MINUTES/REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 26, 2026

***Meeting Opening/*Pledge of Allegiance**

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES	*Present*	*Absent*	*Abstain*
KEITH DAVIS	*X*		
JOSEPH DIFEO	*X late*		
PHYLLIS FASONE	*X*		
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ	*X*		
EUGENE SQUEO	*X*		
SHARON SANTANA	*X*		
VALERIE SLACK	*X late*		
SONJA GARLIN	*X*		

Also Present: CEO Chris Garlin
PRINCIPAL James Brewer
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Jeffrey Mohr
SBA/BOARD SECY Brian Falkowski
GENERAL COUNSEL Jodi Howlett, Esq.
RECORDING SECY Maureen Hulings
CONSULTANT Regina Loracella

Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 28, 2026 Regular Meeting;
Vote:6-0 1 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion to close Public Speaking;
Vote: 8-0

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

by COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE met today; we have a positive Fund Balance; discussed end of year contracts and retro payments; discussed where we are in the Fiscal timeline.

Motion to pay monthly bills:
Vote: 8-0

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE discussed their report that was previously sent to the Board; Chris Garllin met with committee and discussed Union contract update; school bathroom renovations; CEO evaluation process and time line was discussed; Keith Davis discussed Board self evaluation, July 30th is actual deadline; looking at dates for Board retreat during July or August; new board member process requirements was discussed; will be meeting Thursday to discuss revisions to Mission Statement.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE discussed their report that was previously sent to the Board; Regina and Chris will get teacher to help with evaluation by Board;

Person from public asked to speak, public speaking was already closed; she was advised she could speak later; left meeting.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Gene Squeo asked for status on summer program; Chris Garlin advised testing would be over tomorrow then would get status;

Principal discussed the items administration would focus on at the end of SY for instruction:

1. Summer learning program they will be working with SPU;

2. Having difficulty finding Spanish Teacher may look at option of having a French teacher;
3. Working on year 2 of the Strategic Plan;
4. Multi tier student support through Rutgers
5. Summer program usually starts out with approximately 120 students; ends with high 80s or 90s.
6. Filed trip to SPU by bus so students can see where they are going for the summer program.

ORGANIZATONAL DASHBOARD: Asst Principal Jeffrey Mohr discussed report; that some grades went down and hopefully our spring results (test is in June) will see an improvement; Phyllis Fasone said it is very disturbing that so many students are below grade level; JM advised testing this year is different; that so far no technical issue with new test; feedback from kids was good; Valerie Slack asked if we prep the kids for testing; JM yes 2 weeks before discussed what they go through on test day; that our goal is that 100% of students are tested; that home instruction kids came in for testing; Gene Squeo said the iReady results were disappointing that for 3 yrs that has not been any significant improvement; that we are stagnant; hoped to t have seen major improvement or at least measurable improvement; Principal said end of year review of the data for tiers

will help with moving into Year 2 of the Strategic Plan; Teachers will be given end of year reports with the testing results; Keith Davis we need to get parents more involved; Principal….we have a family liaison that tries to get parents involved; Sonja Garlin asked about SPU Coaches; meeting tomorrow invited parents; that we need confidence building with this program Joe DiFeo asked how can Teachers accomplish our goals while our students are 2 or 3 grades behind; PF said in 4th grade only 2 students are on grade level; Principal…. Parents do not want their children retained; we are going to add a 2nd math coach; John Seazholtz said we got worse from fall to winter; urther discussion took place about declining scores; Principal…we are meeting with Regina to discuss PD for Teacher to become more skilled on how to work in classroom.

SCHOOL GENERAL MONTHLY REPORTS: ENROLLMENT IS LOW; JM advised will have 5 additional students in 1st grade next year; they have been visiting PreK schools in our area (5) trying to build relationships; SG asked if they have family attending public schools.

OPEN STAFF POSITIONS: discussed non-renewals & open positions; admin is recruiting; VS said we need to get word out about our school.

Motion to close Regular Agenda and go into Executive Session
Vote: 8-0

Board returned to Regular Session

Counsel Howlett advised that Board discussed suspension report, upcoming Board Vacancy and Union MOA status.

CEO advised that Suzanne Madison is leaving Board;suggested her brother Dr. Madison to replace her (he is not a NJ resident, can not be appointed to Board); they will look for someone else from the family;

RESOLUTIONS:

No. 5/26/1 Approve ACCEPTANCE of COACH COMPETITIVE GRANT
Vote: 8-0

No. 5/26/2 Approve AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR RESTOOMS REHABILITATON PROJECT
Vote:8-0

No. 5/26/3 Approve ACCEPTANCE of HIB INVESTIGATION DETERMINATION & RELATED TERMINATION RECOMMENDATION
Vote: 8-0

No. 5/26/4 Approve TERMINATOIN OF STAFF MEMBER
Vote:8-0

No. 5/26/5 Approve KID CLAN SERVICES AGREEMENT for FUNCTIONAL BEHAVIORAL ASSESMENT (FBA)
Vote: 8-0

Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Minutes of the May 26, 2026 Regular Board Meeting were approved at the June 23. 2026 Regular Board Meeting:
VOTE: 7-0 1 abstain

Certified to be a true copy

By: Dr. Brian Falkowski/SBA/Board Secretary
Dated: June 23, 2026