

**MENDHAM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BROOKSIDE, NEW JERSEY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026, 5:00 PM**

I. Call to Order

II. Flag Salute

III. Roll Call of the Board of Education

Mrs. Elisabeth Carrino-Tamasi	President
Dr. Rekha Mandel	Vice President
Mrs. Cynthia Brusco	
Mrs. Natasha Crossan	
Mr. Peter Dumovic	
Mr. Thomas Keeling	
Dr. Christina Klausner	

IV. Sunshine Law

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings 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, Mendham Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Mendham Township Board of Education Office, sent to the Clerk of Mendham Township, and the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record. This is an official meeting.

V. Superintendent's Report

- District Updates, News, and Events
- NJSBA - Self-Evaluation Review
- District Goal Review
- Board of Education Goal Discussion

VI. Board Secretary's Report

VII. Board President's Report

VIII. Correspondence - None.

IX. Committee Reports

- Curriculum and School Programs
- DEIB

- **Operations and Finance**
- **Personnel and Human Resources**
- **Policy**
- **Ad Hoc - Referendum/ROD Grant**

X. Consent Items

Approval of Minutes

Regular Session Minutes:	June 23, 2026
Executive Session Minutes	June 23, 2026

Curriculum and School Programs

1. Student Safety Data System

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the submission of the Student Safety Data System for Period 2 (January 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026) to the New Jersey Department of Education.

2. District Professional Development and Mentoring Plans (Attachment)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the submission of the 2026-2027 District Professional Development and Mentoring Plans.

3. Professional Services Agreement with All In (Attachment)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the agreement with All In to provide inclusion and co-teaching professional development for the 2026-2027 School Year, utilizing IDEA grant funds not to exceed \$39,600.

4. Tuition Contract with NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the Tuition Contract with CBVI for the 2026-2027 school year for (2) students as per their IEPs: student (15027946) at a tuition rate of \$2,541.00 and student (16463796) at a tuition rate of \$2,668.00.

5. John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth Honors Algebra 2/Geometry/SAT Prep

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the Mendham Township Middle School to offer the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth Honors online program, with parents enrolling and paying for the student, with support from Dr. Haggerty.

6. Elementary School Field Trips (Attachment)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the proposed Elementary School Field Trips for the 2026-2027 school year.

7. **Middle School Field Trips, Activities, and Fundraisers** *(Attachment)*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the proposed Middle School Field Trips, Activities, and Fundraisers for the 2026-2027 school year.

Operations and Finance

1. **Certification Reports**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education certify, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a), that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36, and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(B), after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports for June 2026, no major accounts and fund balances in the 2025/2026 budget have been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

2. **Board Secretary's Report**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the June 2026 Board Secretary's Reports.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the June 2026 Treasurer's Reports.

4. **June 2026 Transfer Reports**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approve the June 2026 transfer report.

5. **June 2026 Year-End Final Bills List**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the June 2026 Bills List. This includes payroll checks N5638 through N5640.

Fund 10 - Treasurer Account	\$ 32,229.66
Fund 11 - Treasurer Account	\$ 978,101.18
Fund 12 - Treasurer Account	\$ 4,550.00
Fund 30 - Referendum Account	\$ 32,775.00
Fund 60 - Cafeteria Account	<u>\$ 662.31</u>
Total:	\$1,048,318.15

6. **July 2026 Bills List**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the July 2026 Bills List. This includes payroll checks N5641 through N5643.

Fund 10 - Treasurer Account	\$ 3,485.15
Fund 11 - Treasurer Account	\$ 893,137.99
Fund 12 - Treasurer Account	<u>\$ 6,111.10</u>
Total:	\$902,734.24

7. **Approval of Submission of IDEA Grant 2026-2027**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education accepts the allocations and approves the submission of the 2026-2027 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Grant Application (IDEA) to the New Jersey Department of Education. The application amounts are \$189,556.00 for the Basic IDEA Grant (Grades K-8) and \$9,894.00 for the Preschool IDEA Grant.

8. **Approval of Submission of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) 2026-2027**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education accepts the allocation and approves the submission of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) grant application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$7,083 for Title II-Part A.

9. **Proposal to Provide the Mendham Township School District with School Vehicle Repairs and Parts (Washington Township Board of Education)**

(Attachment)

WHEREAS the Mendham Township Board of Education has received a proposal from the Washington Township Board of Education to provide School Bus Maintenance services, and

WHEREAS the Mendham Township Board of Education and the Washington Township Board of Education desire to enter into a joint agreement wherein the Washington Township Board of Education will provide the said School Bus Maintenance services, and

WHEREAS the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., authorizes public entities to enter into a contract agreement with each other to provide any service which one of the parties to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction, including services incidental to the primary purposes of any of the participating entities, and

WHEREAS the Mendham Township Board of Education and the Washington Township Board of Education are by definition local units under the said law,

and the Washington Township Board of Education is empowered by law to provide School Bus Maintenance services, and the provision of School Bus Maintenance services by the Washington Township Board of Education is economically advantageous to the Mendham Township Board of Education,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mendham Township Board of Education and the Washington Township Board of Education hereby agree to enter into the July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, shared services arrangement for the provision of School Bus Maintenance services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. and as per the terms and conditions of the attached agreement.

10. **Contract with Care Solace, Inc. (Attachment)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the contract with Care Solace, Inc., effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for the 2026-2027 school year.

11. **Scarinci Hollenbeck LLC (Attachment)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the contract proposal for Scarinci Hollenbeck LLC as Special Counsel for Special Education and Other Matters from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for the 2026-2027 school year.

12. **Transportation Request - Summer Camps**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the transportation request from Randolph Township Summer Recreation at rates of \$85.00 an hour for a 54-passenger bus and \$75.00 an hour for a 24-passenger van.

Personnel and Human Resources

1. **New Hire - Megan Honghsukpant, Middle School Spanish Teacher (Attachment)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the appointment of Megan Honghsukpant, pending completion of paperwork, as a 0.6 FTE Middle School Spanish Teacher, at an annual salary of \$50,007.00, BA+15, Step 19, effective August 26, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year.

2. **New Hire - Kelly Gyselman, Elementary School Special Education Teacher (Attachment)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the appointment of Kelly Gyselman, pending completion of paperwork, as a 0.8 FTE Elementary School Special Education Teacher, at an annual salary of \$60,356.00, BA+30, Step 13, effective August 26, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year.

3. **New Hire - Melissa Pierce, Middle School Special Education Teacher**
(Attachment)
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the appointment of Melissa Pierce, pending completion of paperwork, as a Middle School Special Education Teacher, at an annual salary of \$71,270.00, M/BA+45, Step 10, effective August 26, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year.
4. **New Hire - Nada Slaveska, Transportation Driver** *(Attachment)*
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the appointment of Nada Slaveska, pending completion of paperwork, as a Transportation Driver, at an hourly rate of \$34.23, effective August 31, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year.
5. **Staff Resignation - Roosevelt Marin, Transportation Driver** *(Attachment)*
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education accepts the letter of resignation from Roosevelt Marin, Transportation Driver, dated July 15, 2026, effective July 31, 2026.
6. **Middle School Staff Chaperones List for the 2026-2027 School Year**
(Attachment)
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the proposed Middle School Staff Chaperone list for the 2026-2027 school year.
7. **Job Description Review** *(Attachments)*
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the following job descriptions:

Athletic Director
Athletic Coach
Volunteer Athletic Coach
Extracurricular Activities Advisor
Lead Technician
Technology Assistant
8. **New Substitute Transportation Driver - Margitt Trocha**
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves Margitt Trocha as a Substitute Transportation Driver at an hourly rate of \$31.50 effective September 1, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year.
9. **Elementary School Schedule B Stipend Positions for 2026-2027**
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the following 2026-2027 Co-Curricular Stipend positions for Elementary School:

CO-CURRICULAR Activities (Schedule B)

Activities	2026-2027 Salary	Staff Member
School Publication Advisor (1) Masterminds	\$1,111.00	Dori Smyth
Tiger Leaders/Grade 4 Advisors (2)	\$1,529.00 Each	Hillary Clark Michelle Molle
Technology Integration Specialist	\$4,532.00	Charles Gallo
Tiger Chorus Director/Grade 3	\$3,058.00	Julia Wilder
Tiger Chorus Director/Grade 4	\$3,058.00	Julia Wilder
Advanced Artist Program Coordinator	\$3,058.00	Sarah Bizzarro
Art Explorer Program Coordinator	\$3,058.00	Sarah Bizzarro
Sustainability Coordinators (2)	\$2,064.50 Each	Tracy Newton Erica Parke
Band Director/Elementary School	\$3,058.00	Sarah Lindsey
District Strings/Orchestra Director	\$4,588.00	Zachary Naughtright

CO-CURRICULAR Activities (Schedule B) - Special Projects

Activities	2026-2027 Salary	Staff Member
Social Studies League/Grades 2-4	\$277.00	Molly Koller
Festival of the Arts	\$277.00	Sarah Bizzarro
STEM Expo	\$277.00 each	Diane Barlow Erica Parke
Safety Patrol/Grade 4	\$3,058.00	Dori Smyth
Outdoor Learning Center/Chicken Coop Coordinator	\$272.00 base + Max of 10 events @ \$70.00 each, not to exceed a total of \$972.00	Charles Gallo
Talent Show Coordinators	\$272.00 base + Max of 10 events @ \$70.00 each, not to exceed a total of \$972.00	Hannah Dunlevy Andrea Fattorusso
Science Olympiad Tournament	\$272.00 base + Max of 10 events @ \$70.00 each, not to exceed a total of \$972.00	Dori Smyth
Chess Club (Fall)	\$272.00 base + Max of 10 events	Dori Smyth

	@ \$70.00 each, not to exceed a total of \$972.00	
Chess Club (Spring)	\$272.00 base + Max of 10 events @ \$70.00 each, not to exceed a total of \$972.00	Dori Smyth

10. **Elementary School Extra Instructional Periods for 2026-2067**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the following Elementary School staff members to teach extra periods of instruction during the 2026-2027 school year at a prorated stipend based on \$8,500/year for an additional period five (5) times a week for a full year, and independent of placement on the salary guide.

Extra Instructional Periods

Jump Start Grade 1	3 period/wk	Tracy Newton	\$5,100.00
Jump Start Grade 2	3 period/wk	Amanda Fullem	\$5,100.00
SMART TIME Grade 3	3 period/wk	Sierra Dunn	\$5,100.00
SMART TIME Grade 4	3 period/wk	Rachel Hanson	\$5,100.00
SMART TIME Grade 4	3 period/wk	Lisa Lombardo	\$5,100.00

11. **Elementary School Special Activity for 2026-2027**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the Ronald McDonald House drink tab collection as a fourth-grade special activity for the 2026-2027 school year.

Policy and Planning

1. **First Reading** (*Attachments*)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the first reading of the following policies and regulations:

- P 2363 Student Use of Privately-Owned Technology (Abolished)
- P 5516 Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices (M)
- R 5516 Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices (M)
- P 8660 Transportation by Private Vehicles - To and From School-Related Activities (M)
- P 8662 Transportation by Private or District-Owned Vehicles - To and From School (M)

2. **Second Reading** (*Attachments*)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the following policies and regulations:

- P 0162 Notice of Board Meetings
- P 0162.01 Legal Notices (M)
- P 1230 Superintendent's Duties (M)
- P 1643 Family Leave (M)
- P 2200 Curriculum (M)
- R 2200 Curriculum (M) - ABOLISHED
- P 2260 Equity in School and Classroom Practices (M)
- P 2411 Career Education and Academic Counseling (M)
- R 2411 Guidance Counseling (M) - ABOLISHED
- R 2460.30 Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services - ABOLISHED
- P 5561 Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities (M)
- P 6112 Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (M)
- R 6115.01 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Allowability of Costs (M)
- P 6115.02 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Mandatory Disclosures (M)
- P 6311 Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (M)
- P 8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M)

XI. Discussion

XII. Verbal Communications from the Public

The Board President, or Presiding Officer, will direct members of the public to speak in turn and shall have the right to limit the speaking time of individuals wishing to provide comment to the board as necessary. Board of Education members provide public comment as a time to listen to the comments from attendees of the Board of Education meeting. Public comment shall not be a time for open dialogue with the speaker. Public comment shall not be a time for board members to answer questions posed to them from a speaker or comment on a speaker's concerns. Speakers shall provide their name, address and direct their comments to the board and not to district staff or other audience members. Speakers shall not expect board members to answer questions during public comment. Questions shall be referred to the Superintendent or his/her designee for review, study, and response. If appropriate, the board may request that the issue be a discussion item at a future Board of Education meeting.

XIII. Adjournment