

Oakland Public Schools

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

7:00 PM

A Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Education was held on June 9, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mr. Scerbo.

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, the Oakland Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on January 11, 2026, and June 3, 2026 in the Municipal Building, the Board Offices, all school offices, on the district website <https://www.oaklandschoolsnj.org/board-of-education/legal-notice> and copies sent to The Record Newspaper. The Board reserves the right to limit public discussion of personnel items, so as to preserve individual privacy.

The Board appreciates the concerns and comments expressed by the public and will take them into consideration. However, please remain advised that, neither the Board nor the administration may comment on or respond to public inquiries or statements regarding any internal personnel matters involving a District employee.

Please be further advised that there is no privilege or qualified privilege with regard to any statements that you make before the Board of Education. Furthermore, in addition to their respective rights to privacy, employees of this school district retains all rights regarding defamation and slander according the laws of New Jersey.

Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise, sign in, and state their names and addresses. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. A speaker who has not finished in the allotted time will be directed by the presiding officer to summarize quickly and relinquish the floor within 30 seconds.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Ms. Kilday, Mr. Mazzilli, and Mr. Scerbo.

The following members were absent: Ms. Cooper, Ms. Shelkin.

Also present: Dr. Gina M. Coffaro, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Annette M. Wells, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Michelle Andrawis, Assistant School Business Administrator, and 65 members of the public.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Coffaro, Ms. Christiano, Mr. Desiderio, Mr. Bowe and Mr. Silverstein recognized the following Retirees:

Bethann Reilly-Davis	Manito
Cindy Parr	Manito
Kim Kiraly	Dogwood
William Kobb	Dogwood
Thomas Shortman	District

Mr. Scerbo congratulated the retirees on behalf of the Board.

I. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Mazzilli and seconded by Ms. Kilday to approve Minute items A through C as follows:

- A. Approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from May 12, 2026.
- B. Approve the Work Session minutes from May 12, 2026.
- C. Approve the Executive Session minutes from May 12, 2026.

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

II. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

A motion was made by Mr. Mazzilli and seconded by Ms. Kilday to approve Buildings and Grounds items A through C as follows:

- A. Approve the application for Dual Use of Educational Space for the 2026-2027 school year to the Bergen County Executive Superintendent of Schools, as follows:

Dogwood Hill Elementary School	Room 11 Room 5	ELL and Math Reading/Reading
Heights Elementary School	Room 46 Room 59 Room 61 Room 9	Resource Center/ELL Instruction 4 th Resource Center/Small Group Math 5 th Resource Center/Reading Resource/Speech
Manito Elementary School	Room 22	Speech/Resource Center
T.O.P.S. Early Childhood Learning	Room 152 Room 153	Speech/OT PT/SLEO officer office

- B. Approve the application for compliance with preschool students to toilet room facilities for the following classrooms for the 2026-2027 school year:

Dogwood Hill Elementary School	Room 8
Manito Elementary School	Room 9
T.O.P.S. Early Childhood Learning	Room 155, 156, 157

- C. Approve the submission of the required New Jersey Department of Education 2025-2026 School Security Drill Statement of Assurance.

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

III. PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ms. Kilday and seconded by Mr. Mazzilli to approve Personnel items A through V as follows:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve Personnel Resolutions as per the attached.

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

IV. REGULAR EDUCATION

A motion was made by Ms. Kilday and seconded by Mr. Mazzilli to approve Regular Education items A and C as follows:

- A. Review the following number of HIB investigations for the period of May 12, 2026 through June 9, 2026 as follows:

Number of HIB Investigations	3
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- B. Approve the following scores as reported by the state of NJ, for the 2024-2025 School Self-Assessment under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Right Act:

Dogwood Hill	75	Manito	75	T.O.P.S.	64
Heights	74	Valley Middle	76		

- C. Approve the Grade 7 Environmental Education Overnight Trip to Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY, departing from Valley Middle School on September 23, 2026 and returning on September 25, 2026.

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

V. SPECIAL EDUCATION

A motion was made by Ms. Kilday and seconded by Mr. Mazzilli to approve Special Education items A through F as follows:

- A. Approve the out-of-district placements for the 2026 extended school year and the 2026-2027 regular school year as per the attachment.
- B. Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release from May 1, 2026, to August 31, 2026, between the District and one student, whose name is on file in the Superintendent's office.
- C. Approve the Agreement with HMS Associates for speech-language therapy services for one student, whose name is on file in the superintendent's office, for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school year.
- D. Approve the Contract with Bergen County Special Services for extended school year academic summer home instruction services and prep time for one student, whose name is on file in the Superintendent's office, from July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026, total amount not to \$5,120.

- E. Approve the School Staffing Agreement with Care Options for Kids to provide nursing services for one student, whose name is on file in the Superintendent's office, for the 2026-2027 school year.
- F. Approve the following providers for evaluations and services for the 2026-2027 school year:

Provider Name	Evaluation Service	Fee not to exceed
Dr. Steven Hertler / Psychodiagnostics	Psychologist	\$1,200 per evaluation
Dr. Debra Couturier-Fagan and Associates	Neuro-Psychologist	\$4,500 per evaluation
Dr. Lindsay S. Petouvis	Neuro-Psychologist	\$4,500 per evaluation
Dr. Lori Catania	Neuro-Psychologist	\$5,200 per evaluation
Dr. Norman Ladov	Psychiatrist	\$ 850 per evaluation
Dr. Esther Fridman	Psychiatrist	\$ 800 per evaluation
Dr. Morton Fridman	Psychiatrist	\$ 800 per evaluation
Dr. Mohab Hanna / MedPsych Associates	Psychiatrist	\$2,000 per evaluation
Dr. Hugh Bases	Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrician	\$8,000 per evaluation
Dr. Lisa Nalven	Behavioral Developmental Pediatrician, Valley Health System	\$ 800 per evaluation
Dr. Marivic Santiago	Neuro-Developmental Pediatrician, Valley Health System	\$ 800 per evaluation
Hackensack Meridian Health, Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital	Audiologic Evaluation Central Auditory Processing Evaluations Classroom Observation/ In- Service/Training	\$ 700 \$1,000 \$ 400 per evaluation/training
St. Joseph's Children's Hospital	Neurology Evaluations	\$ 700 per Evaluation

Provider Name	Evaluation Service	Fee not to exceed
Innovations in Modern Education for Tiered Home Instruction Programs	Home Instruction Speech Language / Counseling	\$ 70 per hour \$ 110 per hour
Hillmar LLC	Bilingual Evaluations	Attached Fee Schedule
Dr. Lori Hanes and Associates	Evaluations and Direct services, (including bilingual)	Attached Fee Schedule
P.G. Chambers School	Evaluations, Consultations and Direct services	Attached Fee Schedule
Shelly J. Dansky M.A. P.T. and Associates for Physical Therapy Services	Physical Therapy Services, Evaluation, Consultation and Treatment	Attached Proposal
Delta-T North Jersey, Inc.	Professional and Educational Services	As per Agreement
Region V Council for Special Education/River Edge Board of Education	Direct services, Evaluations and other educational services	As per Agreement
Home Therapy Solutions, LLC	Occupational, Physical, Speech/Language Therapy Services, Evaluation, Consultation and Treatment,	As per Agreement
OTFIT LLC	Occupational Therapy Services, Evaluation, Consultation and Treatment	As per Agreement
Northern Region Educational Services Commission	Educational and Psychological Evaluations and Meeting Attendance	As per Agreement
CCL Therapy, LLC	Occupational Therapy Services, Evaluation, Consultation and Treatment	As per Agreement
North Jersey Health & Wellness	Psychiatric Evaluations, Clearances, Visits	As per Agreement

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

VI. FINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Mazzilli and seconded by Ms. Kilday to approve Finance items A through FF as follows:

- A. Approve the May 2026 certified gross (net & agency) payroll in the amount of \$2,079,439.04.
- B. Approve the payment of the attached list of bills in the amount of \$4,662,568.62 which in proper legal form and subject to audit, provided funds are available in their respective accounts.

FINANCE (cont.)

- C. Approve the Board Secretary's certification to the Oakland Board of Education that, as of May 31, 2026 no line-item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which, in total, exceed the line-item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)3; and further,

Approve the Oakland Board of Education's certification that, after a review of the Board Secretary's and Board Treasurer's monthly financial reports and the advice of District officials, there is no reason to doubt that any major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4.
- D. Approve the school year 2025-2026 Budget appropriation transfers for the month ending May 31, 2026.
- E. Approve the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month ending May 31, 2026.
- F. Approve the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month ending May 31, 2026.
- G. Approve staff participation in professional conferences/workshops outside the District, as per the attached.
- H. Approve wire transfer to the NJ Department of Labor for NJ Unemployment Compensation in the amount of \$9,625.00.
- I. Approve reimbursement to administrators/teachers for successful completion of graduate courses for the 2025-2026 school year as per the attached.
- J. Amend the Funding for Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screeners (FOCUS) Grant resolution as follows: Approve the submission of the Funding for Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screeners (FOCUS) Grant.
- K. Accept the Funding for Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screeners (FOCUS) Grant in the amount of \$4,320 with a project period from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027.
- L. Approve Amplify to provide Professional Development on or about June 23, 2026, in the amount of \$500 to be paid with (FOCUS) Grant funds.
- M. Approve Catapult Learning Contract to provide nursing services to non-public students for the 2026-2027 school year.
- N. Approve the contract with Frontline Technologies (AESOP) for AppliTrack Employee Center, Applicant Tracking, Absence & Substitute Management and unlimited usage for internal employees' system for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual cost of \$18,955.49.
- O. Approve the renewal of Systems 3000 for the 2026-2027 school year not to exceed \$44,000.
- P. Approve the submission of the FY26 ESEA amended application for fiscal changes.
- Q. Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Oakland Board of Education to enter into the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Cooperative Pricing Agreement for the purchase of goods and services.

- R. Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Oakland Board of Education to enter into the Champions United Purchasing Alliance Cooperative Pricing Agreement for the purchase of goods and services.

- S. Deposit into Capital Reserve and/or Maintenance Reserve and/or Emergency Reserve

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-14.3 and 6A:23A-14.4 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 Oakland Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the General Fund into a Capital Reserve, and/or Maintenance Reserve, and/or Emergency Reserve

WHEREAS, the Oakland Board of Education has determined that an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 to Capital Reserve and/or an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to Maintenance Reserve and/or an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to Emergency Reserve is available for such purpose of transfer;

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

- T. Approve RFS Commercial, Inc. to replace flooring at Valley Middle School, in the amount of \$92,899.50, through Hunterdon County Cooperative, Commercial Floor Covering & Related Services #215.
- U. Approve D&L Contractors Inc. to strip the parking lot at Height Elementary School in the amount of \$18,500. This vendor was the lowest quote.
- V. Approve the purchase and installation of a gaga pit at Manito Elementary School from Ben Shaffer Recreation in the amount of \$24,581.11. This vendor was the lowest quote and will be funded by the Manito PTO.
- W. Approve the purchase of technology infrastructure (servers and switches) for security software from CDW-G in the amount of \$41,257.41 through ESCNJ/AEPA 26-D, State approved Co-op #65MCESCCPS.
- X. Approve the purchase and installation of heating valves and controls for Dogwood Hill Elementary School, Heights Elementary School and Manito Elementary School from A.M.E Inc. in the amount of \$21,933.79. This vendor was the lowest quote.
- Y. Approve the additional purchase of Newline Multi-Touch Display Boards from Howard Technology Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$10,925 through Hunterdon County Cooperative #HCESC-Cat-25-06-R.

- Z. Approve the purchase of security cameras from CDW-G in the amount of \$17,861.45 through ESCNJ/AEPA 26 State approved Co-op #65MCESCCPS.
- AA. **WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3, provides that contracts that do not annually exceed in the aggregate, the bid threshold, may be awarded by the purchasing agent without advertizing for bids when so authorized by Board Resolution, and
- WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A37, provides that all contracts that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold may be awarded by the purchasing agent without soliciting competitive quotation if so, authorized by Board Resolution,
- RESOLVED**, that the Oakland Public Schools Board of Education, approved the appointment of Annette M. Wells, School Business Administrator, as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for the district according to the rules and Regulations of P.L. 1999 c. 440; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Annette M. Wells is authorized to award contracts up to the QPA bid threshold of \$53,000 and establish the QPA quote threshold at \$7,950 as per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 for the 2026-2027 school year.
- BB. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Oakland Public Schools Board of Education acknowledges that they have been presented with a list of vendors that were required to be approved by the Oakland Board of Education subject to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A for anticipated contracts to be renewed, awarded, or expire during the 2026-2027 school year.
- “Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47, Oakland Public Schools intends to renew, award, or permit to expire from that list of vendors that is noted above of contracts previously awarded by the Oakland Board of Education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A;18. et. Seq., NJAC chapter 23, and Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements 2CFR, part 2000.
- CC. Accept, with appreciation, the donation of \$2,000 from Dogwood Hill Elementary School PTO for staff wellness.
- DD. Accept, with appreciation, the donation of \$24,581.10 from the Manito Elementary School PTO, for the purchase and installation of a Gaga Pit on the site of Manito's old playground.
- EE. Approve Amplify for the purchase of the CKLA Reading Program for grades 3, 4 and 5 in the total amount of \$117,638.40.
- FF. Accept, with appreciation, the donation of \$669.75 from the Heights Elementary School PTO for the purchase of flexible seating and classroom items.

Upon call of the roll, Mr. Mazzilli abstained from G.3, Mr. Scerbo abstained from G.2. All others voted yes.

Mr. Mazzilli acknowledged the PTO donations and reported on the Heights parking lot re-striping.

VII. ADMINISTRATION

A motion was made by Ms. Kilday and seconded by Mr. Mazzilli to approve Administration items A and B as follows:

- A. Appoint Ms. Michelle Andrawis, as Assistant Board Secretary for the 2026-2027 school year.
- B. WHEREAS, the Oakland Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) and the Oakland Education Association (hereinafter referred to as the “Association”) have negotiated a successor collective negotiations agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “CNA”) for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028 school years; and

WHEREAS, the Association has, by a majority vote of its membership, ratified the CNA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby ratifies and approves the terms of the CNA for 2026-2027, 2027-2028 school years, which is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute, on behalf of the Board, the CNA by and between the Board and the Association.

Mr. Scerbo thanked the Teachers’ Association for their respect and for working closely during negotiations. Mr. Scerbo added that the board appreciates the partnership with the association.

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION

None

IX. POLICY

None

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

One member of the public discussed the parent advisory committee and upcoming elections for new officers.

One member of the public discussed the ELA performance gap between elementary schools. She questioned how we may be able to help support staff through staff development and additional time for teachers. Ms. Baykal, Supervisor of Curriculum, offered to discuss plans for the district.

A motion was made by Ms. Kilday and seconded by Mr. Mazzilli that the meeting be adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Upon call of the question, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette M. Wells
School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

All approved policies can be found on the
Oakland Board of Education Website under
Board of Education/Board Policies:

<https://www.oaklandschoolsnj.org/>