

**MINUTES
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 2026**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Rachel Byrne, President
Edwin Botero
Chris D'Amico
Melissa Eckert
Erika Puskas

ABSENT: Sheila Studint, Vice-President
Karl Svenningsen

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Pepper, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Robin C. Tedesco, Interim School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary (telecom)
Barbara Caggiano, Administrative Assistant to BA/BS
Jennifer Ochoa, Supervisor of Special Services

ABSENT: Joseph Coladarci, Principal

Board of Education President, Rachel Byrne, called the in-person meeting to order at 6:01 P.M., declared a quorum present, and read the following notices:

The Mount Arlington Board of Education is meeting for action and discussion about business before the Board of Education today.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the public's right to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with this Act, the Board of Education has sent notice of today's meetings and copies of the agenda to the:

Roxbury Register
Daily Record
Star Ledger
Municipal Clerk
Board of Education Members

Notice of today's meeting and copies of the agenda have been posted on the Mount Arlington Public Schools Website: www.mtarlingtonk8.org

All Board of Education members present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was presented by Mr. Botero and seconded by Mr. D'Amico, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 6:02 P.M to address Personnel items and Legal issues. Action will follow.

Voice Vote:

Yes: 5

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2

Motion Passes

WHEREAS the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A.10:4-1 et seq.) expressly provide that a public body may move into Closed Session and exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses any of the nine areas set forth in N.J.S.A.10:4-12b; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Arlington Board of Education has determined it necessary to move to Closed Session to discuss personnel matters and legal issues, which are included in the aforesaid exceptions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mount Arlington Board of Education that it does hereby move into Closed Session pursuant to N.J.S.A.10:4-12b to discuss the aforesaid matters with a related action to follow, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the aforesaid discussions shall be made public either at the Public Meeting following said Closed Session or at such time as any litigated personnel matters are concluded, or upon conclusion of any negotiations or discussions; or as otherwise specified; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

A motion was presented by Mr. Botero, and seconded by Mrs. Eckert that the meeting return to Open Session at 7:10 P.M.

Voice Vote:

Yes: 5

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2

Motion Passes

PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

1. Unsung Hero – Mrs. Ochoa presented the Unsung Hero award to Callie Foit.
2. Middle School Leadership – Mrs. Ochoa presented the Middle School Leadership Award to Summer Lovins.

PUBLIC SESSION

1. None

MINUTES:

A motion was presented by Mr. Botero and seconded by Ms. Puskas, to approve:

1. Regular Meeting & Executive – May 13, 2026

Voice Vote:

Yes: 5

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2

Motion Passed

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. None

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Caggiano reviewed the motions before the Board of Education as shown on the agenda.

BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS BY COMMITTEE:

FINANCE

A motion was presented by Ms. Puskas and seconded by Mr. Botero, to approve Finance Agenda Items 061026-B-1 through 061026-B-37.

061026-B-1 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves the Cafeteria Account check register of payments dated May 14, 2026, through June 10, 2026, in the amount of \$18,324.06

061026-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves the General Account check register of payments dated May 14, 2026, through June 10, 2026, in the amount of \$1,291,028.11

061026-B-3 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves the Student Activities Account check register of payments dated May 15, 2026 through June 10, 2026, in the amount of \$4,467.27

061026-B-4 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves the list of line-item transfers for May 2026.

061026-B-5 RESOLVED, that the report of the Secretary and the related statement of cash balances for the month of May 2026 be approved by the Mount Arlington Board of Education and ordered filed, and further that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves the certification of the Board Secretary for the month of May 2026 that no line-item account has encumbrances and expenditures which, in total, exceed the line appropriation of the adopted 2025-2026 budget, as revised, in accordance with N.J.S. A. 18A:17-9 and further certifies that no major account or fund has been expended in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-8 or N.J.S.A. 18A:19.

061026-B-6 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves the following field trips/fundraisers for the 2025-2026 school year.

Grade	Date	Location
5th & 6th ELA class	6/18/26	Mt. Arlington Library-Walking trip

061026-B-7 RESOLVED, to authorize the Board Secretary, to transfer funds within the 2025-2026 school year budget as needed to bring all account lines into balance for the end of the 2025-2026 fiscal year and to prepare a supplemental bills list for June 30, 2026, to be submitted for approval at the next board meeting.

061026-B-8 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves its Section 125 Benefits program and designate Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield as its FSA administrator for the period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027, and to pay all monthly administrator fees.

061026-B-9 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP to provide Policy Alerts & Support Services (PASS), at a cost of \$5,015.00, for the 2026-2027 school year.

061026-B-10 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve participation in the Post-Offer Medical Examination Program as

approved by the trustees of the Morris Essex Insurance Group which operates the district's Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Pool. There will be no additional cost to the Board, for the 2026-2027 school year.

061026-B-11 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 E-Rate Renewal Agreement.

061026-B-12 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve Robin C. Tedesco as QPA effective July 1, 2026.

WHEREAS the Public-School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 authorizes a local board of education to increase their bid threshold up to the limit set by the Department of the Treasury provided that the local board of education appoints an individual who possesses a Qualified Purchasing Agent certificate to negotiate and award said contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Treasury has set the maximum total sum of the bidding threshold for local boards of education with a Qualified Purchasing Agent at \$53,000.00; and

WHEREAS the Mount Arlington Board of Education (the "Board") has determined that Robin C. Tedesco possesses the requisite certificate of Qualified Purchasing Agent issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9 and N.J.A.C. 5:32-4.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS the Board has determined that the efficient provision of services to the district will be best served by appointing Robin C. Tedesco as the District's Qualified Purchasing Agent and increasing the threshold amount that the Board may negotiate and award contracts without public advertising for bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education (the "Board") hereby appoints Robin C. Tedesco as the Board's Qualified Purchasing Agent and delegates to Mrs. Tedesco, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3, the authority to negotiate and award contracts on behalf of the Board when the total sum of the contract does not exceed the Board's bid threshold; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby sets its bid threshold amount for the 2026-2027 school year at \$53,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Robin C. Tedesco is hereby authorized to take those ministerial actions as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

061026-B-13 Appoints Indoor Air Quality Manager
RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington School District Board of Education,

in the County of Morris, New Jersey appoints the Facilities Manager as the Indoor Air Quality Coordinator for the 2026-2027 school year effective July 1, 2026.

061026-B-14 Appoints Right-To-Know Contact Person

RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey appoints the Facilities Manager as the Right-To-Know contact person for the 2026-2027 school year effective July 1, 2026.

061026-B-15 Appoints IPM Manager and Approves IPM Plan

RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey appoints the Facilities Manager of Mount Arlington Public Schools as the district's designated Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Coordinator as per N.J.A.C. 7:30-13.3 for the 2026-2027 school year effective July 1, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to approve the IPM Plan on file in the school offices.

061026-B-16 Appoints Asbestos/AHERA Manager

RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey appoints Facilities Manager as the district's designated person and program manager to carry out the duties required under the AHERA Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act) 40 CFR-763 for the 2026-2027 school year effective July 1, 2026.

061026-B-17 Appoints Chemical Hygiene Officer

RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey appoints the Facilities Manager as the district's Chemical Hygiene Officer as per 29 CFR 1910.1450 for the 2026-2027 school year effective July 1, 2026.

061026-B-18 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves the following ESY route and cost with Sussex County Regional Co-op, plus a 4.5% administrative fee, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Route	Route Number	Cost
ESY-Sp Ed P.G. Chambers	SR-26227	\$16,695.00 \$ 751.27

061026-B-19 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve a Joint Transportation Agreement between Roxbury Board of Education and Mount Arlington Board of Education for 2026-2027 ESY transportation, plus a 4% administrative fee.

Route	Route Number	Cost
ESY- Sp-Ed Roxbury	RHS03	\$5,000.00 \$ 200.00
ESY-Sp Ed Mt. Arlington	MPK01	\$7,757.02 \$ 310.28

061026-B-20 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the following route and cost with Sussex Regional Co-op plus a 4% administrative fee, for the 2025-2026 school year.

Route	Route #	Cost
Sp Ed- Windsor	Q-564	\$ 9,384.00 with aide \$ 375.36

061026-B-21 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves the assignment of the following Food Service Officials for the 2026-2027 School Year:

Food Service Hearing Official – Dr. Jessica Neu
Food Service Determining Official – Robin Tedesco
Food Service Verifying Official – Barbara Caggiano
Food Service Confirming Official – Barbara Caggiano
Food Service Certifier – Robin Tedesco
Food Service Alternate Certifier – Dr. Jessica Neu
Food Service Submitter: Maschio's Assignment
Food Service Alternate Submitter: TBD
Food Service School Administrator – Robin Tedesco
Food Service Director: Maschio's Assignment
Food Service Other User: Barbara Caggiano

061026-B-22 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves the submission of the 2025-2026 Lead in Water Testing Statement of Assurance.

061026-B23 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education delegates to the Superintendent authority to appoint personnel and issue contracts for the 2026-2027 school year during the period of July 1, 2026, through the next available meeting whereupon the board will take formal action.

061026-B-24 WHEREAS the Mount Arlington Board of Education solicited for Requests for Proposal for Before & After School Care Program for the 2026-27 school year; and,

WHEREAS a committee received those Requests for Proposal and rated each submission based on pertinent criteria;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mount Arlington Board of Education awards the request for proposals for the Before & After School Care Program to Alphabest of Winston Salem, NC based on fee structure, program quality and overall scope of services.

061626-B-25 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the award of the following bids obtained through the district's Bidding Cooperative, Educational Data Services, Inc. to the following vendors indicated for the 2026-2027 school year:

Vendor	Items Awarded	\$ Amount Awarded
General Classroom Supplies	166	\$3,879.65
World Language Supplies	4	\$312.08
Fine Art Supplies	104	\$2,611.57
Health and Trainer Supplies	72	\$2,941.89
Math Supplies	51	\$1,605.32
Library Supplies	11	\$75.24
Office/Computer Supplies	15	\$332.26
Physical Education Supplies	11	\$409.85
Special Needs Supplies	158	\$5,578.16
Teaching Aids Supplies	124	\$4,530.52
Athletic Supplies	40	\$2,620.49
Science Supplies	76	\$2,467.97
Technology Supplies	1	\$234.00
Custodial Supplies	3	\$55.04
Total Ed Data 2026-27 Bids		\$27,654.04

061226-B-26 WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.3 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the

authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permits a board of education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS the Mount Arlington Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into the Capital Reserve and/or Tuition Reserve and/or Maintenance Reserve account at year end,

WHEREAS, the Mount Arlington Board of Education has determined that up to \$900,000.00 is available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mount Arlington Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to transfer an amount NOT TO EXCEED \$900,000.00 into the district's Reserve accounts, as of June 30, 2026, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

060126-B-27 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education enter into a shared services agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County (ESCMC) to provide a consultant to review Child Study Team services. The ESCMC is being hired as an authorized representative under FERPA and 34 C.F.R. 99.35. These services will be provided by the ESCMC twice per week at the cost of \$650 per day plus an administrative fee of 4% according to the terms of the attached Shared Services Agreement.

061026-B-28 RESOLVED to approve PG Chambers to provide occupational and physical therapy services during the extended school year program for students requiring special education and related services, July 6, 2026 through July 31, 2026, at a rate of \$107.00 per hour (Total time not to exceed 45 hours inclusive.)

061026-B-29 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves the following 2026-2027 related service providers and their associated costs provided by P.G. Chambers School as follows:

Related Service	PG Chambers Rate	Dates
Occupational Therapy	\$107.00/hour \$610.00 per evaluation	9/4/26-6/23/27

Physical Therapy	\$107.00/hour \$610.00 per evaluation	9/4/26-6/23/27
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061026-B-30 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves a contract with Dr. Lori Hanes and Associates to provide services as needed for child study team evaluations, instruction, and related services for the 2026-2027 school year.

061026-B-31 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve a contract with Bartky HealthCare Center, LLC to provide services as needed for child study team Psychiatric and Neurodevelopmental evaluations for the 2026-2027 school year.

061026-B-32 RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve a contract with John Ermanis, Ph.D. to provide Child Study Team school psychological services for the 2026-2027 school year.

Contract	Date	Cost per Hour	Assessment Rate	Total Cost
John Ermanis, Ph.D.	7/1/26-6/30/27	\$95.00	\$400.00-\$600.00 (includes written report)	Not to exceed \$24,000

061026-B-33 RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the following special education tuition contracts for the school year 2026-2027:

Student ID	Attending	Date	# of days	Tuition	Aide Support	Other
10600	ECLC of New Jersey	7/1/26-6/30/27	200	\$92,314.00	N/A	N/A
11621	P.G. Chambers School	7/6/26-6/30/27	210	\$111,869.10	N/A	N/A
11863	P.G. Chambers School	7/6/26-6/30/27	210	\$111,869.10	N/A	N/A

11609	P.G. Chambers School	7/6/26-6/30/27	210	\$111,869.10	\$48,510.00	N/A
10656	Celebrate the Children	7/1/26-6/30/27	203	\$100,485.00	\$42,630.00	N/A
11508	Celebrate the Children	7/1/26-6/30/27	203	\$100,485.00	\$42,630.00	N/A
11874	Cornerstone Day School	7/1/26-6/30/27	220	\$108,240.00	N/A	N/A
99999	The Craig School	9/8/26-6/30/27	180	\$68,250.00	N/A	N/A

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061026-B-34 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 McKinney Vento regular education contract for student ID#11120 with the Hanover Park Regional Board of Education.

061026-B-35 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the Mount Arlington Public School District official price list for the 2026-2027 school year as allowed by the National School Lunch Program.

	Full-Price	Reduced Price
Breakfast	\$2.50	\$0.00
Milk	\$0.80	
Decker Student Lunch	\$4.00	\$0.00
MAPS Student Lunch	\$4.00	\$0.00
Adult Breakfast	\$3.00	
Adult Lunch	\$4.50	

061026-B-36 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve an agreement for Landscaping and mowing for the Mount Arlington School and Edith M. Decker School, for an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00.

061026-B-37 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education, upon recommendation from the School Business Administrator, approves and awards the renewal of the Food Service Management Company (FSMC) base year contract with Maschio's Food Services, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-42. The Mount Arlington Board of Education shall pay Maschio's Food Services, Inc., an annual management fee in the amount of \$12,660. The management fee shall be payable in ten monthly installments of \$1,266.00 commencing on September 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2027. The total cost of the contract is \$177,404.63

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Maschio's Food Services, Inc., guarantees a loss not to exceed \$10,000.

Roll Call:

<i>Mr. Botero</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Byrne</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. D'Amico</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Eckert</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Puskas</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Studint</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Mr. Svenningsen</i>	<i>Absent</i>

Motion Passes

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Pepper reviewed the motions before the Board of Education as shown on the agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - ACTION ITEMS BY COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL:

A motion was presented by Mr. Botero, and seconded by Mr. D'Amico, to approve Personnel Agenda Items 061026-S-1 through 061026-S-26, 061026-S-34 through 061026-S-37 and 061026-S-39.

061026-S-1 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to approve Stephanie Guida to provide home instruction for a student requiring special education from May 2, 2026, through June 8, 2026, for 2 hours per day at a rate of \$44.04 per hour.

061026-S-2 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to approve the appointment of Miques Valle, Facilities Manager for the 2026-2027 school year effective on or about July 13, 2026, at an annual salary of \$80,000. All Terms and

Conditions of the contract on file in the Board of Education Office. (Note: Approval based upon receipt of State approved background check and physical).

- 061026-S-3 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to approve the reappointment of full-time and part-time district aides for the 2026-2027 school year at the following rate of pay, pending finalized Individual Education Plans.

Staff Member	26-27 hourly rate of pay
Brittany Aemisegeo part-time	\$17.83
Farzana Akter part-time	\$17.40
Gina Barros part-time	\$19.35
Ciara Davila part-time	\$17.40
Muna Elmasri part-time	\$17.40
Marithza Gil part-time	\$17.83
Danielle Lisi part-time	\$19.89
Lisa Martinelli part-time	\$21.25
Amelia McInerney part-time	\$25.75
Linda Passarella part-time	\$16.81
Tara Pierri part-time	\$16.81
Farzana Rahman part-time	\$17.92
Christine Scheibner full-time	\$29,945 annual rate
Joan Sibilia	\$16.48
Valerie Sperduto part-time	\$19.89

- 061026-S-4 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, resolved to revise motion 022426-S-2 approval of chaperones for the Hershey Park (8th grade) Trip to remove Marlen Tomosieski and add Diane Van Dongen.
- 061026-S-5 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to add Kate Delorenzo to our list of substitute teachers for the 2025-2026 school year. (Approval based upon receipt of State approved background checks).
- 061026-S-6 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to appoint Samantha Trilling as elementary teacher (tenured track position) effective September 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, at BA Step 1 annual salary of \$61,220 (rate according to A-3 for 2026-2027). Note: Approval is based upon receipt of State approved background check and certification.
- 061026-S-7 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to appoint Kayla Graef as leave replacement teacher (non-tenured track position) effective September 1, 2026-January 13, 2027, at BA Step 1 prorated annual salary of \$61,220 (rate according to A-3 for 2026-2027). Note: Approval is based upon receipt of State approved background check and certification.

- 061026-S-8 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to appoint Abigail Comprelli as leave replacement teacher (non-tenured track position) effective September 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, at BA Step 1 annual salary of \$61,220 (rate according to A-3 for 2026-2027). Note: Approval is based upon receipt of State approved background check and certification.
- 061026-S-9 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to appoint Tim Macko as leave replacement teacher (non-tenured track position) effective September 1, 2026-March 25, 2027, at BA Step 1 prorated annual salary of \$61,220 (rate according to A-3 for 2026-2027). Note: Approval is based upon receipt of State approved background check and certification.
- 061026-S-10 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to reappoint Marie Van Rossen, Main Office Secretary (10-month position) for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary of \$50,110. Terms and conditions of the contract on file in the Board of Education office.
- 061026-S-11 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to reappoint Laurie Dachowski, CST Secretary (10-month position) for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary of \$43,237. Terms and conditions of the contract on file in the Board of Education office.
- 061026-S-12 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to reappoint Jill Jacobsen, Confidential Secretary, for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary of \$54,590. Terms and conditions of the contract on file in the Board of Education office.
- 061026-S-13 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to reappoint Justin Pickens, Technology Coordinator, for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary of \$100,317. Terms and conditions of the contract on file in the Board of Education office.
- 061026-S-14 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, resolved to reappoint Barbara Caggiano, Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary of \$81,757 plus \$1,500 for longevity. Terms and conditions of the contract on file in the Board of Education office.
- 061026-S-15 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to reappoint Patricia Pickens, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary of \$108,483 plus \$1,500.00 for longevity. Terms and conditions of the contract on file in the Board of Education office.
- 061026-S-16 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to reappoint Jennifer Ochoa, Supervisor of Special Education for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary of \$135,319 Terms and conditions of the contract on file in the Board of Education office.

- 061026-S-17 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, resolved to approve the summer employment as needed for the following personnel:

Staff Member	Dates of Employment	Total # of Hours	26/27 Rate per hour
Marie van Rossen	7/1/2026-8/31/2026	up to 40 hours	\$31.32

- 061026-S-18 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to approve the summer employment as needed for the following personnel to complete child study team evaluations:

Staff Member	Dates of Employment	Total # of Hours	26/27Rate/hr
Christine Petrat	7/1/2026-8/31/2026	up to 40 hours	\$44.04
Nicole Malakuskie	7/1/2026-8/31/2026	up to 40 hours	\$44.04
Karenine Joubert	7/1/2026-8/31/2026	up to 18 hours	\$44.04
Dipali Tailor	7/1/2026-8/31/2026	up to 12 hours	\$44.04
Katie Law	7/1/2026-8/31/2026	up to 3 hours	\$44.04
Laurie Dachowski	7/1/2026-8/31/2026	up to 50 hours	\$27.02

- 061026-S-19 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to approve the following instructional aides to support a summer program for students requiring special education and related services, July 6, 2026, through July 30, 2026, Monday through Thursday for 3 hours per day.

Staff Member	Dates of Employment	26/27 Rate/hr
Ciara Davila	7/6/2026-7/30/2026	\$17.40
Maria Panycia	7/6/2026-7/30/2026	\$16.00
Andrew Elmasri*	7/6/2026-7/30/2026	\$16.00

*Approval is based upon receipt of a State approved background check.

- 061026-S-20 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent resolved to approve the following personnel to support a summer program for students requiring special education and related services, July 6, 2026, through July 31, 2026, Monday through Friday for 3 hours per day.

Staff Member	Dates of Employment	26/27 Rate per hour
Joan Sibilia	7/6/2026-7/31/2026	\$16.48
Gina Barros	7/6/2026-7/31/2026	\$19.35

Valerie Sperduto	7/6/2026-7/31/2026	\$19.89
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- 061026-S-21 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to approve Carly Corrente Preschool through Third/Students with a Disability Teachers, to teach the summer extended year program for 5 days a week, July 6, 2026, through July 31, 2026 Mon-Fri for 3 hours per day at a rate of \$44.04 per hour. Total time not to exceed 60 hours inclusive.
- 061026-S-22 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, resolved to approve Danielle Gieger to teach an extended school year for students requiring special education and related services July 6, 2026, through July 30, 2026, Monday through Thursday for 3 hours per day at a rate of \$44.04 per hour.
- 061026-S-23 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, resolved to approve Krista Manney, Heleine Gonzalez, Cortney Polania and Jill Bacinsky, to substitute on an as needed basis for the summer extended year program July 6, 2026 through July 31, 2026, Monday through Friday for 3 hours per day at a rate of \$44.04 per hour. Total time not to exceed 60 hours inclusive.
- 061026-S-24 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to approve Jennie Asaro and Emily Crispino, School Nurses for the summer extended year program for 5 days a week, July 6, 2026, through July 31, 2026 Mon-Fri for 3 hours per day at a rate of \$44.04 per hour. Total time not to exceed 60 hours inclusive.
- 061026-S-25 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to approve any of the 26-27 reappointed aides from motion 061026-S-3 to be allowed to substitute on an as needed basis for the extended year summer program at their 26-27 hourly rates.
- 061026-S-26 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, resolved to appoint the following substitutes (teacher/nurse/aide/secretary/custodian) for the 2026-2027 school year, effective July 1, 2026 (Note: Appointment is based upon receipt of State approved background checks and current substitute certification where applicable):

Carol Curry	Helen Giles	Melanie LeSueur	Maria Panycia
Nadine DePope	John Golumbuski	Danielle Lisi	Ian Petrat
Kate Delorenzo	Nicole Graham	Patrice Mott	Rene Phil
Joyce Ferraro	Kayla Graef	Colleen Murphy	Catherine Von Ohlen
Audra Foit	Brianna Hutkowski	Hailey Oppen	Thomas Edge
Beth Glazer	Logan Krzastek	Brooke Ortiz	

ADDENDUM

- 061026-S-35 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools resolved to approve the appointment of Hebah Soliman, part-time (0.6 FTE) Speech Pathologist for the 2026-2027 school year effective September 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 at a prorated annual salary according to Schedule A-3 (2026-2027 guide) at MA+30 Step 16 Level \$94,160. (Note: Approval is based upon receipt of State approved background check).
- 061026-S-36 RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Robin Tedesco as Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary effective July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027. Salary/Terms and Conditions of Contract as approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.
- 061026-S-37 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to add Amelia McInerney to motion 061026-S-20 approving the personnel to support a summer program for students requiring special education and related services, July 6, 2026, through July 31, 2026, Monday through Friday for 3 hours per day at a 26-27 rate of \$25.75 per hour.
- 061026-S-39 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to approve the appointment of Marina Williams as Principal of the Mount Arlington School District for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary (prorated) of \$138,800 effective on or about July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027. Terms and conditions of the contract are on file in the Board of Education Office. (Note: Approval is based upon receipt of State approved background check as required by law).

Roll Call:

<i>Mr. Botero</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Byrne</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. D'Amico</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Eckert</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Puskas</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Studint</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Mr. Svenningsen</i>	<i>Absent</i>

Motion Passes

CURRICULUM/POLICY:

A motion was presented by Mrs. Eckert, and seconded by Mr. D'Amico, to approve Curriculum/Policy Agenda Item 061026-S-27 through 061026-S-34 and 061026-S-38.

- 061026-S-27 RESOLVED, relative to Disciplinary Matter 2025-26-M-5, the Mount Arlington Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim

Superintendent of Schools to be a confirmed case of HIB.

- 061026-S-28 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, resolved to approve the submission of the Comprehensive Equity Plan (CEP) Statement of Assurance, Year 2 (2026-2027) to the County Office.
- 061026-S-29 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to approve the updated 2026-2027 Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction program Plan and submission to the county office with the accompanying checklist.
- 061026-S-30 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to continue the integrated pre-K program at the Edith M. Decker Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 061026-S-31 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to approve the continued use of the Charlotte Danielson Framework for Teaching Evaluation Instrument for Teacher Evaluations for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 061026-S-32 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, resolved to approve the continued use of the Principal Evaluation Rubric tool by Kim Marshall for Principal Evaluations for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 061026-S-33 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, resolved to appoint the 2026-2027 Affirmative Action Team consisting of the Principal (Affirmative Action Officer), the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator.
- 061026-S-34 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent resolved to approve the submission of the 2025-2026 School Security Drill Statement of Assurance to the County Office.
- Fire/Emergency Drills were conducted with the Mount Arlington Police Department for the Months of May and June 2026
 - Staff attendance for May 2026 was 94.5%
 - Student attendance for May 2026 was as follows:
Decker 95.6% MAPS 94.9%

ADDENDUM

- 061026-S-38 RESOLVED, relative to Disciplinary Matter 2025-26-M-6, the Mount Arlington Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to be a unconfirmed case of HIB.

Roll Call:

<i>Mr. Botero</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Byrne</i>	<i>Yes</i>

<i>Mr. D'Amico</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Eckert</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Puskas</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Studint</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Mr. Svenningsen</i>	<i>Absent</i>

Motion Passes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance:
 - No Report
- B. Personnel:
 - No Report
- C. Building and Grounds:
 - No Report
- D. Curriculum and Policy:
 - No Report
- E. Negotiations:
 - No Report
- F. Town Council:

Mrs. Eckert gave the following report:

- Officer Brawn presented a water safety presentation to Grades 3-5.
- Mr. Merker met with the DPW and asked if the dimensions of the field can be changed; DPW said yes, it can be! They said a removable mound can be utilized so that both baseball and softball can still use the field.
- On 6/11/26 there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and barbeque at the community garden.
- 6/18/26- Summer Concert from 6-8.
- Volunteers are needed on 7/11/26 for the 250th Celebration; contact Ashley at the Borough.
- The town received a construction grant for the McGregor Trails; the goal is to connect the North and South End trails
- President Delaney raved about the TREPS night; he said it was wonderful to see so many young entrepreneurs and talked with the students about their products; a special thank you was given to Maria Panycia who spearheaded and volunteered her time to make this night possible.

- Veteran's Cruise is on 6/27/26. They should be passing Mount Arlington Beach around noon; a luncheon at the ELKS will follow. The mayor asked if we could advertise it and try to get students to attend and wave when they pass the beach.

G. Parent Teachers Organization:

Ms. Puskas gave the following report:

-Field day at Decker was a hit and students loved the ice cream truck for the voting referendum.

-Class Parties are the last day of school- room parents come in with crafts and pizza for students.

-PTO is looking forward to a successful end of the year and a relaxing summer.

OTHER REPORTS:

Roxbury BOE

- Mr. Botero reported that Roxbury will be holding graduation next week.

Delegate to NJ School Board Association:

- No Report

Delegate to Morris County School Board Association:

- No Report

Delegate to Educational Service Commission of Morris County:

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mrs. Byrne welcomed the new staff to the district. Mrs. Byrne also thanked Scott Pepper for his leadership over the past two and a half months as the Interim Superintendent. Mr. Pepper thanked the Board and the entire staff for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was presented by Mrs. Eckert, and seconded by Mr. Botero, that the Regular meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously carried at 7:45 P.M.

Voice Vote:

Yes: 5

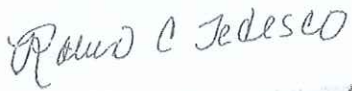
No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2

Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted,



Mrs. Robin C. Tedesco

Interim School Business Administrator/Board of Education Secretary

Approved: