



Board of Education

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

Date and Time

Tuesday, June 16, 2026
at 9:30 A.M

Location

SBJC Lodi Campus
123 Union Street, Lodi, NJ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NJ OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure 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 Business Administrator-Secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be sent to the following, announcing time and place thereof, agenda, etc.:

North Jersey Media Group

Notice of this meeting has been posted in the lobby of the Board of Education Office and at the South Bergen Jointure Commission Public Schools. This is an official meeting of the Board of Education/South Bergen Jointure Commission.

Meeting opened at _____.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Also Present:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District status update.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Seconded:

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2026 be approved.

Action taken:

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**2. FINANCE REPORT**

Motion:

Seconded:

2a. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that the FINANCE resolutions as per the attached report are approved. (*Attachments 2b, 2c*)

2b. The Board accepts the Board Secretary's Report as of April 30, 2026 and approves "Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10(E), certify that as of April 30, 2026 the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (Appropriations sections), did not reflect an over expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, and based on the appropriations balances reflected on the report and the advice of districts officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year." (*Attachment 2b*)

2c. The Board accepts the financial report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of April 2026. (*Attachment 2c*)

2d. The Board approves the following resolution: "Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10(d), we certify that as of April 30, 2026, no budgetary line item has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2A.10(a)."

2e. The May and June bills list below are approved (*Attachment 2e*):

Bills Payable	\$ 4,539,018.07
Payroll Transfers	\$ 2,124,056.44
Cafeteria Checks	\$ 31,327.47
Total	\$ 6,694,401.98

2f. Motion to approve the transfers for the month of April 2026. (*Attachment 2f*)

2g. Motion to approve the following voluntary employee payroll deductions for the 2026-2027 school year. These are all employee only contributions at no cost to the Board.

Axa Equitable-TSA	VALIC-TSA	Wageworks - FSA
NJEA, 1199J Dues	Lincoln Investment Planning TSA	Lincoln Financial Group -TSA
Prudential Insurance	AFLAC	Planconnect - TSA

2h. Motion to approve the following list of State Contract Vendors to be used during the 2026-2027 school year. (*Attachment 2h*)

2i. Motion to approve a cash incentive to waive benefits for any employees who waive Dental benefit coverage for the 2026-2027 school year that are not entitled to the Health Benefit waiver. The waiver will be effective 7/1/26 – 6/30/27. The amount of the waiver will be 25% of the cost of the benefit, not to exceed \$5,000, and will be prorated if the employee receives benefits for a partial year or in the event the employee should terminate their employment before the end of the school year.

2j. Motion to approve the attached guide for Health Benefit/Prescription Employee Benefit Contribution for the 2026-27 school year for employees enrolled in the NJ Direct and Freedom plans. (*Attachment 2j*)

2k. Motion to approve the Agreement with Dr. Patrick Perin for health services for the School District for the 2026-2027 school year. (*Attachment 2k*)

2l. The Board approves the 2026-2027 Anticipated contracts to be renewed, awarded, or to expire during the school year and approves: "Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the South Bergen Jointure Commission Board of Education intends to renew, award, or permit to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the board of education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulation; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18. et seq, NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Procurement Regulations 2CFR Part 200.317 et seq." (*Attachment 2l*)

2m. Motion to approve the donation of ice cream cups from Maywood Market in Maywood, NJ for field day at the Maywood Campus. As part of this acceptance, the South Bergen Jointure Commission will send a thank you letter on behalf of the Board.

2n.

**RESOLUTION
TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq., enables boards of education to join with other boards of education in school board insurance trusts for the purpose of forming self-insurance pools;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group ("NJSIG") is a joint insurance fund authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage and risk management services for its members;

WHEREAS, the South Bergen Jointure Commission, herein after referred to as the "Educational Institution," has resolved to apply for and/or renew its membership with NJSIG;

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution certifies that it has not defaulted on a claim, and has not been cancelled for non-payment of insurance premium for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the date of its application to NJSIG;

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution desires to secure protection, services, and savings relating to insurance and self-insurance for itself and its departments and employees; and,

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution finds that the best and most efficient way of securing this protection and services is by cooperating with other boards of education in the State of New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

- 1) This agreement is made by and between NJSIG and the Educational Institution;
- 2) The Educational Institution joins with other boards of education in organizing and becoming members of NJSIG pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-3(a), for a period of three years, beginning on July 1, 2026, and ending July 1, 2029 at 12:01 a.m.;
- 3) In consideration of membership in NJSIG, the Educational Institution agrees that for those types of coverage in which it participates, the Educational Institution shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liabilities of each and every member of NJSIG to such agreement arising from

their participation in NJSIG. By execution hereof the full faith and credit of the Educational Institution is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to NJSIG in accordance with the bylaws thereof, the plan of risk management, this Agreement and any applicable statute or regulation;

- 4) The Educational Institution and NJSIG agree that NJSIG shall hold all monies paid by the Educational Institution to NJSIG as fiduciaries for the benefit of NJSIG claimants all in accordance with applicable statutes and/or regulations;
- 5) NJSIG shall establish and maintain Trust Accounts in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. and such other statutes and regulations as may be applicable;
- 6) By adoption and signing of this resolution, the Educational Institution is hereby joining NJSIG in accordance with the terms of this Indemnity and Trust Agreement and Resolution to Join / Renew Membership, effective the date indicated below, for the types of insurance as indicated in the Insurance Binder issued by NJSIG;
- 7) The Educational Institution hereby ratifies and affirms the bylaws and other organizational and operational documents of NJSIG, and as from time to time amended by NJSIG and/or the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking and Insurance, in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations as if each and every one of said documents were re-executed contemporaneously herewith;
- 8) The Educational Institution agrees to be a participating member of NJSIG for the period herein provided for and to comply with all of the rules and regulations and obligations associated with said membership, including, but not limited to the NJSIG's Plan of Risk Management;
- 9) The Educational Institution under its obligations as a member of NJSIG agrees to allow for safety inspections of its properties, to pay contributions in a timely fashion and to comply with the bylaws and standards of participation of NJSIG including the plan of risk management;
- 10) If NJSIG, in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement, shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the Educational Institution agrees to reimburse NJSIG for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand;
- 11) The Business Administrator is hereby authorized in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., to execute such contracts and documentation with NJSIG as is necessary to effectuate this resolution; and,
- 12) The Business Administrator is directed to send a certified copy of this Indemnity and Trust Agreement and Resolution to Join / Renew Membership to NJSIG.

2o. Motion to approve the Agreement with Christine Doerr, APRN-BC, LLC for Clinical Services for the 2026-27 school year. (*Attachment 2o*)

2p. Motion to approve the contract for Day and Night Custodial Services at the Lodi Campus with AAA Facility Solutions, LLC for the period July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2028 as per the bid of June 2, 2026. (*Attachment 2p*)

2q. Motion to approve the 2025-26 Budgetary Projection reports by our auditor, Lerch, Vinci and Bliss, LLC documenting the projected deficit for this fiscal year. This report doesn't include the \$500,000 credit that was approved in the 2024-25 school year as part of a give back to our member districts, a portion of which was designated to be retained and applied during the 2025-26 school year. (*Attachment 2q*)

ACTION TAKEN FOR 2. FINANCE

3. PERSONNEL

Motion:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that in compliance with Chapter 116, P.L. 1986 and in accordance with the State of New Jersey Department of Education memorandum dated October 29, 1986 that all new personnel shall be considered to be provisionally hired; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to comply with State Department directives concerning the State and Federal criminal history background checks of these employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said new personnel shall be considered provisionally hired until such time as the Department of Education has indicated that they have completed the criminal history background checks of prospective employees and that said employees have satisfied the requirements of Chapter 116, P.L. 1986 at which time said employees shall no longer be provisional; the Business Administrator shall be hereby directed to employ personnel and to take such other personnel actions as indicated.

All appointments upon recommendation of the Superintendent are on an emergent basis, pending completion of a criminal history background check. In addition, all appointments are contingent upon the employee signing a contract in accordance with law and the receipt of favorable reference responses. All aide appointments are contingent upon the employee being available for employment for the month of July 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027. All employments are approved to be paid additional compensation for the Clubs and Activities Program, Office Support, Home Programming and Parent Training Home Program and Home Instruction on an as-needed basis.

3a. Motion to approve the attached additional pay for services rendered as indicated. (*Attachment 3a*)

3b. Motion to approve the appointment of the following personnel to work the 2026 Extended School Year Program.

Name	Position	Salary/Rate/Per Diem
Fletcher, Liam	Teacher	\$242.43
Whittemore, Gabriel	Teacher	\$281.78

3c. Motion to rescind the appointment of the following personnel to work the 2026 Extended School Program.

Name	Position
Traverso, Jackie	Paraprofessional

3d. Motion to accept the resignation of the following personnel.

Name	Position	Effective Date	Purpose
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Weiss, Dora	Paraprofessional	7/1/2026	Retirement
Duran-Rodriguez, Bergica	Paraprofessional	8/1/26	Resignation
Risteska, Silvana	Paraprofessional	6/9/26 (adjusted from 6/24/26)	Resigned
Rivera, Daniela	Paraprofessional	6/15/26	Rescinded offer

3e. Motion to approve the leave of absence for the following, using days in accordance with the individual agreement with the Board and utilizing the FMLA and/or NJFLA leave entitlement.

Employee ID#	Position	Effective Dates
0224	Network Technician	6/10/26 - 8/8/26
0904	Paraprofessional	5/29/26 - 6/23/26

3f. Motion to approve the salary adjustment for the following staff who have completed the requirements of the Teacher Salary / Paraprofessional guide. All documents have been provided.

Name	Position	Degree/Certification	Adjusted Salary	Effective Date
Voorhis, Sean	Teacher	MA to MA+15	\$99,425.00	8/31/26

3g. Motion to approve the contract for Shane Miller, Chief Operating Officer from July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 at the salary of \$154,022.90 plus \$3,000.00 longevity.

3h. Motion to approve a contract with the attached Board of Education for the Jointure to provide 1:1 aide services for the 2026 Extended School Year Program. Full amount of the annual prorated fee shall be charged to the Board of Education. (*Attachment 3h*)

3i. Motion to approve the contract with each of the Boards of Education for the SBJC to provide 1:1 aide services for the 2025-2026 school year. Full amount of the annual prorated fee shall be charged to each of the Boards of Education. The securing of Paraprofessionals from Delta-T will be used to fill these positions for the remainder of this school year.

District	Student ID
Garfield	48451711
Paramus	48451716
Teaneck	48451715
Hackensack	48451666
Wood-Ridge	48451710

3j. Motion to appoint Behavior Specialist for the 2026 Extended School Year Program, as per attached. (*Attachment 3j*).

3k. Motion to appoint Behavior Specialist for the 2026-2027 school year with salaries per the attached. (*Attachment 3k*)

3l. Motion to approve the appointment of the following personnel.

Name	Position	Effective Date	Salary/Step
Morelli, Cristina	Speech Therapist	8/31/2026	\$70,000.00
Dutta, Gargi	Paraprofessional	9/1/26	\$26.76 / hour or \$29.00 / hour w/ sub certificate
Blake, Caitlyn	Speech Therapist	8/31/26	\$70,000.00

3m. Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Paraprofessional/Health Aide/Assistant Behaviorist Salary Index. (*Attachment 3m*)

3n. Motion to approve the contract for Susan Cucciniello as School Business Administrator effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. (*Attachment 3n*)

3o. Motion to appoint the following employee for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual cost of \$6,337.

Treasurer of School Monies: Nancy Bucci

3p. Motion to approve the following students to complete a work based learning internship at the South Bergen Jointure Commission as a requirement of their school from July 1, 2026 - June 20, 2027.

Name	School
Amelia McGowan	Banyan School

ACTION TAKEN FOR 3. PERSONNEL

4. POLICY

Motion:

Seconded:

4a. BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Bergen Jointure Commission Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB investigations for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents, and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents.

School	HIB Incident No.	Determination
Lodi Campus	25-26-07	Founded (2 students) Unfounded (8 students)
Lodi Campus	25-26-08	Founded (2 students) Unfounded (3 students)

ACTION TAKEN FOR 4. POLICY**5. TRANSPORTATION**

Motion:

Seconded:

- 5a. Motion to approve the attached 2025-2026 RSY Quotes Set 9. (*Attachment 5a*)
- 5b. Motion to approve the attached contract addendums for 25-26 School Year. (*Attachment 5b*)
- 5c. Motion to approve the bid results from May 27, 2026, Special Education/Regular Student Transportation Services, Bid #052726. (*Attachment 5c*)

ACTION TAKEN FOR 5. TRANSPORTATION**6. FACILITIES AND PLANNING**

Motion:

Seconded:

- 6a. Motion to approve the renewal of applications for the temporary instructional space for the Lodi and Maywood Campuses for the 2026-2027 school year. (*Attachment 6a*)
- 6b. Motion to approve the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklists for the Maywood and Lodi Campuses. (*Attachment 6b*)

ACTION TAKEN FOR 6. FACILITIES AND PLANNING**7. FOOD SERVICE****8. CURRICULUM**

Motion:

Seconded:

8a. Motion to approve the attached *Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program* for the 2026-2027 school year. (*Attachment 8a*)

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting is adjourned at _____.

ACTION TAKEN FOR ADJOURNMENT



**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
CLOSED MEETING TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

JUNE 16, 2026

Motion:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION will hold a closed meeting on June 16, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. to review personnel matters and other confidential concerns as listed on the Closed Agenda dated June 16, 2026. The items discussed will be made public at the conclusion of the executive session or at a date not determined at this time.

Action taken:

**SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION
CLOSED - MONTHLY MEETING**

June 16, 2026

Meeting Opened at _____.

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Also Present:

Special Order of Business

Adjournment

Motion:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this closed session is adjourned at _____.

Action taken: