



Board of Education
25 Valley Road, Princeton, New Jersey 08540
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Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

5:00 pm Regular Business Meeting

Valley Road Conference Room A & B

I. Open Public Meeting Statement:

Welcome

Welcome to this public meeting of the Princeton Board of Education. The Board is an elected, unpaid group of ten citizens who set policy and make decisions on educational, financial, and personnel matters for the Princeton Public Schools on behalf of all residents. We are always pleased when members of the community attend our meetings.

The Board and the school district operate under applicable New Jersey laws and under regulations of the New Jersey State Board of Education.

Each meeting includes an opportunity for those attending to comment on items on the published agenda or other matters of interest to them. The Board reserves the right to limit the time allotted to public participation. Law limits discussion of individual personnel and confidential matters.

We hope that our meetings provide useful opportunities for communication between the Board and the community. Thank you for attending.

Notice of Open Public Meeting

As required under the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.), adequate notice was given for calling this meeting. It was authorized by the Board of Education and forwarded to the municipal clerk, Princeton Packet, and The Times on June 19, 2026; and distributed to the schools and others on the standard distribution list.

The Board reserves the right to enter into Executive Session during all meetings of the Board of Education. Board Policy 0168, Recording Devices, requires that we inform those attending this in-person meeting that the proceedings are being recorded. This meeting is being live-streamed.

Notice on Votes Pertaining to Sending District

The Representative of the Sending District is authorized to vote on such matters that affect sending district students or affect the governance of the Princeton Public Schools, as more specifically designated in N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8.1. Sending District votes pertaining to personnel actions refer to high school, central administrative and district wide staff only, votes otherwise are considered abstentions. In the event that N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8.1 is amended, the law shall take precedence over this bylaw.

II. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent
Beth Behrend	✓	
Adam Bierman	✓	
Mara Franceschi	✓	
Eleanor Hubbard	✓	
Dafna Kendal (President)	✓	
Susan Kanter (Vice-President)		✓
Ari Meisel		✓
Christopher Santarpio	✓	
Erica Snyder	✓	
Katherine Lara (Cranbury Representative)		✓

III. Executive Session

A. Open Closed Session

Closed session commenced: 5:01 PM

Motion and Voting

Motion by Christopher Santarpio, second by Elenaor Hubbard

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 7-0 by Voice Vote

Ayes: Beth Behrend, Adam Bierman, Mara Franceschi, Eleanor Hubbard, Christopher Santarpio, Erica Snyder, Dafna Kendal

B. Closed Session Resolution

Whereas: The Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters, now, therefore be it

Resolved: The Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss: (select one or more)

1. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege;

Resolved: The minutes of this closed session will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Action may be taken on any of the items stated above.

C. Reconvene To Public Session

IV. Call to Order: Dafna Kendal, President

Open session commenced: 6:06 PM

V. Adoption of Minutes

A. *Approval: Minutes (Roll Call Vote)*

Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the regular session minutes and executive session minutes from the following meetings:

1. June 16, 2026

Motion and Voting

Motion by Mara Franceschi, second by Christopher Santarpio

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 7-0 by Voice Vote

VI. Administrative Reports

- A. *Board President's Report*
- B. *Superintendent's Report*
 - Construction Update

VII. Public Comment

The Board values the opinions and input of students, staff, parents, and community members on any topic.

When called upon to speak, please provide your name and home address, and keep your comments to three minutes, to be respectful of those who wish to comment after you. Please direct your comments to the Board, but note that this is not a discussion or Q&A.

Under New Jersey law, the Board shall not discuss personnel matters and shall not respond to comments made by the public. The Board President may refer questions or requests for action to staff for response at a later date.

Speakers are reminded that comments should be respectful and maintain a level of decorum appropriate for a meeting of a public body. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order.

There will be a 15-minute maximum time period for comments, inclusive of all speakers, unless otherwise agreed by the Board.

Thank you for your consideration of others.

A student commented on the upcoming student activity fees for clubs and athletics.

VIII. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

- A. *HIB Report Acceptance (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: that the Board of Education accept the summary report for all investigations conducted between June 15, 2026 and July 17th, 2026

- B. *HIB Report Affirmation (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved that the Board of Education affirms all HIB investigations included in the June 16, 2026 summary report, excluding applicable appeals.

IX. Board Committee Reports

- A. *Long-Term Planning* - The committee did not meet this month. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14th.
- B. *Operations* - The committee did not meet this month. The next meeting is scheduled for July 24th.
- C. *Personnel* - Summary given from the July 14th meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 11th.
- D. *Policy* - Summary given from the July 20th meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12th.
- E. *Student Equity and Achievement* - Summary given from the July 16th meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 13th.

X. Consent Agenda and Action Items

A. Policy

1. *First Reading (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the 1st reading of the policies and/or regulations listed below:

- a. P7523 School District Provided Technology Devices to Students
- b. R7523 School District Provided Technology Devices to Students
- c. P5516 Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices

2. *Second Reading and Adoption (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the policies and/or regulations listed below:

- a. P2436 Activity Participation Fee Program
- b. P2361 Acceptable Use of Computer Networks, Computers, and Digital Resources
- c. R2361.1 Acceptable Use of Computer Networks, Computers, and Digital Resources (Student)
- d. R2361.2 Acceptable Use of Computer Networks, Computers, and Digital Resources (Staff)

B. Personnel

1. *Acceptance: Retirement (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the retirement of the following staff members:

- a. None

2. *Acceptance: Resignation (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of the following staff members:

- a. **Juel, Caroline**, Visual Art Teacher, HS. has submitted her letter of resignation effective 06/30/2026.
- b. **Samuel, Clare**, Mathematics Teacher, HS, has submitted her letter of resignation effective 06/30/2026.
- c. **Sidelinger, Amy**, Accountant, VR, has submitted her letter of resignation effective 06/30/2026.

3. *Approval: Appointments (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the appointments of the following staff members:

- a.  Attachment # 10-B-3 Appointments - 07.21.2026.pdf

4. *Approval: Transfer/Reassignment 2026-2027 (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the transfer/reassignment of the following staff members:

- a. **Gracia, Marilou**, from Secretary, JP to Administrative Secretary, JP, Effective 07/01/2026-06/30/2027, Salary \$78,287.
- b. **Higgins, Kelsey**, from Grade 1 Teacher, RS, to Grade 1 Teacher, LB, Effective 08/25/2026-06/30/2027, Salary no change.
- c. **Jayarangan, Vidya**, from Secretary, LB to Administrative Secretary, LB, Effective 07/01/2026-06/30/2027, Salary \$47,000.
- d. **Kneller, Kimberly**, from Secretary, RS to Administrative Secretary, RS, Effective 07/01/2026-06/30/2027, Salary \$47,000.
- e. **Tollefsen, Christine**, from Secretary, CP to Administrative Secretary, CP, Effective 07/01/2026-06/30/2027, Salary \$54,725.
- f. **Tsonkova, Eli**, from Secretary/Educational Media Assistant to Administrative Secretary, Effective 07/01/2026-06/30/2027, Salary no change.
- g. **Upadhyay, Priti**, from Administrative Secretary, VR to Administrative Secretary, PMS (replacing D. Vecchio), Effective 07/01/2026-06/30/2027, Salary no change.
- h. **Williams, Kaamilah**, from Secretary, PMS to Administrative Secretary, PMS, Effective 07/01/2026-06/30/2027, Salary \$48,000

5. *Approval: Reappointment/Revisions 2026-2027(Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following reappointment/revisions of the following staff members:

PRESSA Reappointment Revision

Employee Name	Building	Assignment	Status	Salary	Longevity	Stipend	Note
Foreman, Veronica	HS	Administrative Secretary	1	\$50,100	n/a		<i>Revision to assignment and salary</i>
Scala, Lori	HS	Administrative Secretary for Registration and Residency	1	\$65,257	\$800		<i>Revision to assignment and salary</i>
Van Hessen, Robin	HS	Administrative Secretary	1	\$54,550	n/a		<i>Revision to assignment and salary</i>

PAA Reappointment Revision

Employee Name	Building	Assignment	Status	Salary	Longevity	Stipend	Note
Hnasko, Amy	District	Supervisor of Early Childhood	1	\$139,917	\$3,000	\$4,000	<i>Revision to affiliation and longevity</i>
Samara, Lauren	District	Supervisor of MTSS and Special Projects	1	\$137,917	\$6,000	n/a	<i>Revision to affiliation and longevity</i>

6. Approval: Personnel Items (Consent Agenda)

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following personnel items:

a. Moving/Relocation

- i.  Attachment # 10-B-6a Moving_Relocation 07.21.2026.pdf

b. Retirement and Vacation Day Payouts

- i.  Attachment # 10-B-6b Payouts 07.21.2026.pdf

c. Tuition Reimbursement - PREA

- i. Carbone, Angela: \$660

- ii. Habib, Mary: \$1,500
- iii. Salle, Leigh: \$540
- iv. Simon, Jennifer: \$1,260
- d. **Tuition Reimbursement - PAA**
 - i. Cecilia Birge: \$2,313.50
- e. **Child Study Team - Extra work**
Effective: 03/23/2026-06/30/2026: \$75.23/hr.
 - i. Dwyer, Beth
 - ii. LaRocca, Dana
 - iii. Smith, Michelle
 - iv. Thompson, Jamilla

- f. **PRESSA Stipend**
Effective 08/25/2025-06/30/2026
 - i. Natareno, Esmeralda, Tier 2 \$4,000 (rescind)
 - ii. Natareno, Esmeralda, Tier 1 \$6,000

- g. **Summer Technology Interns**
Effective 07/06/2026-08/20/2026: \$16.00/hr.
 - i. Bertrand, James
 - ii. Hegland, Grady
 - iii. Sacks, Henry
 - iv. Shackney, Noah

- h. **Summer Facilities Interns**
Effective 07/06/2026-08/21/2026: \$16.00/hr.
 - i. Boyd, Natalie
 - ii. Boyd, Seth
 - iii. DeCroce, Adrienne
 - iv. Horan, Timothy
 - v. Schemmann, Ruth (pending HR paperwork)

7. *Approval: Substitutes/Student Placements (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following substitutes and student placements:

- a.  Attachment # 10-B-7 Substitute_Student Placements 07.21.2026.pdf

8. *Approval: Leaves of Absences (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the leaves of absences of the following staff members:

- a.  Attachment#10-B-8 Leave of Absence 07.21.2026 - Google Docs.pdf

9. *Approval: Curriculum & Instruction (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following Curriculum and Instruction personnel items:

- a.  Attachment #10-B-9a-Curriculum & Instruction - July 21, 2026

10. *Approval: Student Services (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following Student Services personnel items:

- a.  Attachment #10-B-10 Student Services 07.21.2026.pdf

11. *Approval: Athletics (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following athletic appointments:

- a.  Attachment # 10-B-11 Athletic Appointments 07.21.2026

12. *Approval: Sixth Period Compensation (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the sixth-period compensation of the following staff members:

- a. None

13. *Approval: Job Descriptions (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following job descriptions

- a.  Purchasing Specialist.pdf

14. *Approval: Abolishment of Job Descriptions (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the abolishment of the following job descriptions:

- a. Accountant: Effective 07/01/2026
- b. Technology Operations Support Specialist: Effective 07/13/2026

15. *Approval: PPSTA Sidebar Agreement (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following PPSTA Sidebar Agreement:

- a.  V2.PPSTA Sidebar7.1.26 - Google Docs.pdf

16. *Approval: Termination of a staff member (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the termination of the following staff member:

- a. Employee #8416: Effective 06/30/2026

C. Curriculum and Instruction

1. *Atlas Curriculum Management System (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools ("District") is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) to procure proprietary computer software without public advertising for bids; and

Whereas, the District utilizes the Atlas Curriculum Management System ("Atlas"), provided by Rubicon West LLC, as its district-wide platform for curriculum mapping, standards alignment, and instructional planning; and

Whereas, Atlas is a proprietary, cloud-hosted curriculum management system in which the District's curriculum maps, unit plans, standards alignments, and historical curriculum records have been built and stored over multiple years; and

Whereas, migration to an alternative curriculum management platform would require complete reconstruction of all existing curriculum maps and standards alignments, loss of historical curriculum documentation, retraining of all instructional staff across the District, and significant disruption to ongoing curriculum review and revision cycles; and

Whereas, the Business Administrator has reviewed this purchase and certified the availability of funds; Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with Rubicon West LLC for the Atlas Curriculum Management System in an amount not to exceed \$13,130.77, pursuant to the proprietary software exemption set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q).

2. *Professional/Purchased Services Contract (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools ("District") is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) to award contracts for professional services without public advertising for bids; and

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(c) defines "professional services" to include services rendered by persons whose practice is regulated by law and other services requiring specialized knowledge, training, expertise, or skills, the performance of which is predominantly intellectual in character; and

Whereas, the District requires specialized professional learning services in the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework for District staff participating in Early Adopter Cohort training; and

Whereas, CAST, Inc. ("CAST") is the original developer of the UDL framework and possesses specialized knowledge, training materials, and expertise in UDL instructional design that is proprietary to CAST and not generally available from other vendors; and

Whereas, CAST has agreed to provide a one-day in-person training session for Early Adopters Cohort 1 on August 18, 2026, and a two-day in-person training session for a new Early Adopter Cohort 2 on August 19 and 20, 2026, for a total contract amount of \$19,000; and

Whereas, the Business Administrator has reviewed this contract and certified the availability of funds; and

Whereas, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) as a contract for professional services;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with CAST, Inc. for professional learning services related to the Universal Design for Learning framework, in an amount not to exceed \$19,000, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1); and

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be placed on file in the Office of the Business Administrator as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(b).

3. *Sole Source/Proprietary Software Purchase (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools ("District") is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) to procure proprietary computer software without public advertising for bids, and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) to award contracts for professional services without public advertising for bids; and

Whereas, the District seeks to provide educators with access to SchoolAI Classroom Pro, an AI-powered instructional platform developed and exclusively provided by School AI, Inc., which offers classroom management tools, personalized learning environments, AI-assisted instructional support, and a real-time browser-based classroom control extension; and

Whereas, SchoolAI Classroom Pro is a proprietary platform that is not available through any other vendor, and its integrated suite of AI tools, collaborative learning environments, and instructional management features constitute a proprietary software system for purposes of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q); and

Whereas, School AI, Inc. also provides implementation and onboarding services through its Basecamp program, which includes on-demand training, live coaching sessions, and professional development resources delivered by School AI, Inc. personnel with specialized expertise in the platform, constituting professional services within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1); and

Whereas, the combined subscription and implementation services are available exclusively through School AI, Inc. and cannot be replicated by any other vendor; and

Whereas, the Business Administrator has reviewed this contract and certified the availability of funds; and

Whereas, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1);

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with School AI, Inc. for the SchoolAI Classroom Pro platform subscription and Basecamp implementation services in an amount not to exceed \$11,100, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1); and

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be placed on file in the Office of the Business Administrator as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(b).

4. *Professional/Purchased Services Contract (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools ("District") is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) to procure proprietary instructional materials without public advertising for bids, and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) to award contracts for professional services without public advertising for bids; and

Whereas, the District seeks to adopt Arts & Letters, a comprehensive, knowledge-building English Language Arts curriculum developed and exclusively published by Great Minds PBC; and

Whereas, Arts & Letters is a proprietary curriculum and instructional materials program that is not available through any other publisher or vendor, and its integrated scope and sequence, student texts, teacher materials, and accompanying instructional resources constitute proprietary educational materials for purposes of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q); and

Whereas, Great Minds PBC also provides curriculum-specific professional development services, including training, coaching, and implementation support delivered by Great Minds PBC personnel with specialized expertise in the Arts & Letters curriculum, constituting professional services within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1); and

Whereas, the professional development services provided by Great Minds PBC are integral to the successful implementation of the Arts & Letters curriculum and are uniquely tied to the proprietary instructional design and pedagogical framework of the program, and cannot be replicated by any other provider; and

Whereas, the Business Administrator has reviewed this contract and certified the availability of funds; and

Whereas, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1);

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with Great Minds PBC for the purchase of Arts & Letters instructional materials and accompanying professional development and implementation services, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be placed on file in the Office of the Business Administrator as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(b).

5. *Sole Source/Proprietary Software Purchase (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools ("District") is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) to procure proprietary computer software without public advertising for bids; and

Whereas, the District utilizes LinkIt, a proprietary K-12 assessment management, data analytics, and multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) platform developed and exclusively provided by Advanced Assessment Systems, Inc.; and

Whereas, LinkIt provides the District with an integrated suite of tools for online and paper-based assessment administration, benchmark and progress monitoring assessments, a data warehouse and reporting dashboard, standards-aligned analytics, and intervention management workflows supporting the District's MTSS processes; and

Whereas, the District's assessment content, historical student performance data, benchmark assessments, locally-authored assessments, and analytical configurations have been built and stored within the LinkIt platform over multiple years; and

Whereas, migration to an alternative assessment and data analytics platform would require complete reconstruction of all locally-authored assessments and data configurations, loss of longitudinal student performance data and trend reporting, retraining of District administrators, instructional staff, and data teams, and significant disruption to the District's data-driven decision-making and MTSS workflows; and

Whereas, the Business Administrator has reviewed this purchase and certified the availability of funds;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with Advanced Assessment Systems, Inc. for the LinkIt assessment management, data analytics, and MTSS platform, pursuant to the proprietary software exemption set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q).

6. *Sole Source/Proprietary Software Purchase (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools ("District") is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) to procure proprietary computer software without public advertising for bids, and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) to award contracts for professional services without public advertising for bids; and

Whereas, the District seeks to provide educators and students in grades 3 through 12 with access to CommonLit School Essentials PRO, a proprietary digital literacy and English Language Arts platform developed and exclusively provided by CommonLit, Inc.; and

Whereas, CommonLit School Essentials PRO is a proprietary, cloud-based platform that provides teachers and administrators with access to a comprehensive digital reading and writing curriculum, standards-aligned benchmark assessments, school and district-wide data tracking and reporting tools, and integrations with the District's learning management systems, including Canvas and Google Classroom; and

Whereas, CommonLit School Essentials PRO also includes professional development services delivered by CommonLit, Inc. personnel, including live webinar training, access to an on-demand Professional Development Portal containing over 50 self-paced instructional modules, and dedicated account manager support from CommonLit instructional experts, constituting professional services within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1); and

Whereas, the professional development and implementation support services are integral to the District's effective use of the CommonLit platform and are uniquely tied to the platform's proprietary curriculum, assessment tools, and instructional design framework, and cannot be replicated by any other provider; and

Whereas, the Business Administrator has reviewed this contract and certified the availability of funds; and

Whereas, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1);

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with CommonLit, Inc. for the CommonLit School Essentials PRO platform subscription and accompanying professional development services, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1); and

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be placed on file in the Office of the Business Administrator as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(b).

7. *Professional/Purchased Services Contract (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools ("District") is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) to award contracts for professional services without public advertising for bids; and

Whereas, the District seeks to provide educators with specialized training and professional development in the Orton-Gillingham approach to structured literacy instruction through the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education ("IMSE"); and

Whereas, IMSE is a nationally recognized provider of Orton-Gillingham-based structured literacy training and professional development, offering a proprietary curriculum, instructional methodology, and certification pathway that is not available through any other provider in the same form; and

Whereas, the professional development and training services provided by IMSE require specialized knowledge, expertise, and a structured instructional framework that is predominantly intellectual in character, constituting professional services within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(c) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1); and

Whereas, IMSE also provides proprietary structured literacy instructional materials to support the training program, the use of which is integral to and inseparable from the professional development services delivered by IMSE-certified trainers; and

Whereas, the Business Administrator has reviewed this contract and certified the availability of funds; and

Whereas, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q);

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education for Orton-Gillingham structured literacy professional development, training, and accompanying instructional materials, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q); and

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be placed on file in the Office of the Business Administrator as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(b).

8. *Professional/Purchased Services Contract (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools ("District") is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) to procure proprietary computer software without public advertising for bids, and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) to award contracts for professional services without public advertising for bids; and

Whereas, the District seeks to provide early childhood educators and administrators with access to the comprehensive suite of early learning solutions developed and exclusively provided by Teaching Strategies, LLC, including curriculum, assessment, family engagement, and professional development resources for students in preschool through kindergarten; and

Whereas, Teaching Strategies, LLC provides the following proprietary products and services, which together form an integrated early childhood education ecosystem; and

Whereas, the products and services described above are proprietary to Teaching Strategies, LLC and are not available in the same integrated form from any other provider; and

Whereas, the District's early childhood program data, child development observations, assessment records, instructional plans, and family engagement history have been built and stored within the Teaching Strategies

platform, and migration to an alternative platform would result in loss of longitudinal child development data, disruption to ongoing assessment and instructional planning cycles, and the need to retrain all early childhood staff; and

Whereas, the professional development services provided through the Teacher and Coach Membership constitute professional services within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(c) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1), requiring specialized knowledge, expertise, and an IACET-accredited instructional framework that is predominantly intellectual in character; and

Whereas, the Business Administrator has reviewed this contract and certified the availability of funds; and

Whereas, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1);

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with Teaching Strategies, LLC for The Creative Curriculum, GOLD, GOLDFinch, ReadyRosie, tadpoles, AI's Pals, SmartTeach, and Teacher and Coach Membership professional development services, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1); and

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be placed on file in the Office of the Business Administrator as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(b).

D. Student Services/Special Education

1. *Contract Approval - Revised (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Learning Tree Multicultural/Multilingual Evaluations & Consulting, Greenbrook, NJ to provide bilingual speech/language, social, psychological, and educational evaluations for a fee of \$830 per Spanish evaluation and \$880 other languages; not to exceed a total of \$42,000, during the 2025-2026 school year. Funding for these services will be provided through general funds.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the administration to execute the necessary documents.

2. *Special Education Independent Educational Evaluations (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the schedule of maximum allowable costs per special

education independent educational evaluations in accordance with Board Policy 2468 Independent Educational Evaluations for the 2026-2027 school year. Funding for these services will be through general funds.

Evaluation	Cost
Educational	\$900.00
Social History	\$900.00
Psychological	\$850.00
Psycho-educational	\$1,200.00
Speech/Language	\$900.00
Psychiatric	\$1,750.00
Neurological	\$1,200.00
Neurodevelopmental	\$1,200.00
Neuropsychological	\$5,000.00
Audiological	\$2,000.00
Augmentative Communication	\$1,500.00
Assistive Technology	\$1,600.00
Central Auditory Processing	\$2,000.00

Occupational Therapy	\$800.00
Physical Therapy	\$800.00

3. *NJ Commission for the Blind (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the New Jersey Commission for the Blind, Toms River, NJ, to provide Educational Level 1 Services for 4 students at a cost of \$2,668 per student and Educational Level 3 Services for 1 student at a cost of \$17,706. Services include assessment/evaluations, technical assistance, consultation and instructional services, adaptive aids, materials, Braille equipment and Teacher of the Visually Impaired services not to exceed \$28,378 during the 2026-2027 academic year. Funding for these services will be through state aid.

Be it further resolved that the board of Education authorize the administration to execute the necessary documents.

4. *School Nursing Plan 2025-2026 (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the School Nursing Services Plan for 2025-2026, in accordance with the N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2 (f) 1. Copies of the School Nursing Plan are maintained on file in the Student Services Office.

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Education authorize the administration to execute all necessary documents.

- a. [Attachment # 10-D-4 Nursing Plan.pdf](#)

5. *Contract Approval (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the following professional consulting services for 2026-2027;

Be it Further Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the administration to execute the necessary documents

- a. **Monmouth Ocean Educational Services Commission-**

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the Monmouth Ocean Educational Services Commission of NJ, Tinton Falls, NJ, to provide special education evaluations during the 2026-2027 school year, not to exceed \$5,000. Funding for this service will be through general funds.

6. *Contract Approval- Out of District Tuitions (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the following educational placements for 2026-2027 school

year. Funding will be from IDEA, State Aid, and local funds. **Be it further resolved**, that the Board of Education authorizes the administration to execute the necessary documents.

- a. [Attachment # 10-D- 6 26-27 July Agenda Out of District Contract Approvals.pdf](#)

7. *Special Education Agreement Approval* (Consent Agenda)

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the special education settlement agreement #26-0721-01, on file in the Student Services Office and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement beginning July, 2026.

E. Business, Finance, Plant & Transportation Operations

1. *Financial Reports (Roll Call Vote)*

Resolved, that the Board of Education accept the Board Secretary Report for May 31, 2026 and Treasurer Financial Reports for May 31, 2026; and be it further

Resolved, that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(3), the Board of Education certify that as May 31, 2026, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section), and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year and request the Board Secretary to addend a copy to the minutes.

Resolved, that the Board of Education accept the Certification of Payroll for June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$7,347,707.69

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve payments on the "Bills List" of June 2026 \$3,926,110.52 and July 2026 \$972,744.11, totaling \$4,898,854.63, and request that the Bills Lists be maintained on file in the Business Office for as long as legally required.

- a. Attachment 10-E-1a - Bills List June 2026
- b. Attachment 10-E-1b - Bills List July 2026
- c. Attachment 10-E-1c - Treasurer's Report
- d. Attachment 10-E-1d - Transfer's Report 2026-2027
- e. Attachment 10-E-1e - BSR

Motion and Voting

Motion by Mara Franceschi, second by Beth Behrend

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6-0-1 by Voice Vote

Ayes: Beth Behrend, Adam Bierman, Mara Franceschi, Eleanor Hubbard, Christopher Santarpio, Erica Snyder

Abstain: Dafna Kendal

2. *Construction Payments (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Board of Education has entered into contracts for construction and related services; and

Whereas, payment applications have been submitted and reviewed by the appropriate professionals and administration;

Vendor	Amount	Additional Information
AMCO Enterprises, Inc.	\$512,461.60	Attachment 10-E-2a: Pay App #001
Diamond Construction	\$328,499.92	Attachment 10-E-2b: Pay App #001
Blackstone Group, LLC	\$219,206.40	Attachment 10-E-2c: Pay App #001
LGB Mechanical	\$43,120.00	Attachment 10-E-2d: Pay App #002
G & P Parlamas, Inc.	\$414,068.78	Attachment 10-E-2e: Pay App #002

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education hereby authorizes payment of construction payment applications as certified and approved, in accordance with contract terms and subject to the availability of funds; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to process such payments.

3. *Change Orders (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Princeton Public Schools (the "District") is authorized under N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. to enter into contracts for the erection, improvement, and alteration of school facilities; and

Whereas, the Board previously awarded contracts for the construction projects identified herein following competitive bidding procedures as required by New Jersey law; and

Whereas, during the course of construction, circumstances have arisen necessitating modifications to the scope of work under said contracts, as more particularly described in the change orders set forth herein; and

Whereas, the District's Board Approved Architect/Engineer of Record has reviewed each proposed change order and has determined that said changes are necessary, reasonable in cost, and within the authorized project scope; and

Whereas, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary has reviewed each change order and confirmed that adequate funds are available in the appropriate project account(s) to fund any net cost increases resulting from these change orders; and

Whereas, each change order listed herein complies with applicable New Jersey Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and New Jersey Department of Education regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:26; and

Whereas, the Board has reviewed and considered the change orders identified below and desires to authorize their execution.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of the Princeton Public Schools, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

#	Contractor	Project	C.O. Amount	Revised Contract

Be It Further Resolved that the Board President and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate the change orders approved herein; and

Be It Further Resolved that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall maintain all documentation related to these change orders in the District's project files for inspection by the New Jersey Department of Education and the State Comptroller as required; and

Be It Further Resolved that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

4. *Fire & Evacuation Drills (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, school districts are required to conduct monthly fire and emergency evacuation drills in accordance with New Jersey statutes and regulations; and

Whereas, the administration has provided a report of fire and evacuation drills conducted during the prior month;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the monthly fire and evacuation drill report as presented.

School	Drill	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Community Park	Fire Drill	29th		4th	17th	13th	18th	23rd	26th	26th	17th	12th	29th
Community Park	Security Drill			12th	29th	24th	11th	22nd	25th	11th	24th	27th	5th
Johnson Park	Fire Drill			15th	24th	13th	18th	8th	26th	19th	24th	28th	9th
Johnson Park	Security Drill			9th	7th	25th	22nd	30th	20th	26th	24th	27th	16th
Littlebrook	Fire Drill	9th		9th	28th	24th	18th	29th	27th	11th	27th	5th	10th
Littlebrook	Security Drill			12th	30th	25th	22nd	30th	27th	24th	24th	5th	10th
Riverside	Fire Drill	2nd	25th	11th	20th	19th	18th	9th	13th	10th	27th	5th	24th
Riverside	Security Drill	3rd	25th	5th	9th	1st	23rd	23rd	25th	20th	17th/ 21st	26th	23rd
Middle School	Fire Drill	25th	11th	9th	22nd	21st	12th	13th	26th	11th	29th	26th	30th
Middle School	Security Drill	24th	29th	19th	1st	25th	11th	7th	18th	12th	14th	29th	2nd
High School	Fire Drill	17th		4th	15th	25th	4th	8th	27th	9th	15th	28th	25th
High School	Security Drill	15th	12th	9th	10th	3rd	22nd	15th	20th	27th	8th	27th	29th

5. *Funds Transfer (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the transfer of funds from the NJ ARM Account to the Operating Account in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000

6. *Grant/Donations/Scholarships Acceptance (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Board of Education recognizes the value of grants, donations, and scholarships in supporting and enhancing educational programs and opportunities for students; and

Whereas, various individuals, organizations, and agencies have offered or may offer funds, materials, or other resources to the district for such purposes; and

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-10, a Board of Education may accept, by resolution, any bequest, legacy, donation, or grant of land, funds, or property for use in the school district and must provide for the administration and management of such funds;

Whereas, the Superintendent and Business Administrator/Board Secretary have reviewed the grants, donations, and scholarships received during the reporting period;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts the grants, donations, and scholarships received of as listed below and/or attached hereto:

Grantor	Amount	Type	Additional Information
Project Lead the Way	\$9,100	Grant	MS STEM Grant

7. *Registration/Travel Agenda (Consent Agenda)*

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 registration, travel and related expenses for the events listed on the travel request report and request that a copy be included in the permanent minutes.

Name	School	Start Date	End Date	Event	Location	Cost	Estimated Travel Expense	Total Expense	Funding Source
Dineen Gruchacz	CP	07/12/26	07/12/26	Solo Fluye Programa de Transformación	Virtual	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	District

8. *Student Activities Fee (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools is authorized to establish student activity fees in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.8; and

Whereas, the Board of Education wishes to establish annual student activity fees for the 2026-2027 school year; and

Whereas, the Board of Education recognizes that financial hardship may prevent some families from paying said fees and wishes to ensure that no student is denied participation in student activities due to an inability to pay;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools hereby approves the following annual student activity fees for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Middle School: \$100.00 per student
- High School: \$150.00 per student

Be It Further Resolved, that the annual student activity fee may be waived, in whole or in part, upon written request by a parent or guardian demonstrating financial hardship, at the discretion of the Building Principal in consultation with the School Business Administrator; and

Be It Further Resolved, that all waiver requests shall be handled confidentially and in a manner that preserves the dignity of the student and family; and

Be It Further Resolved, that said fees shall otherwise be collected in accordance with Board policy and applicable New Jersey regulations.

9. *Joint Transportation Agreement 2026-2027 (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq., boards of education are authorized to provide for the transportation of students to schools other than public schools when such transportation is required; and

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1 et seq., boards of education may enter into joint transportation agreements with other boards of education for the provision of transportation services; and

Whereas, the Trenton Board of Education currently operates a transportation route to Bancroft School located in Mount Laurel, New Jersey; and

Whereas, one (1) student enrolled in Princeton Public Schools is entitled to transportation services to Bancroft School for the 2026–2027 school year; and

Whereas, the Trenton Board of Education has agreed to provide transportation services for said student pursuant to the terms of a joint transportation agreement; and

Whereas, the estimated cost to Princeton Public Schools for said transportation services shall not exceed \$29,358.00 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

Whereas, the Board of Education finds that entering into this joint transportation agreement is in the best interest of the district and represents a cost-effective means of providing required transportation services;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Princeton Board of Education hereby approves the joint transportation agreement between Princeton Public Schools and the Trenton Board of Education for transportation services for one (1) Princeton Public Schools student attending Bancroft School in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, for the 2026–2027 school year, at an estimated cost of \$29,358.00; and

Be It Further Resolved that the agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent and/or the School Business Administrator to execute all necessary documents and agreements associated with this transportation arrangement on behalf of the Princeton Board of Education.

10. *Sole Source/Proprietary Software Purchase (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Princeton Public Schools Board of Education (“Board”) requires the continued use of specialized software systems to support critical district operations, including but not limited to human resources management, absence and substitute tracking, professional development, and employee evaluations; and

Whereas, the district utilizes a suite of software solutions developed and maintained exclusively by Frontline Education, which are fully integrated into the district’s operational infrastructure and workflows; and

Whereas, these systems are proprietary to Frontline Education, and no other vendor is authorized to provide the same licensing, hosting, maintenance, or support services for these applications; and

Whereas, the continued use of Frontline’s software platform ensures operational continuity, preserves historical data, maintains system integrations, and avoids significant disruption, retraining costs, and data migration risks associated with transitioning to an alternative provider; and

Whereas, the services to be provided qualify as proprietary computer software and related services, and are therefore exempt from public bidding pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(19)**; and

Whereas, the School Business Administrator has determined that the award of a contract without competitive bidding is appropriate and in the best interest of the district;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Princeton Public Schools Board of Education, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Board hereby authorizes the award of a contract to Frontline Education for the continued licensing, hosting, maintenance, and support of its proprietary software systems.
2. The contract shall be awarded without public advertising for bids in accordance with **N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(19)**.
3. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to execute all contracts and related documents necessary to effectuate this award, subject to the availability of funds.
4. Notice of this action shall be published in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Public School Contracts Law.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

11. *Sole Source/Proprietary Software Purchase (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Princeton Public Schools Board of Education (“Board”) recognizes the importance of providing a robust, reliable, and integrated digital learning management system to support instruction, communication, and student engagement; and

Whereas, the district currently utilizes the Canvas Learning Management System, developed and maintained exclusively by Instructure, which provides a comprehensive platform for course management, assignment distribution, grading, and integration with existing district systems; and

Whereas, Canvas is a proprietary software platform owned, licensed, and supported solely by Instructure, and no other vendor is authorized to provide identical licensing, hosting, maintenance, or support services for this system; and

Whereas, the continued use of Canvas ensures continuity of instruction, preserves existing course content and integrations, and avoids significant disruption, retraining costs, data migration risks, and compatibility issues that would result from transitioning to an alternative platform; and

Whereas, the services to be provided are of a specialized and proprietary nature that are not available from other vendors and therefore qualify as an exception to public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(19) for proprietary computer software and related services; and

Whereas, the School Business Administrator has determined that the award of a contract for these services without competitive bidding is appropriate and in the best interest of the district;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Princeton Public Schools Board of Education, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- a. The Board hereby authorizes the award of a contract to Instructure for the continued licensing, hosting, maintenance, and support of the Canvas Learning Management System.
- b. The contract shall be awarded without public advertising for bids as permitted under N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(19) for proprietary software services.
- c. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to execute all contracts and related documents necessary to effectuate this award, subject to the availability of funds.
- d. Notice of this action shall be published in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Public School Contracts Law.
- e. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

12. *Sole Source/Proprietary Software Purchase (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools ("District") is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) to procure proprietary computer software without public advertising for bids; and

Whereas, the District utilizes the FinalSite platform, developed and maintained by Active Internet Technologies LLC ("FinalSite"), as its official district and school website content management system; and

Whereas, FinalSite is a proprietary, cloud-based website platform purpose-built for K-12 school districts, and the District's websites, content, templates, navigation structures, forms, and integrations are built upon and hosted within the FinalSite environment; and

Whereas, migration to an alternative website platform would require complete reconstruction of all District and school websites, re-creation of all existing content, forms, and integrations, retraining of District and building-level staff, and significant disruption to communications with students, families, and the community; and

Whereas, the Business Administrator has reviewed this purchase and certified the availability of funds;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with Active Internet Technologies LLC (FinalSite) for the annual renewal of the District's website platform subscription in an amount not to exceed **\$53,348**, pursuant to the proprietary software exemption set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q).

13. *Sole Source/Proprietary Software Purchase (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools ("District") is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q) to procure proprietary computer software without public advertising for bids; and

Whereas, the District utilizes Mosyle Corporation's Apple device management platform ("Mosyle") to deploy, manage, and secure Apple devices used by students and staff throughout the District; and

Whereas, Mosyle is a proprietary, cloud-based Apple Mobile Device Management (MDM) solution that is exclusively designed and engineered for the Apple ecosystem, and no functionally equivalent product can be substituted without significant disruption to existing device configurations, enrollment profiles, and security policies currently deployed across the District's Apple device fleet; and

Whereas, migration to an alternative MDM platform would require complete re-enrollment of all managed Apple devices, reconfiguration of all existing profiles and policies, retraining of District technology staff, and potential loss of continuity of service to students and staff; and

Whereas, the cost of the annual subscription renewal with Mosyle Corporation does not exceed the public bid threshold established under N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3; and

Whereas, the Business Administrator has reviewed this purchase and certified the availability of funds;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with Mosyle Corporation for the annual renewal of the District's Apple device management subscription in an amount not to exceed **\$29,736**, pursuant to the proprietary software exemption set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(q).

14. *Eagle Scout Project (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, a former Johnson Park Elementary School student and current high school student pursuing the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America has proposed the construction of an outdoor classroom at Johnson Park Elementary School as his Eagle Scout service project; and

Whereas, the proposed outdoor classroom would be located in the grassy area behind the art and music classrooms at Johnson Park Elementary School, and would include two traditional wooden slab benches, three log benches, four to six individual seating stumps, and one canopy sail for shade and weather protection; and

Whereas, the outdoor classroom would provide an additional instructional and flexible learning space for teachers and students, supporting outdoor learning, small-group instruction, and enrichment activities, while enhancing student engagement and connection to the natural environment; and

Whereas, all costs associated with the construction of the outdoor classroom will be funded through the Eagle Scout candidate's fundraising efforts, with support from the Johnson Park Parent Teacher Organization, and no district funds are being requested for the construction of this project; and

Whereas, construction is anticipated to be completed prior to the first day of the 2026-2027 school year; and

Whereas, the Board of Education finds that the proposed outdoor classroom is consistent with the District's educational mission and represents a meaningful contribution to the Johnson Park Elementary School community;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of Princeton Public Schools hereby approves the construction of an outdoor classroom at Johnson Park Elementary School as an Eagle Scout service project, subject to the following conditions:

- a. All construction plans and materials shall be reviewed and approved by the District's Director of Facilities prior to commencement of construction.
- b. All work shall be performed in a manner consistent with District facilities standards and applicable safety requirements.
- c. The outdoor classroom, upon completion, shall become the property of the Princeton Public Schools Board of Education and shall be maintained by the District as part of its facilities.
- d. No district funds shall be expended for the construction of this project.

15. *Omnia Partners Approval (Consent Agenda)*

Whereas, the Princeton Public Schools Board of Education ("Board") desires to provide the highest quality goods and services to the district in a cost-effective, efficient, and fiscally responsible manner; and

Whereas, the Board recognizes that cooperative purchasing programs may provide opportunities for reduced procurement costs, administrative efficiencies, and access to competitively awarded contracts; and

Whereas, pursuant to applicable New Jersey law, including N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.4, boards of education may participate in cooperative purchasing systems and enter into agreements with other contracting units for the procurement of goods and services; and

Whereas, OMNIA Partners provides access to competitively solicited cooperative purchasing contracts awarded by public agencies and made available to eligible public entities, including educational institutions; and

Whereas, participation in OMNIA Partners may provide the Board with access to competitively awarded contracts for various goods and services while maintaining compliance with the requirements of the New Jersey Public School Contracts Law;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, by the Princeton Public Schools Board of Education, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- a. The Board hereby authorizes participation in the OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Program and authorizes the execution of any applicable membership, participation, or cooperative purchasing agreement documents.
- b. The Board authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute all documents necessary to effectuate participation in OMNIA Partners.
- c. All purchases made through OMNIA Partners shall be reviewed to ensure compliance with the New Jersey Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., applicable administrative regulations, district policies, and all other applicable laws.
- d. Prior to utilizing any OMNIA Partners contract, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall verify that:
 - the contract was competitively solicited and awarded in accordance with applicable procurement requirements;
 - the contract is available for use by New Jersey public school districts;
 - pricing and terms are determined to be advantageous to the Board; and
 - all required documentation is maintained in district procurement records.
- e. This authorization shall remain effective until rescinded by formal action of the Princeton Public Schools Board of Education.

XI. Public Comment

The Board values the opinions and input of students, staff, parents, and community members on any topic.

When called upon to speak, please provide your name and home address, and keep your comments to three minutes, to be respectful of those who wish to comment after you. Please direct your comments to the Board, but note that this is not a discussion or Q&A.

Under New Jersey law, the Board shall not discuss personnel matters and shall not respond to comments made by the public. The Board President may refer questions or requests for action to staff for response at a later date.

Speakers are reminded that comments should be respectful and maintain a level of decorum appropriate for a meeting of a public body. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order.

There will be a 15-minute maximum time period for comments, inclusive of all speakers, unless otherwise agreed by the Board.

Thank you for your consideration of others.

A PHS student commented on the new device policy and advocated for limiting the phone restriction to during instructional classroom time, rather than the entire school day.

XII. Consent Vote

F. Approve Consent Agenda Items

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve all Action Consent items as noted in all Sections of this agenda as appropriate and,

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education authorize the administration to execute all necessary documents.

Motion and Voting

Motion by Mara Franceschi, second by Erica Snyder

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 7-0 by Voice Vote

Ayes: Beth Behrend, Adam Bierman, Mara Franceschi, Eleanor Hubbard, Christopher Santarpio, Erica Snyder, Dafna Kendal

XIII. Closing Discussion/Comments of the Board

The next regular public meeting will be held on August 21, 2026, at 25 Valley Road. The public session starts at approximately 6:00 PM.

XIV. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned: 6:37PM

Motion and Voting

Motion by Mara Franceschi, second by Eleanor Hubbard

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 7-0 by Voice Vote

Ayes: Beth Behrend, Adam Bierman, Mara Franceschi, Eleanor Hubbard, Christopher Santarpio, Erica Snyder, Dafna Kendal

Respectfully submitted,

J. Andrew Harris
Business Administrator

Dafna Kendal
Board President