Andover Regional Board of Education Regular Meeting

June 16, 2026

Attendance:

Present: Ms. Jane Byron, Mr. James Fetcho, Mr. Brian Hertenstein, Mr. Steven Minnick, Mr. William Porter, Ms. Kelsey Shalinksy and Dr. Robert Koroski

Also Present: Mr. John Fritzky, Superintendent
Ms. Nicole Sylveter, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
3 members of the public

Not Present: Dr. Maria Dunbar and Ms. Margaret Widgren

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:

President Koroski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Koroski led the flag salute.

Mission Statement: Dr. Koroski read the mission statement:

Andover Regional Schools prepare students to successfully meet the challenges of today and tomorrow by fostering a love of learning. Our safe, supportive, and stimulating environment encourages students to reach their full potential. It is an expectation that all students shall achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels. In Andover Regional, every child catches the learning spirit!

Public Meeting Notice: President Koroski read the following public meeting notice:

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure 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 either discussed or acted upon. The Board has fully complied with the notice requirements by advertising in the New Jersey Herald, posting publicly and by notifying the municipal clerk of the date, time and place of the meeting."

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.

III. PRESENTATION: None at this time.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Minnick moved and Mr. Porter seconded, that the Andover Regional Board of Education approve the minutes as amended of the following Board of Education meeting, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

May 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2026 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ms. Byron, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Porter, Ms. Shalinksy and Dr. Koroski

No: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Hertenstein entered the room at 7:33 p.m.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board Committees:

Personnel/Policy	Finance/Operations	Curriculum/Instruction
Mr. Porter (Chair)	Mr. Fetcho (Chair)	Ms. Byron (Chair)
Dr. Dunbar	Ms. Widgren	Mr. Hertenstein
Dr. Koroski	Mr. Minnick	Ms. Shalinsky

Special Committees/Ad Hoc Assignments:

WHAT	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE(s)
Sussex County School Boards Association	Dr. Koroski	Ms. Byron/Ms. Widgren/Dr. Dunbar
NJSBA Delegate Assembly	Mr. Minnick	Ms. Widgren/Dr. Dunbar
Newton Board of Education Rep.	Ms. Widgren	Mr. Hertenstein/Dr. Koroski
Sussex County Educational Services	Dr. Koroski	Ms. Widgren/Mr. Hertenstein
Andover Regional PTA	Ms. Shalinsky	Ms. Widgren/Dr. Dunbar
Township Liaison	Ms. Widgren	Dr. Dunbar
Negotiations/Sick Bank	Dr. Koroski	Mr. Fetcho/Ms. Widgren/Mr. Hertenstein
QSAC Committee	Dr. Koroski	Mr. Minnick/Ms. Widgren

SEPAG Liaison	Mr. Hertenstein	Dr. Koroski/Mr. Fetcho/Ms. Widgren
Andover Regional Education Foundation	Dr. Dunbar	Dr. Koroski

Mr. Porter reported on the Personnel/Policy committee stating that they met to discuss graduation, ESY and personnel matters, discussion ensued.

Ms. Sylvester reported on the Finance/Operations committee stating that they met to discuss negotiations, staffing updates, reserve resolutions and FMB septic and playground updates, discussion ensued.

Ms. Byron reported on the Curriculum/Instruction committee stating they discussed how well testing went, inter office transfers, 14 students qualified for advanced algebra, field day was a success and students will be growing trout eggs, discussion ensued.

Ms. Shalinsky gave a PTA report stating they had their last meeting before summer and that they would be taking the summer off!

Dr. Koroski reported that the Board would be approving the MOA tonight for negotiations with the Union.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

A. Mr. Fritzky thanked all involved with our Flag Day Celebration.
B. Mr. Fritzky thanked Mr. Fleming for hosting a 4th grade transition night for students and parents.
C. Mr. Fritzky congratulated all students who performed at the Spring Concerts held at FMB and LPS.
D. Mr. Fritzky thanked Mayor Walsh for holding a meeting regarding PILOT Projects.
E. Mr. Fritzky stated there was great parent support and turnout for our Field Days.
F. Mr. Fritzky stated the promotion ceremony for our 8th graders is on June 17th.
G. Mr. Fritzky informed everyone that the FMB reading goal had been reached and congratulated the entire staff!
H. Mr. Fritzky gave his monthly Suspension/HIB Report.

Ms. Byron moved and Mr. Fetcho seconded, that the Andover Regional Board of Education approve the resolution below as presented:

Resolve that the Board of Education accepts the attached HIB Report**,** as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ms. Byron, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Hertenstein, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Porter, Ms. Shalinksy and Dr. Koroski

No: None

Abstain: None

B. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment: Listed below is the report from **Jennifer Reynolds,** Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

- Completed final evaluations
- Worked on planning documents for the 26-27 school year
- Closed out state testing for the 25-26 school year
- Completed interviews for open teaching positions
- Attended the County Curriculum Consortium meeting for May
- Presented at the NJAssociation of School Administrators Conference in Atlantic City
- Worked with Admin Team to complete agenda's for the May 18 Professional Development
- Hosted the Preschool and Kindergarten Orientations
- Analyzed the End of Year Dibels Data
- Attended the last NJTSS Early Literacy Grant Webinar
- Attended the last NJTSS Early Literacy Consultative Meeting
- Attended end of year planning webinar with Teaching Strategies
- Arranged an Engage App PLC for preschool teachers
- Held the end of year Early Childhood Advisory Committee
- Met with Zach Ottman regarding Science Materials Planning
- Worked with Mr. Zanella and Mrs. March on Algebra 1 Placement Planning and Notifications
- Worked with the Preschool Team on the Donuts with Dad event

C. Technology Report: Listed below is a report from **Joseph DeLuca**, Technology/Network Systems Administrator.

- Attended state mandated Cambium TIDE training for Spring NJSLA testing.
- Met with Ms. Housby and Ms. Reynolds to discuss NJSLA preparation for assistive technologies.
- Met with CST to discuss assigning assistive technologies to students through their IEP.

D. Child Study Team Report: Listed below is a report prepared by **Suzanne Ross**, Supervisor of Special Services/LDTC.

- None at this time.

Mr. Minnick moved and Mr. Hertenstein seconded, that the Andover Regional Board of Education approve resolution E below as presented:

E. HIB Findings: Resolved that the Andover Regional Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, affirm the Superintendent's findings on HIB(s) LPS-2526-6 and FMB-2526-9.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ms. Byron, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Hertenstein, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Porter, Ms. Shalinksy and Dr. Koroski

No: None

Abstain: None

F. Principal's Reports

VII. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT:
None at this time.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None at this time.

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A. PERSONNEL/POLICY:

Mr. Porter moved and Ms. Shalinsky seconded, that the Andover Regional Board of Education approve resolutions #1-28 as presented:

1. **Resignation**: Approve and accept with best wishes the resignation of Tara Meller, Occupational Therapist, with the last day of July 14, 2026, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

2. **Resignation**: Approve and accept with best wishes the resignation of Laurie Morano, CST Secretary, with the last day of June 19, 2026, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

3. **Resignation**: Approve and accept with best wishes the resignation of Marianela Torres, Spanish Teacher, with the last day of June 30, 2026, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

4. **Leave of Absence**: Approve FMLA (pending required hours worked) medical leave of absence for Brittany Cifelli, Teacher, on or around September 8, 2026 through the end of the 2026-2027 school year using sick and unpaid days, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

5. **Internal Transfer**: Approve the internal transfer of Melissa Maney to PIC, PIRS, G/T effective August 31, 2026, as recommended by the Superintendent.

6. **Summer 2026 Technology Assistant**: Approve Akeem Etienne as the 2026-2027 school year Summer Technology Assistant, starting June 22, 2026, for up to 28 hrs/wk, at the rate of $16/hour for 10 weeks, pending receipt of all required paperwork, including criminal history clearance, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

7. **New Hire**: Approve Glenn M. Grey, II as full-time custodian at FMB with a start date of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 with a salary of $44,095, Step 5 (salary may be subject to adjustment upon conclusion of AREA negotiations and after successor Collective Negotiation Agreement is ratified by the Association and approved by the BOE) pending receipt of all required paperwork, including criminal history clearance, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

8. **New Hire**: Approve Jeanine Clingingsmith as Physical Education & Health Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year with a start date of August 31, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at a salary of $67,243, BA Step 5, (salary may be subject to adjustment upon conclusion of AREA negotiations and after successor Collective Negotiation Agreement is ratified by the Association and approved by the BOE) and pending receipt of all required paperwork, including criminal history clearance, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

9. **New Hire**: Approve Lindsay Severino as ESL Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year with a start date of August 31, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at a salary of $78,627, MA STEP 9, (salary may be subject to adjustment upon conclusion of AREA negotiations and after successor Collective Negotiation Agreement is ratified by the Association and approved by the BOE) and pending receipt of all required paperwork, including criminal history clearance, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

10. **New Hire**: Approve Melissa Gilbert as Occupational Therapist for the 2026-2027 school year with a start date of August 31, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at a salary of $75,372, MA Step 7, (salary may be subject to adjustment upon conclusion of AREA negotiations and after successor Collective Negotiation Agreement is ratified by the Association and approved by the BOE) and pending receipt of all required paperwork, including criminal history clearance, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

11. **New Hire**: Approve Nichole Reed as Special Education Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year (salary may be subject to adjustment upon conclusion of AREA negotiations and after successor Collective Negotiation Agreement is ratified by the Association and approved by the BOE) with a start date of August 31, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at a salary of $73,811, MA Step 6, and pending receipt of all required paperwork, including criminal history clearance, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

12. **New Hire**: Approve Brooke Phillips as Special Education Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year with a start date of August 31, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at a salary of $91,443, MA+30 Step 15, (salary may be subject to adjustment upon conclusion of AREA negotiations and after successor Collective Negotiation Agreement is ratified by the Association and approved by the BOE) and pending receipt of all required paperwork, including criminal history clearance, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

13. **New Hire**: Approve Lisa Ingrasselino as CST Secretary for the 2026-2027 school year with a start date of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at a salary of $59,309, Step 17, (salary may be subject to adjustment upon conclusion of AREA negotiations and after successor Collective Negotiation Agreement is ratified by the Association and approved by the BOE) and pending receipt of all required paperwork, including criminal history clearance, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

14. **Temporary Summer Custodian:** Approve Craig Roio as temporary summer custodian at a rate of $16.00/hour, pending receipt of all required paperwork, including criminal history clearance, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

15. **2026 Extended School Year ParaProfessionals:** Approve the following ParaProfessionals for the Extended School Year for the period of July 6, 2026 through August 6, 2026 running 4 days/week M-Th for 4 hrs/day for 20 days at a rate of $20 per hour (salary may be subject to adjustment upon conclusion of AREA negotiations and after successor Collective Negotiation Agreement is ratified by the Association and approved by the BOE), as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Cassie Bouvier
Kimberly Clark
Stephanie Cook
Ashley DiCapua
Monique Erickson
Alexis Holland
Emily McDole
Meghan Murphy
Emily Nause
Marianne Nichols

Elizabeth "Liz" Nuvolone
Jennie Pike
Hannah Posser
Maria Roque
Charlotte Sullivan
Kaylee Wildrick (pending receipt of all required paperwork, including criminal history clearance)

16. **2026 Extended School Year Substitutes:** Approve the following Substitutes for the Extended School Year for the period of July 6, 2026 through August 6, 2026 for up to 4 hrs/day at a rate of $50/hr for Substitute Teachers and $20/hr for Substitute Paraprofessionals (salary may be subject to adjustment upon conclusion of AREA negotiations and after successor Collective Negotiation Agreement is ratified by the Association and approved by the BOE), as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kristen Brady - Substitute Teacher
Tara Cotter - Substitute Teacher
Erica Farrell - Substitute Teacher
Dave Petersen - Substitute Teacher
Louise Powers - Substitute Teacher
Kimberly Roselli - Substitute Teacher

Christine Bollman-Decker - Substitute ParaProfessional
Peyton Coye - Substitute ParaProfessional
Kaila McGuire - Substitute ParaProfessional
Jenny Thomas - Substitute ParaProfessional
Loretta Williams - Substitute ParaProfessional

Tara Dietz - Substitute Teacher & Substitute ParaProfessional
Michelle Sweeney - Substitute Teacher & Substitute ParaProfessional
Karen Dul - Substitute Teacher & Substitute ParaProfessional

17. **ParaProfessional Part-Time New Hire(s):** Approve the following paraprofessionals for the 2026-2027 school year, without benefits, (salary may be subject to adjustment upon conclusion of AREA negotiations and after successor Collective Negotiation Agreement is ratified by the Association and approved by the BOE) prorated to start date and pending receipt of all required paperwork, including criminal history clearance, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Elizabeth Austin	Faith Etienne	Marianne Nichols
Christine Bollmann-Decker	Shante Etienne	Scott Nikolakopoulos
Kimberly Clark	Erica Farrell	Elizabeth Nuvolone
Stephanie Cook	Amy Finley	Sheri Picinic
Candice Coston	Judi Hiler	Jennie Pike
Darrius Coye	Autumn Hoover	Stephanie Rivetti
Peyton Coye	Jessica Kulesa	Donna Roio

Rosita Coye Audrey D'Angelo Shirley Denamen Ashley Dicapua Tara Dietz Monique Erickson	Joanne McDole Kaily McGuire Kiana Mellogno Marita Mohanram Meghan Murphy	Maria Roque Karen Skelly Lisa Sumski Jennifer Thomas Bozena Toczynski Loretta Williams

18. **BA/Board Secretary Contract:** Approve and accept from the County Executive Superintendent, the employment contract for Nicole Sylvester, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j) and determined compliant with the standards adopted by the Commissioner of Education at N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1 for the period commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 with an annual salary of $147,453 plus longevity, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

19. **Merit Goal:** Approve the payment of $1,731 for the completion of contractual merit goal for Nicole Sylvester, Business Administrator, to review upgrading lighting in both schools to LED lighting to see potential energy savings, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

20. **Merit Goal:** Approve the payment of $1,731 for the completion of contractual merit goal for Nicole Sylvester, Business Administrator, to evaluate bringing the 4th grade to LPS, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

21. **Special Project Stipend**: Approve contractual special project proposal for Jennifer Reynolds, Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, to work with students, run groups and engage different student stakeholders to achieve Schools To Watch status in three years with a stipend of $1,169 for the 2025-2026 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

22. **Special Project Stipend**: Approve contractual special project proposal for Jennifer Reynolds, Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, to serve as the Systems Change Leader for the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Early Reading Grant with a stipend of $1,169 for the 2025-2026 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

23. **Special Project Stipend**: Approve contractual special project proposal for Nicole Dilkes, FMB Principal to work through the NJTSS grant process to improve our programming for early intervention as well as RTI for literacy with a stipend of $1,389, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

24. **Special Project Stipend**: Approve special project proposal for Bryan Fleming, LPS Principal, to continue professional growth and development (10 hours) to maintain School Safety Specialist certificate with a stipend of $1,450 for the 2025-2026 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

25. **Special Project Stipend**: Approve special project proposal for Bryan Fleming, LPS Principal, to create and oversee a Faculty Advisory Program and a Charger of the Month assembly to build relationships among students and staff and honor and celebrate students enhancing LPS's overall culture and morale as part of the Schools To Watch program with a stipend of $1,450 for the 2025-2026 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

26. **Merit Goal**: Approve the payment of $4,480 for completion of the following merit goal for John Fritzky, Superintendent of Schools:

> By May, conduct a comprehensive study of the district's changing population and demographics, with a focus on grade level band population, multilingual learners (MLLs) and students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.
> Rationale: As the district experiences demographic shifts, it is critical to understand the evolving needs of students and families in order to ensure equitable access, targeted resources, and strong home–school connections.

27. **Superintendent's Evaluation**: Approve the evaluation of John Fritzky for the 2025-2026 school year.

28. **Substitutes:** Approve the following substitute(s) for the 2025-2026 school year pending receipt of all required paperwork, including criminal history clearance, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Erica Ferrell - Substitute Teacher
Cesar Arana - Substitute Teacher & & Substitute ParaProfessional

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ms. Byron, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Hertenstein, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Porter, Ms. Shalinksy and Dr. Koroski

No: None

Abstain: None

B. FINANCE/OPERATIONS:

Mr. Porter moved and Mr. Fetcho seconded, that the Andover Regional Board of Education approve resolutions #1-27 as amended:

1. **Treasurer & Board Secretary's Certification and Report**: Approve the May 2026 Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, we certify that as of May 2026 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, *and reflects all audit adjustments to date,* to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

2. **Transfers**: Approve/accept the Transfer Report for May 2026, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

3. **Bills List**: Approve/accept the Bills List from May 14, 2026 through June 16, 2026 for a total of $2,519,476.74 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

4. **Appointments:** Approval of the following appointments for the 2026-2027 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

a. Appoint Nicole Sylvester as the Affirmative Action Officer
b. Appoint John Fritzky as the Homeless Liaison
b. Appoint Nicole Dilkes, elementary school principal as the ADA/504 Officer
c. Appoint Bryan Fleming, intermediate school principal as the ADA/504 Officer

5. **Renewal of Insurance Proposal:** Approve the renewal proposal for the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group for the period of July 1, 2026- June 30, 2029 for all coverage excluding medical and prescription, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools;

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 Andover Regional Board of Education, 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.

6. **Petty Cash for 2026-2027 School Year**: Approves the Business Administrator to be authorized to close the Business Office petty cash accounts as of June 30, 2026 and reopen the petty cash account Business Office accounts in the amount of $150 and $500 as of July 1, 2026, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

7. **Member Participation in a Cooperative Pricing System (HCESC)**:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2026 the governing body of the Andover Regional Board of Education, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Andover Regional Board of Education

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Andover Regional Board of Education is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

8. **State Contract Purchases:** Approve purchases using the following state contracts/cooperatives

to be approved for the 2026-2027 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

- Sourcewell
- ESCNJ
- Morris County Cooperative
- Hunderton County Cooperative
- TIPS Cooperative Purchasing
- Ed Data
- OPUS-Omnia Partners
- NJSBA Cooperative Pricing System

9. **Transfer of 2025-2026 Surplus to Capital Reserve:** Approve the transfer of 2025-2026 surplus to the capital reserve account, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

WHEREAS, NJSA **6A:23A-14.4 et seq** 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 permit 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 Andover Regional Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Capital Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Andover Regional Board of Education has determined that up to **$800,000** is available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Andover Regional Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

10. **Transfer of 2025-2026 Surplus to Tuition Reserve:** Approve the transfer of 2025-2026 surplus to the tuition reserve account, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

WHEREAS, NJSA **6A:23A-14.4 et seq** 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 permit 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 Andover Regional Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Tuition Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Andover Regional Board of Education has determined that up to **$340,686** is available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Andover Regional Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

11. **School Security Drills SOA**: Approve Andover Regional's School Security Drill Statement of Assurance for the 2025-2026 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

12. **Tuition Contract with Celebrate the Children:** Approve the contract with Celebrate the Children for tuition for Student ID#1796019814 at a cost of $100,485 with a 1:1 aide at a cost of $42,630 for ESY and the 2026-2027 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

13. **Tuition Contract with Celebrate the Children:** Approve the contract with Celebrate the Children for tuition for Student ID#1181709119 at a cost of $100,485 with a 1:1 aide at a cost of $42,630 for ESY and the 2026-2027 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

14. **Tuition Contract with Craig School:** Approve the annual tuition contract with The Craig School for tuition from September 8, 2026 through June 11, 2027 at a cost of $68,250 with additional services costs for student #8803736599, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

15. **Tuition Contract with Craig School:** Approve the annual ESY tuition contract with The Craig School for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of $2,600 with additional services costs for student #8803736599, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

16. **Contract with Encore Fire Protection:** Approve the proposal with Encore Fire Protection for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at a cost of $1,369 for testing and inspection services of fire alarms systems at Florence M. Burd School, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

17. **Contract with Encore Fire Protection:** Approve the proposal with Encore Fire Protection for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at a cost of $2,985 for testing and inspection

services of fire alarms systems at Long Pond School, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

18. **Contract with Performance Pediatrics:** Approve the contract with Performance Pediatrics for therapy services for the 2026-2027 school year at various rates per the contract, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

19. **2026 ESY Contract:** Approve the Extended School year contract with Sandyston-Walpack Board of Education for Student ID#7605842618 at a cost to be paid to Andover Regional School District of $2,136.40, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

20. **2026 Contract with Gloucester City Board of Education:** Approve the contract with Gloucester City Board of Education to remit payment to Andover Regional School District in the amount of $2,953.26 for McKinney Vento Student ID#6323435710, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

21. **District Supervisors Evaluation Tool**: Approve the adoption of the Stronge District Leadership Evaluation System as the official evaluation tool for district-level supervisors, effective for the 2026–2027 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

22. **Lead Testing Program SOA:** Approve the submission of the 2025-2026 Lead Testing Program Statement of Assurance, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

23. **Transportation Contract**: Approve the parent transportation contract #P-15 between the parent and the Andover Regional School District for the 2026-2027 (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027) school year for SID #5614547984 for transportation to Celebrate the Children at a cost of $24,200, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

24. **Transportation Contract**: Approve the parent transportation contract #P-14 between the parent and the Andover Regional School District for the 2026-2027 (July 1, 2026 –June 30, 2027) school year for SID #3008652385 for transportation to Northern Hills Academy, at a cost of $20,405.70, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

25. **Tuition Reimbursement**: Approve the following tuition reimbursement, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Name	Program	Credits	Location	Cost per Credit	Reimbursement Cost	Dates
Rebecca Burrows	OL-5212 A Closer Look at Dyslexia, Dysgraphia and Dyscalculia	3	SNHU	$163.00	$489.00	Fall 2026

Rebecca Burrows	OL-5269 Building Comp w/the Science of Reading	3	SNHU	$163.00	$489.00	Fall 2026
Maia Febrero	NUR-5601 Counseling Skills for School Nurses	3	WPU	$1,069.20	$3,207.60 (Estimate)	Fall 2026
Maia Febrero	NUR-5520 School Health Student Teaching Practicum	3	WPU	$1,069.20	$3,207.60 (Estimate)	Fall 2026
Nicole Sautter	ELLM-6210 Field Experience 1	3	WPU	$625.80	$1,877.40 Tech Fee: $64.50	Fall 2026
Nicole Sautter	ELLM-6220 Field Experience 2	3	WPU	$625.80	$1,877.40 Tech Fee: $64.50	Fall 2026

26. **Job Description Coordinator Stipend**: Approve the job description and the creation of a stipend position for Special Education Coordinator, to be compensated in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and the Andover Regional Administrator's Association, as the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

27. **Acceptance of MOA:** Be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement with the Andover Township Education Association, dated as of June 2, 2026, for the contract period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, including related mutually adopted salary guides, which was previously ratified by the Association and which is on file in the office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary;

and be it Further Resolved, that the Board authorizes its Board President and/or Superintendent, or designee, as applicable, to execute an appropriate successor collective negotiations agreement upon finalization of same.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ms. Byron, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Hertenstein, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Porter, Ms. Shalinksy and Dr. Koroski

No: None

Abstain: None

C. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION:

Mr. Minnick moved and Mr. Hertenstein seconded, that the Andover Regional Board of Education approve resolutions #1-2 as presented:

1. **Professional Development Workshops:** Approve the following professional development, registration fees and mileage reimbursement, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Name	Program/Location	Date	Fees/Mileage
Dave Petersen	Solar Sprint Finals Pompton Lakes, NJ	May 19, 2026	Mileage: $25.94
Kristin VanBenschoten	Teacher Workshop of Buehler Challenger & Science Center (Expedition Mars) Bergen County Community College	September 23, 2026	Mileage: $43.24

2. **Digital Student Resources**: Approve the addition of the below listed digital resources to the list of board-approved Digital Student Programming, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Gemini
NotebookLM

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ms. Byron, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Hertenstein, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Porter, Ms. Shalinksy and Dr. Koroski

No: None

Abstain: None

X. COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD: None at this time.

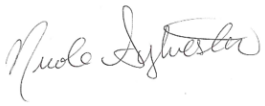
XI. OLD and NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Hertenstein asked for clarification on the playground update, discussion ensued.

XII. <u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS</u>: None at this time.

XIII. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</u> None at this time.

Adjournment: Ms. Byron moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Minnick and approved at 7:46 p.m. and carried by a Unanimous Voice Vote call by all members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Sylvester

Business Administrator/Board Secretary