MANVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANVILLE, NEW JERSEY

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING

August 5, 2026 – 5:00 PM – MHS Media Center

A meeting of the Board of Education will be held this day in the Manville High School Media Center. The order of business and agenda for the meeting is:

I. **CALL TO ORDER –** Board of Education President Justina Breen

II. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT –** Ms. Breen

Adequate notice of this meeting in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act," has been provided by action of the Board of Education at its Reorganization Meeting on January 7, 2026. Notices were sent to the Courier News, circulated in the school district, and a notice to this effect was posted on the Board of Education website and the building bulletin board at the Administrative Headquarters, 1100 Brooks Boulevard, Manville, New Jersey.

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MOMENT OF REFLECTION, AND READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT**

We believe in the potential of our students, the ability of our teachers and administrators, and the support of our parents and community. Every child. Every day.

IV. **ROLL CALL:** Lisa Antonelli, Debra Babich, Justina Breen, Kimberly Fleming, Timothy Kenyon, Sharon Lukac, Louis Petzinger

V. **Oath of Office administered to the successful candidates. (18A: 12-2.1)**

- Administered by Mr. Devanshu Modi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
  - Dorothy Martinez-Garcia
  - Kelly Harabin

VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –** RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the regular and executive session minutes of the following meeting: July 15, 2026.

VII. **BOARD OF EDUCATION - INTERVIEWS FOR SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH FIRMS**

VIII. **CLOSED SESSION** (<u>If necessary</u> - use this resolution to identify the qualified matters to be discussed)

Motion by _____, second by _____, the Board of Education of the Manville School District in the County of Somerset will adjourn into a closed meeting to discuss the item(s) ___ & ___, which fall(s) within an exception of our open meetings policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion, since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 b.

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3. *Collective bargaining agreements*

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7. *Pending or anticipated litigation*
8. *Attorney-client privilege*
9. *Personnel - employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board will now go into private session to discuss matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule and Individual privacy, pending or anticipated litigation, Attorney-client privilege, Personnel-employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee. Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practical. Minutes of this private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

All appropriate persons, who may be discussed in a private session, have been adequately notified.

__ We anticipate board action to be taken following the Executive Session
__ We do not anticipate board action to be taken following the Executive Session

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – The Board of Education President will invite questions and comments from the public on agenda items. Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. Individuals wishing to speak must state their name and address. All statements and/or questions shall be directed to the presiding officer, and no participant may address or question Board members individually. All speakers are requested to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy rights of others whose legal rights may be affected.

X. BOARD RETREAT

- Board of Education's Role in Finance - led by Cathy Pouria, New Jersey School Boards Association
- Board of Education - Training On Artificial Intelligence by Montclair University
- Board of Education - Discussion on Board Policies
- Development of Board of Education Goals and District Goals - led by Cathy Pouria, New Jersey School Boards Association

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Policy Committee: Debra Babich, Chairperson

A-1 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following policies/regulations for the *Second* read:

- P5516 Student Use Of Internet-Enabled Devices (M)

B. Personnel Committee: Lisa Antonelli, Chairperson

WHEREAS the Superintendent of Schools has recommended certain appointments, payments, and leaves of absence, now, therefore be it**.**

B-1 RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following Leaves of Absence, Resignations, and Retirements as per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

Line Item	Name	Position	Action	Effective Dates
A	Jennifer Lynn	Teacher Weston/Roosevelt	Resignation	September 22, 2026

B	Kelli Eppley	Asst Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction District	Resignation	September 25, 2026
C	Andrea Pazmino	School Nurse District	Resignation	September 28, 2026
D	Dr. James McLaughlin	Interim Supervisor of Special Services District	Resignation	August 13, 2026

B-2 RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following person in the position and with terms as stated, pending satisfactory completion of employment requirements as per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

Line Item	Name	Position	Certificate	Compensation	Effective Dates
A	Athena Marin	Teacher Weston	Std, Elem School Teacher in G K-6 Std, Preschool through G PK-3 CE, Students with Disabilities	BA, Step 16, $85,120	On or about September 28, 2026
B	Sleiman Aboujaoude	Maintenance, Night Shift District	N/A	Step 7, $70,025	August 6, 2026
C	Erin Sperduto	Teacher Weston *Maternity Leave Replacement*	Limited CE, Preschool through Grade 3	BA, Step 1, $66,705	September 3, 2026 - February 5, 2027
D	Patrick Scura	Teacher MHS	CE, Teacher of Comprehensive Business CE, School Business Administrator	MA, Step 3, $70,305	On or about Sept 3, 2026

B-3 BE IT RESOLVED, that Robert Mooney be appointed as Interim Superintendent of Schools, effective August 17, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at the per diem rate of $750, subject to the terms of an Employment Contract approved by the Somerset County Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

C. Finance and Facilities Committee: Louis Petzinger, Chairperson

C-1 APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT RENEWAL

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves Happy Lime LLC to cover athletic trips, field trips, late runs for the fall, winter and spring seasons for the 2026-2027 school year at a renewal cost per bus of $636.95 for the first three hours and each hour after the first three hours will be billed at the rate of $212.32 per hour.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT - The Board President will invite questions and comments from the public.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

XIV. CLOSED SESSION (If necessary - use this resolution to identify the qualified matters to be discussed)

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XV. ADJOURNMENT