retirement (Consent Agenda)*
   Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the retirement of the following staff members:
   a. None
2. *Acceptance: Resignation (Consent Agenda)*
   Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of the following staff members:
   a. **Briggs, Mary,** Special Education Assistant, HS, has submitted her letter of resignation effective 05/15/2026.
   b. **Carlone, Laura,** Special Education, LB, has submitted her letter of resignation effective 06/30/2026.
   c. **Shields, William,** Building Monitor, PMS, has submitted his letter of resignation effective 06/30/2026.
   d. **Sinha, Panchali,** Instructional Assistant - MD, HS, has submitted her letter of resignation effective 05/05/2026.
3. *Approval: Appointments (Consent Agenda)*
   Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the appointments of the following staff members:
   a. Attachment # 10-B-3 Appointments - 05.19.2026.pdf
4. *Approval: Transfer/Reassignment 2026-2027 (Consent Agenda)*
   Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the transfer/reassignment of the following staff members:
   a. **Connors, Derek,** from Special Instructional Assistant, PMS to Instructional Assistant, HS, No salary change.
   b. **Demko, Amanda,** from Special Education - PSD Specialist Autism, RS to Special Education - Autism, RS, (New) Effective 08/25/2026-06/30/2026, No salary change.
   c. **Lebowitz, Judith**, from Special Education Assistant, PMS to Instructional Assistant, HS, No salary change.
5. *Approval: Reappointment/Revisions 2026-2027(Consent Agenda)*
   Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following reappointment/revisions of the following staff members:

a. Attachment # 11 - B - Reappointments_Revisions 2026-2027 - 05.19.2026.pdf

6. *Approval: Personnel Items (Consent Agenda)*
   Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following personnel items:
   a. **PRESSA Stipend - Tier 1 $6,000 prorated**
      i. McLernon, Joshua: Effective 04/06/2026-06/30/2026
   b. **Sick Leave Bank Dispensation**
      i. Employee ID # 7724: Effective 04/27/2026-06/18/2026 *(revised dates)*
      ii. Employee ID #8354: Effective 04/09/2026-06/18/2026 *(revised dates)*
   c. **Student Stage Technicians for Outside Groups: PHS**
      Rate: $18.58/hr. Effective: 05/01/2026-06/30/2026: Accounting Code: 11-000-262-110-8-56-00
      i. Cordle, ChengHai *(pending HR paperwork)*
   d. **Retirement Payout - Unaffiliated - *Revision to amount***
      i. Harding, David: $20,317
   e. **Retirement Reception Hourly Work**
      Effective 06/10/2026: Accounting Code: 11-000-251-105-0-03-00
      i. Del Buono, Lucy: $54.37/hr.
      ii. Hove, Alice: $28.75/hr.
   f. **Summer Transportation Hourly Work**
      Effective 07/01/2026-08/24/2026
      i. Attachment # 10 - B - 6f Summer Transportation - 06.19.2026.pdf
   g. **Coordinator of APEX Learning Course - *Revision to stipend amount***
      Effective 06/22/2026-07/17/2026: Accounting Code: 11-140-100-101-2-56-13-050
      i. Rothschild, Adam: $1,602
7. *Approval: Leaves of Absences (Consent Agenda)*
   Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the leaves of absences of the following staff members:
   a. Attachment #10 - B - 7 Leave of Absences 05.19.2026.pdf
8. *Approval: Substitutes/Student Placements (Consent Agenda)*
   Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following substitutes and student placements:
   a. Attachment # 10 - B - 8 Substitutes_Student Placements 05.19.2026.pdf
9. *Approval: Curriculum & Instruction (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following Curriculum and Instruction personnel items:

a. Attachment #10 - B - 9 Curriculum and Instruction - 05.19.2026.pdf

10. *Approval: Student Services (Consent Agenda)*
Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following Student Services personnel items:
    a. Attachment #10 - B - 10a Student Services - 05.19.2026.pdf
    b. Attachment # 10 - B - 10b Student Services 2026-2027 - 05.19.2026 (1).pdf
11. *Approval: Athletics (Consent Agenda)*
Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following athletic appointments:

Employee Name	Effective Dates	Rate	Role	Location	Account Code	Notes
Tiggett, Maurice	05/05/2026-06/05/2026	$1,226	Unified Spring Track Coach	PMS		

12. *Approval: Sixth Period Compensation (Consent Agenda)*
Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the sixth-period compensation of the following staff members:

Employee Name	**Effective Dates**	**Base Salary**	**Stipend**	**Total Salary**	**Role**	**Location**	**Notes**
Esposito, Torie	02/12/2026-05/08/2026	$83,736 prorated	$10,000 prorated	$93,736 prorated	Special Education Teacher	HS	Revision to dates
Itkoff, Samantha	02/12/2026-05/08/2026	$71,111 prorated	$20,000 prorated	$91,111 prorated	Special Education Teacher	HS	Revision to dates

13. Approval: Job Descriptions (Consent Agenda)

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following job descriptions:

a. Education Technology Specialist - Draft.pdf
b. Manager of Education Technology - Draft.pdf
c. Manager of Technology Support - Draft.pdf
d. Senior Core Infrastructure Engineer - Draft.pdf
e. Senior Security Technology Engineer - Draft.pdf
f. Systems Engineer - Draft.pdf

14. *Approval: Abolishment of Job Descriptions (Consent Agenda)*
Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the abolishment of the following job descriptions:
    a. Supervisor of Humanities (Gr 6 - Gr 12): Effective 07/01/2026
    b. Teacher - Dean of Students: Effective 07/01/2026

C. Curriculum and Instruction

1. *MOU for Dual Enrollment at TCNJ 2026-2027*
Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding agreement for Dual Enrollment at TCNJ for the 2026-2027 academic year.
Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the administration to execute the necessary documents.

2. *Amendment of the FY 2026 ESEA Application*
Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the amendment of the FY 2026 ESEA application to:
    a. Budget the carryover funds from FY 2025. Funds were budgeted within existing budget lines within Title I, Part A ($22,421); Title II, Part A ($15,175); Title III ($1,701); Title III Immigrant ($9,630) and Title IV, Part A ($5,864) grant programs.
    b. Reallocate funding within the following nonpublic lines including:
    Stuart (nonpublic) to reallocate $265 from 200-800 line to 200-500 line for professional development.
    Princeton Day School (nonpublic) to reallocate funds from a 100-600 account line (instructional supplies) to a 200-500 account line for professional development registration.
Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the administration to execute the necessary documents.

3. *Burlington County Scholastic League Membership 2025-26*
   Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the membership to the Burlington County Scholastic League for the high school volleyball teams.
   Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education authorize the administration to execute all necessary documents.

4. *Student Overnight Trips (Consent Agenda)*
   Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the anticipated student overnight school trips, and any associated fees (transportation, parking, entrance fees, etc.). No child will be denied access to this trip/s due to the expense, as per Board procedures.

Trip	Grade/Class	Location	Dates	School	Funding Source
Future Problem Solving Program International Conference	QUEST Students	Indiana University Bloomington, IN	June 10-14, 2026	Elementary	Students

   Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the administration to execute the necessary documents.

D. Student Services/Special Education
   1. *Contract Approval - Revised (Consent Agenda)*
      Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Learning Tree Multicultural/Multilingual Evaluations & Consulting, Greenbrook, NJ to provide bilingual speech/language, social, psychological, and educational evaluations for a fee of $830 per Spanish evaluation and $880 other languages; not to exceed a total of $40,000, during the 2025-2026 school year. Funding for these services will be provided through general funds.
      Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the administration to execute the necessary documents.

E. Business, Finance, Plant & Transportation Operations
   1. *Financial Reports (Roll Call Vote)*

Resolved, that the Board of Education accept the Board Secretary Report for April 30, 2026 and Treasurer Financial Reports for March 31, 2026; and be it further
Resolved, that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(3), the Board of Education certify that as April 30, 2026, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section), and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year and request the Board Secretary to addend a copy to the minutes.
Resolved, that the Board of Education accept the Certification of Payroll for April 30, 2026 in the amount of $6,495,483.36
Resolved, that the Board of Education approve payments on the "Bills List" of April 2026 $126,375.66 and May 2026 $4,154,140.01, totaling $4,280,515.67, and request that the Bills Lists be maintained on file in the Business Office for as long as legally required.

a. Attachment 10-E-1a - April Bills List
b. Attachment 10-E-1b - May Bills List
c. Attachment 10-E-1c - Treasurer's Report March 2026
d. Attachment 10-E-1d - Transfer's Report 2026-2027
e. Attachment 10-E-1e - BSR April 2026

Motion and Voting
Motion by Beth Behrend, second by Mara Franceschi
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 7-0-1 by Voice Vote
Ayes: Beth Behrend, Adam Bierman, Mara Franceschi, Eleanor Hubbard, Christopher Santarpio, Erica Snyder, Susan Kanter,
Abstain: Dafna Kendal

2. *Contracts (Roll Call Vote)*
Whereas, the Board of Education has a need to provide after-school programming opportunities for students while maximizing the efficient use of district facilities; and
Whereas, the Princeton Board of Education has entered into negotiations with Samara Solutions Group ("SSG") to operate an after-school program within District elementary school facilities; and
Whereas, pursuant to the agreement, SSG will provide a comprehensive after-school program including academic support, enrichment, and recreational activities aligned with district educational goals; and

Whereas, the agreement provides for the lease of designated space within District elementary schools to SSG for a term of September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at a rate of $4,000 per month, for a total of $40,000 over the ten (10) month term; and
Whereas, the program shall be self-sustaining at no cost to the District, with SSG assuming responsibility for program operations, staffing, licensing, and insurance requirements; and
Whereas, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary has reviewed the agreement and determined it to be in the best interest of the District;
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement between the Princeton Board of Education and Samara Solutions Group for the provision of after-school program services and related facility use for the period September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and
Be It Further Resolved that this agreement is awarded in accordance with applicable New Jersey statutes and regulations, including but not limited to N.J.S.A. 18A:20-34 (use of school facilities) and any other applicable procurement provisions; and
Be It Further Resolved that the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the agreement and any other necessary documents to effectuate its terms.

a. *Attachment 10-E-2 - PPS and SSG Contract 2026-2027*

Motion and Voting
Motion by Mara Franceschi, second by Beth Behrend
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 7-0-1 by Voice Vote
Ayes: Beth Behrend, Adam Bierman, Mara Franceschi, Eleanor Hubbard, Erica Snyder, Susan Kanter, Dafna Kendal
Abstain: Christopher Santarpio,

3. *Contracts (Consent Agenda)*
Whereas, the Board of Education has a need to procure goods and services for district operations; and
Whereas, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary has reviewed proposals, bids, and/or quotations received in accordance with applicable New Jersey statutes and regulations, including but not limited to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.; and
Whereas, the vendors listed below have been determined to be the lowest responsible bidders and/or otherwise qualified to provide the required goods and services;
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education hereby awards contracts to the following vendors in the amounts indicated, subject to the availability of funds:

Vendor	Amount	Additional Information

Candlewood Management Services, Inc.	Not to exceed $214,500	Attachment 10-E-3a
JAG Athletic Training	Not to exceed $91,584	Attachment 10-E-3b

Be It Further Resolved that these contracts are awarded pursuant to applicable procurement methods (including, as applicable, competitive bidding, competitive contracting, quotations, state contract, or cooperative purchasing); and
Be It Further Resolved that the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate these contracts.

4. *Construction Payments (Consent Agenda)*
Whereas, the Board of Education has entered into contracts for construction and related services; and
Whereas, payment applications have been submitted and reviewed by the appropriate professionals and administration;

Vendor	Amount	Additional Information
American Athletics	$67,687.50	Attachment 10-E-4a
G&P Parlamas	$39,901.58	Attachment 10-E-4b
LGB Mechanical	$496,889.40	Attachment 10-E-4c

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education hereby authorizes payment of construction payment applications as certified and approved, in accordance with contract terms and subject to the availability of funds; and
Be It Further Resolved that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to process such payments.

5. *Fire & Evacuation Drills (Consent Agenda)*
Whereas, school districts are required to conduct monthly fire and emergency evacuation drills in accordance with New Jersey statutes and regulations; and
Whereas, the administration has provided a report of fire and evacuation drills conducted during the prior month;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the monthly fire and evacuation drill report as presented.

School	Drill	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Community Park	Fire Drill	29th		4th	17th	13th	18th	23rd	26th	26th	17th		
Community Park	Security Drill			12th	29th	24th	11th	22nd	25th	11th	24th		
Johnson Park	Fire Drill	29th		4th	17th	13th	18th	23rd	26th	19th	24th		
Johnson Park	Security Drill			12th	29th	24th	11th	22nd	20th	26th	24th		
Littlebrook	Fire Drill	29th		4th	17th	13th	18th	23rd	27th	11th	27th		
Littlebrook	Security Drill			12th	29th	24th	11th	22nd	27th	24th	24th		
Riverside	Fire Drill	29th		4th	17th	13th	18th	23rd	13th	10th	27th		
Riverside	Security Drill			12th	29th	24th	11th	22nd	25th	20th	17th/ 21st		
Middle School	Fire Drill	29th		4th	17th	13th	18th	23rd	26th	11th	29th		
Middle School	Security Drill			12th	29th	24th	11th	22nd	18th	12th	14th		
High School	Fire Drill	29th		4th	17th	13th	18th	23rd	27th	9th	15th		
High School	Security Drill			12th	29th	24th	11th	22nd	20th	27th	8th		

6. *Funds Transfer (Consent Agenda)*
   Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the transfer of funds from the NJ ARM Account to the Operating Account in the amount of $714,880.95

7. *Food Services Contract (Consent Agenda)*
   Whereas, during the 2026-27 fiscal year, there exists a need for the services of a food services management company; and
   Whereas, Chapter 527, Laws of 1985, requires a resolution to authorize the award of a contract to a food services management company; and
   Whereas,the Board of Education desires to renew the base year contract awarded in 2024-25, with final eligible year being 2028-2029; be it therefore

Resolved, that the Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute a renewal contract with Pomptonian, Inc., The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of $0.2546 per reimbursable meal and meal equivalent to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fees to the FSMC. Total meals are calculated by adding reimbursable meal pattern meals served and meal equivalents. The number of reimbursable meals served to the children shall be determined by actual count. Cash receipts, other than from sales of reimbursable program meals served to the children, shall be divided by $4.70 to arrive at an equivalent meal count. The per meal administrative/management fee of $0.2546 will be multiplied by total meals; and be it further
Resolved, There is no guaranteed financial performance and the total cost of the contract is $1,824,362.32
Resolved, that the Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator to execute the necessary documents and the contract will be on file in the Business Office.

8. *Grant/Donations/Scholarships Acceptance (Consent Agenda)*
Whereas, the Board of Education recognizes the value of grants, donations, and scholarships in supporting and enhancing educational programs and opportunities for students; and
Whereas, various individuals, organizations, and agencies have offered or may offer funds, materials, or other resources to the district for such purposes; and
Whereas, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-10, a Board of Education may accept, by resolution, any bequest, legacy, donation, or grant of land, funds, or property for use in the school district and must provide for the administration and management of such funds;
Whereas, the Superintendent and Business Administrator/Board Secretary have reviewed the grants, donations, and scholarships received during the reporting period;
Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts the grants, donations, and scholarships received of as listed below and/or attached hereto:

Grantor	Amount	Type	Additional Information
Riverside School PTO	$12,600	Donation	Riverside Courtyard Project
J. Hennon-Bell	$5000	Scholarship	$2,500 for Boy's Soccer Player* $2,500 for Girl's Soccer Player* *Additional requirements in scholarship description
Priscilla Russel	$845	Scholarship	Raymond Hunt Scholarship

9. *Student Meal Prices for the 2026-2027 School Year (Consent Agenda)*
Whereas, the Board of Education participates in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program in accordance with federal and state regulations; and
Whereas, the Board of Education is responsible for establishing meal prices and ensuring the financial stability of the Food Service Fund; and
Whereas, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with the Food Service Director, has reviewed the proposed meal pricing structure in accordance with applicable United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines, including Paid Lunch Equity requirements, and has determined the prices to be reasonable and necessary for program operations;
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the following student meal prices for the 2026-2027 school year:

	Breakfast	Breakfast (F/R)	Lunch	Lunch (F/R)
Elementary	$1.90	$0.00	$3.50	$0.00
Middle School	$2.60	$0.00	$4.40	$0.00
High School	$2.90	$0.00	$4.60	$0.00
Adult	$3.75	N/A	$5.25	N/A

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to implement the approved pricing and to make minor adjustments to à la carte pricing as necessary to reflect product cost fluctuations, provided such adjustments remain consistent with program requirements; and
Be It Further Resolved that this action is taken pursuant to the Board's authority under N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 and in compliance with all applicable federal and state regulations governing school nutrition programs.
    a. Attachment 10-E-9 - PPS Meal Pricelist 2026-2027

10. *Registration/Travel Agenda (Consent Agenda)*
Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 and the 2026-2027 registration, travel and related expenses for the events listed on the travel request report and request that a copy be included in the permanent minutes.

Name	School	Start Date	End Date	Event	Location	Cost of Registration	Estimated Travel Expense	Total Expense	Funding Source
Jenna Peluso	D	06/09/26	06/15/26	Future Problem Solving International Conference	Bloomington, IN	$525	$2200	$2725	District
Shwu-fen Lin	HS	06/22/26	06/25/26	AP Chinese Language and Culture - APSI	Virtual	***$775***	0	$775	School
Risa Sakakibara	HS	07/13/26	07/17/26	APSI Advanced Placement Summer Institute	Virtual	$685	0	$685	School

Corrections to previous agendas in bold & italics.

11. *Purchase of Electricity Supply Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website (Consent Agenda)*
    Whereas, Princeton Public Schools has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order procure electricity for Princeton Public Schools; and
    Whereas, the Local Government Electronic Procurement Act (P.L. 2018, c. 156) (the "Act") authorizes the purchase of electricity supply service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and
    Whereas, Princeton Public Schools will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, a division of Mantis Innovation, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act; and
    Whereas, EMEX, LLC, a division of Mantis Innovation, is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and
    Whereas, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act; and
    Whereas, if the auction achieves a price of $0.09756/kWh or less for a 12 month term, a price of $0.09958/kWh or less for an 18 month term, a price of $0.09768/kWh or less for a 24 month term; Princeton Public Schools may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.
    Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Business Administrator of the Princeton Public Schools be and he hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Princeton Public Schools any electricity contract proffered by the participating supplier that submits the winning bid in the EMEX Reverse Auction if the auction achieves a price of $0.09756/kWh or less for a 12 month term, a price of $0.09958/kWh or less for an 18 month term, a price of $0.09768/kWh or less for a 24 month term,; Princeton Public Schools may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.

12. *Annual School Bus Evacuation Drills (Consent Agenda)*
    Whereas, N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2 requires each school district to conduct at least two (2) school bus emergency evacuation drills each school year for all students who are transported on school buses; and
    Whereas, the Board of Education is committed to ensuring the safety, preparedness, and well-being of all students under its supervision; and
    Whereas, the district includes students who are transported on district buses, students who are classified as walkers, and students who are placed out-of-district but transported by the district or district vendor;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves the implementation of required annual school bus evacuation drills in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2; and

Be It Further Resolved that such drills shall include, as applicable:

- All students transported on district-provided school bus routes;
- Students classified as walkers, to the extent they participate in school arrival and dismissal safety procedures coordinated by the district; and
- Out-of-district students transported by the district or district vendor to receiving schools or programs;

Be It Further Resolved that the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that drills are conducted in coordination with transportation providers and receiving schools, as appropriate, and that all participating students receive instruction on safe evacuation procedures, including use of emergency exits and safe assembly points; and

Be It Further Resolved that documentation of all required bus evacuation drills shall be maintained in accordance with New Jersey Department of Education requirements and made available upon request.

a. Attachment 10-E-12 - Bus Drills

XI. Public Comment

The Board values the opinions and input of students, staff, parents, and community members on any topic.

When called upon to speak, please provide your name and home address, and keep your comments to three minutes, to be respectful of those who wish to comment after you. Please direct your comments to the Board, but note that this is not a discussion or Q&A.

Under New Jersey law, the Board shall not discuss personnel matters and shall not respond to comments made by the public. The Board President may refer questions or requests for action to staff for response at a later date.

Speakers are reminded that comments should be respectful and maintain a level of decorum appropriate for a meeting of a public body. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order.

There will be a 15-minute maximum time period for comments, inclusive of all speakers, unless otherwise agreed by the Board.

Thank you for your consideration of others.

Comments

A high school sophomore shared concerns about 9th and 10th-grade English course offerings and the high school math grading metrics.

Student leaders from the PHS Latinos Club also spoke about their desire to wear cultural sashes at the upcoming graduation ceremony.

XII. Consent Vote

A. Approve Consent Agenda Items (Roll Call Vote)
Resolved, that the Board of Education approve all Action Consent items as noted in all Sections of this agenda as appropriate and,

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education authorize the administration to execute all necessary documents.

Motion and Voting
Motion by Erica Snyder, second by Eleanor Hubbard
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 8-0 by Voice Vote
Ayes: Beth Behrend, Adam Bierman, Mara Franceschi, Eleanor Hubbard, Christopher Santarpio, Erica Snyder, Susan Kanter, Dafna Kendal

XIII. Closing Discussion/Comments of the Board

The next board meeting is June 16, 2026.

XIV. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 PM

Motion and Voting
Motion by Beth Behrend, second by Christopher Santarpio

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 8-0 by Voice Vote
Ayes: Beth Behrend, Adam Bierman, Eleanor Hubbard, Ari Meisel, Christopher Santarpio, Erica Snyder, Susan Kanter, Dafna Kendal