

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
April 15, 2026 - Special Meeting, 6:30 PM
Media Center, 20 Obre Place, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

Special Meeting Minutes

1.0 Opening Procedures

1.1 Call to order – 6:33 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 April 2, 2026. 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:

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 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.

3.0 Board President - Mr. David Ngo

4.0 Personnel Matters

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

4.1 The Shrewsbury Borough School District Board of Education approves the appointment of Richard Cohen, Superintendent/Principal of Schools for a term commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2030 at an initial annualized salary of \$190,000 for the 2026-2027 school year, pursuant to terms of written employment contract as approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

5.0 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 were absent.

6.0 Public Participation - All Topics**7.0 Adjournment**

It was motioned by Mr. Ngo, seconded by Ms. Gourley-Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 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.