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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORK SESSION/ACTION MEETING OF THE MAHWAH BOARD OF EDUCATION held on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, in the Administrative Offices, 60 Ridge Rd., Mahwah, New Jersey.

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting of the Mahwah Board of Education is open to members of the public to be physically present. Members of the public that attend will be asked to follow the same procedures as all other visitors to our schools. Those procedures can be found on the agenda page of our website. Additionally, the Board meeting will be live streamed for viewing purposes only. Anyone wishing to view the meeting, may do so via Zoom (<https://zoom.us>).

CALL TO ORDER

President Dr. Moorthy called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mesdames Jansen and Dr. Moorthy
Messrs. Hughes, Huston and DeSilva

ABSENT: Mesdames Daveniero
Messrs. Kezmarsky, Coplin, Galow

ALSO PRESENT: Michael DeTuro, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Dennis M. Fare, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent
Katherine A. Hiromoto, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
Lisa Rizzo, Director of Special Services

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of agenda of this meeting has been provided to *The Ridgewood News and The Record* specifying that the Mahwah Board of Education will meet on July 22, 2026, in the Administrative Offices, 60 Ridge Rd., Mahwah, New Jersey. A copy was filed with the Township Clerk.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mrs. Ting Jansen to recess to Executive Session under Chapter 231, P.L. (Sunshine Law), which authorizes a public body to discuss personnel, negotiations, student, and/or legal matters.

Motion carried at 7:03 p.m.

MOTION TO RECONVENE TO PUBLIC ACTION MEETING

Motion by Mr. DeSilva and seconded by Mr. Hughes to reconvene the public session.

Motion carried at 7:23 p.m.

MOTION TO OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS

Motion by Mr. DeSilva and seconded by Mr. Huston to open the meeting to the public for comments.

Motion carried at 7:23 p.m.

AGENDA QUESTIONS

There were no questions about the agenda.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS

Motion by Mrs. Ting Jansen and seconded by Mr. Hughes to close the meeting to the public for comments.

Motion carried at 7:24 p.m.

MAHWAH STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No student representative report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – DR. MICHAEL DETURO

Superintendent Dr. Michael DeTuro provided an update on the District's summer activities and ongoing initiatives. He reported that the District's summer programs were nearing completion and had been extremely successful. A more comprehensive presentation highlighting the programs, including photographs and additional updates, will be provided at the second Board meeting in August.

Dr. DeTuro also provided an update on the implementation of the District's voter-approved referendum projects. Following the successful bond closing and receipt of bond proceeds, the District is positioned to move forward with the planned capital improvements. Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Greg Romero and his team have been coordinating project schedules and preparations for the roofing projects planned at three District schools during the summer.

As part of the District's continued commitment to communication and transparency regarding the referendum, Dr. DeTuro reported that District administration recently met with members of the Community Relations Committee to discuss the development of a dedicated referendum website. The website is intended to provide the community with ongoing information regarding individual projects, anticipated timelines, schedules, and progress. The District will also continue working with the Finance and Facilities Committee to finalize the year-by-year schedule of referendum projects for inclusion on the website.

Dr. DeTuro welcomed Mahwah High School Principal Danielle Wood, who began her position on July 1. He reported that Ms. Wood has been actively engaging with District and community stakeholders, including parent and booster organizations, and is planning additional outreach prior to the start of the school year. He noted that Ms. Wood has brought forward several ideas aimed at strengthening connections among the high school, its families, and the broader community.

Dr. DeTuro also provided an update on the District's 18-21 Year Old Program facility. The space has been cleared in preparation for construction, and District administration has met with LAN Associates regarding the project design. Director of Special Services Lisa Rizzo has been actively involved in the planning process to ensure the facility appropriately supports the educational and programmatic needs of participating students. The District is finalizing the design and anticipates proceeding to bid, with the goal of welcoming students into the completed space during the spring.

Dr. DeTuro recognizing the significant work taking place throughout the District during the summer and thanked the various departments and staff members for their continued efforts.

Dr. DeTuro also provided an update regarding changes to the District's cell phone and personal electronic device policy resulting from new State requirements. He explained that the District's current Policy 2363 will be replaced by mandatory Policy 5516, which will be presented to the Policy Committee for review.

Dr. DeTuro explained that the new requirements establish a "bell-to-bell" expectation, under which students will not be permitted to use cell phones during the school day, from the beginning of the instructional day through dismissal. He noted that the change will have the greatest impact at the high school, where students have historically been permitted to use cell phones during lunch and passing periods.

Dr. DeTuro emphasized the District's commitment to clearly communicating the new requirements and associated procedures to students and families prior to the start of the school year. Information will be communicated through multiple channels, including school communications, the parent portal, student handbooks, student orientation at the beginning of the school year, and Back-to-School Night. The administrative team is also developing school-specific protocols to address parent communication with students during the school day and to support students as they adjust to the new requirements.

Dr. Moorthy asked for clarification regarding how the bell-to-bell requirement would apply when students leave campus. Dr. DeTuro explained that seniors exercising approved off-campus lunch privileges may use their cell phones once they have left school grounds. He further noted that the policy may provide flexibility regarding cell phone use during field trips and extracurricular activities, with those specific circumstances to be reviewed and discussed by the Policy Committee.

Dr. DeTuro also advised that the Policy Committee will need to meet prior to the second August Board meeting to review the new mandatory policy and related implementation considerations. The policy is expected to be placed on the August agenda for the required readings and Board consideration.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – DR. DENNIS M. FARE

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Dennis Fare provided an update on the District's summer programming. He reported that the Summer Booster Program and Extended School Year Program were concluding that week following successful summer sessions.

Dr. Fare also noted that the District's Kindergarten Kickstart and Camp Ignite programs were scheduled to begin the following week, providing additional opportunities for students to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Dr. Fare shared that a more comprehensive update on the District's summer programs will be presented at the August 26, 2026 Board meeting. The presentation will highlight the successes of the summer programming and provide a preview of several initiatives and activities planned for the fall and the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT – MS. KATHERINE A. HIROMOTO

No business administrator/board secretary report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No president's report.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Instructional & Curriculum/Special Education – P. Moorthy (Chair), T. Daveniero, M. Galow, B. Coplin, J. Ting Jansen (Alt.)

Finance & Facilities – M. Galow (Chair), R. DeSilva, B. Kezmarsky, J. Ting Jansen, P. Moorthy (Alt.)

Policy – J. Ting Jansen (Chair), C. Hughes, S. Huston, R. DeSilva

Community Relations – B. Coplin (Chair), T. Daveniero, S. Huston, C. Hughes, M. Galow (Alt.)

Executive/Planning Committee – P. Moorthy (Chair), R. DeSilva, B. Kezmarsky Transportation Committee – B. Coplin (Chair) T. Daveniero, C. Hughes, M. Galow Negotiations – J. Ting Jansen (Chair), M. Galow, B. Kezmarsky, P. Moorthy

Bergen County School Boards Liaison – M. Galow, P. Moorthy (Alt.)

New Jersey School Boards Legislative Liaison – P. Moorthy

Mahwah Schools Foundation Liaison – B. Kezmarsky, B. Coplin (Alt.)

Mahwah Access for All Liaison – S. Huston, M. Galow (Alt.)

Board of Education Liaison to Town Council - B. Kezmarsky, R. DeSilva, (Alt.)

On behalf of the Policy Committee, Ms. Ting Jansen provided an update on the policies before the Board. She noted that several policies were presented for first reading and three policies were presented for second reading. Dr. DeTuro referenced the policies and provided an overview of the items presented for the Board's consideration.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON REPORTS OR OTHER NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Ting Jansen expressed her appreciation to the District's teachers and administration for their efforts in providing summer programming for students. She shared positive feedback regarding the programs, including Camp Ignite, and noted the enthusiasm of students participating in the District's summer activities.

17. NEW BUSINESS- OTHER

Resolutions 17a-17bb were moved by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mrs. Ting Jansen.

a. Financial Report

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the payment of bills for the period of 06/11/2026 to 07/22/2026.

General Fund	Fund 10	\$7,500,000.00
General Current Expense	Fund 11	\$3,877,382.30
Special Revenue Funds	Fund 20	\$35,786.96
Capital Projects Funds	Fund 30	\$95,114.24
Region 1	Fund 52	\$12,331.91
Region I-Contracted Trans.	Fund 53	\$2,027,012.75
Cafeteria	Fund 60	\$129,272.06

Total of All Checks		\$13,676,900.22
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b. Secretary's Report

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education accepts, and affixes to the minutes, the Secretary's Report for May 2026.

c. Treasurer's Report

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education accepts, and affixes to the minutes, the Treasurer's Report for May 2026.

d. Budget Transfers

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves budgetary transfers for May 2026, as per attached.

e. Certification

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, as per New Jersey Administrative Code and New Jersey Statutes Annotated legislation and requirements, the following statement is approved:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c), I certify that as of May 2026 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1, and

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c), I certify that as of May 2026 no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(a).

Katherine A. Hiromoto, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

f. Cooperative Contract Bid Award – Referendum Betsy Ross Roofing

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and whereas the Mahwah Board of Education is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program, which has publicly bid contracts that satisfy the requirements of the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and whereas VMG Group submitted a proposal to the Board based upon pricing established under ESCNJ Bid #ESCNJ 23/24-30, Co-op Contract #65MCESCCPS, now therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education awards a contract to VMG Group in the amount of \$823,515.00 for the Betsy Ross School Roofing Referendum Project pursuant to ESCNJ Bid #ESCNJ 23/24-30, Co-op Contract #65MCESCCPS, provided the submitted proposal meets all project requirements and is subject to the terms and conditions of a contractual agreement pending review by the architect and Board Counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board authorizes the Board President and/or the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the appropriate contract and take all actions

necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution once all required approvals have been obtained.

g. Cooperative Contract Bid Award – Referendum Mahwah High School Roofing

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and whereas the Mahwah Board of Education is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program, which has publicly bid contracts that satisfy the requirements of the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and whereas Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (WTI) submitted a proposal to the Board based upon pricing established under ESCNJ Roofing & Envelope Services Bid #ESCNJ 23/24-30, Co-op Contract #65MCESCCPS, now therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education awards a contract to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (WTI) in the amount of \$1,603,056.76 for the Mahwah High School Roofing Referendum Project pursuant to ESCNJ Roofing & Envelope Services Bid #ESCNJ 23/24-30, Co-op Contract #65MCESCCPS, provided the submitted proposal meets all project requirements and is subject to the terms and conditions of a contractual agreement pending review by the architect and Board Counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board authorizes the Board President and/or the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the appropriate contract and take all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution once all required approvals have been obtained.

h. Cooperative Contract Bid Award – Referendum George Washington Roofing

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and whereas the Mahwah Board of Education is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program, which has publicly bid contracts that satisfy the requirements of the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and whereas Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (WTI) submitted a proposal to the Board based upon pricing established under ESCNJ Roofing & Envelope Services Bid #ESCNJ 23/24-30, Co-op Contract #65MCESCCPS, now therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education awards a contract to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (WTI) in the amount of \$969,716.55 for the George Washington School Roofing Referendum Project pursuant to ESCNJ Roofing & Envelope Services Bid #ESCNJ 23/24-30, Co-op Contract #65MCESCCPS, provided the submitted proposal meets all project requirements and is subject to the terms and conditions of a contractual agreement pending review by the architect and Board Counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board authorizes the Board President and/or the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the appropriate contract and take all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution once all required approvals have been obtained.

i. Cooperative Contract Bid Award – Referendum Ramapo Ridge Old Boiler Room (5) Boiler Replacement and Expansion Tanks

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and whereas the Mahwah Board of Education is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program, which has publicly bid contracts that satisfy the requirements of the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and whereas Liberty Mechanical Contractors submitted a proposal to the Board based upon pricing established under ESCNJ Contract: Boiler Repair, Maintenance, Repair, and Emergency Replacement – ESCNJ 23/24-12, now therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education awards a contract to Liberty Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$794,600.00 for the Ramapo Ridge Old Boiler Room (5) Boiler Replacement and Expansion Tanks Referendum Project pursuant to ESCNJ Contract: Boiler Repair, Maintenance, Repair, and Emergency Replacement – ESCNJ 23/24-12, provided the submitted proposal meets all project requirements and is subject to the terms and conditions of a contractual agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board authorizes the Board President and/or the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the appropriate contract and take all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution once all required approvals have been obtained.

- j. Cooperative Contract Bid Award – Referendum Ramapo Ridge New Boiler Room (2) Boiler Replacement and Expansion Tanks

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and whereas the Mahwah Board of Education is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program, which has publicly bid contracts that satisfy the requirements of the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and whereas Liberty Mechanical Contractors submitted a proposal to the Board based upon pricing established under ESCNJ Contract: Boiler Repair, Maintenance, Repair, and Emergency Replacement – ESCNJ 23/24-12, now therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education awards a contract to Liberty Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$305,740.00 for the Ramapo Ridge New Boiler Room (2) Boiler Replacement and Expansion Tanks Referendum Project pursuant to ESCNJ Contract: Boiler Repair, Maintenance, Repair, and Emergency Replacement – ESCNJ 23/24-12, provided the submitted proposal meets all project requirements and is subject to the terms and conditions of a contractual agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board authorizes the Board President and/or the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the appropriate contract and take all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution once all required approvals have been obtained.

- k. Cooperative Contract Bid Award – Referendum Building 7 Temperature Control Upgrades

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education awards a contract to Engineered Energy Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$27,385.00 for the Referendum Building 7 Temperature Control Upgrades, in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., as the contract amount does not exceed the applicable

public bidding threshold, provided the submitted proposal meets all project requirements and is subject to the terms and conditions of a contractual agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board authorizes the Board President and/or the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the appropriate contract and take all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

l. Cooperative Contract Bid Award – Referendum Ramapo Ridge Bleacher Refurbishment

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education awards a contract to JGB Sports LLC in the amount of \$28,700.00 for the Ramapo Ridge Bleacher Refurbishment Referendum Project, in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., as the contract amount does not exceed the applicable public bidding threshold, provided the submitted proposal meets all project requirements and is subject to the terms and conditions of a contractual agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board authorizes the Board President and/or the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the appropriate contract and take all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

m. Cooperative Contract Bid Award – Softball Safety Netting Project

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and whereas the Mahwah Board of Education is a member of the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) Cooperative Purchasing Program, which has publicly bid contracts that satisfy the requirements of the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and whereas Sportsfield Specialties, Inc. submitted a proposal to the Board based upon pricing established under KPN Bid/RFP #KPN-202601-02 – Loose and Installed Athletic Equipment, now therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education awards a contract to Sportsfield Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$73,481.00 for the Softball Safety Netting Project pursuant to KPN Bid/RFP #KPN-202601-02 – Loose and Installed Athletic Equipment, provided the submitted proposal meets all project requirements and is subject to the terms and conditions of a contractual agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board authorizes the Board President and/or the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the appropriate contract and take all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution once all required approvals have been obtained.

n. Cooperative Contract Bid Award – Lacrosse Safety Netting Project

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and whereas the Mahwah Board of Education is a member of the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) Cooperative Purchasing Program, which has publicly bid contracts that satisfy the requirements of the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and whereas Sportsfield Specialties, Inc. submitted a proposal to the Board based upon pricing established under KPN Bid/RFP #KPN-202601-02 – Loose and Installed Athletic Equipment, now therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education awards a contract to Sportsfield Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$45,760.00 for the Lacrosse Safety Netting Project pursuant to KPN Bid/RFP #KPN-202601-02 – Loose and Installed Athletic Equipment, provided the submitted proposal meets all project requirements and is subject to the terms and conditions of a contractual agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board authorizes the Board President and/or the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the appropriate contract and take all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution once all required approvals have been obtained.

o. Cooperative Contract Bid Award – Mahwah High School Auditorium Audio Upgrade Project

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and whereas the Mahwah Board of Education is a member of the Educational Data Services, Inc. (EDS) Cooperative Purchasing Program, which has publicly bid contracts that satisfy the requirements of the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and whereas Generations Services submitted a proposal to the Board based upon pricing established under Educational Data Services, Inc. Bid #12730 – Audio Visual Equipment Maintenance and Repair, now therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education awards a contract to Generations Services in the amount of \$261,056.94 for the Mahwah High School Auditorium Audio Upgrade Project pursuant to Educational Data Services, Inc. Bid #12730 – Audio Visual Equipment Maintenance and Repair, provided the submitted proposal meets all project requirements and is subject to the terms and conditions of a contractual agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board authorizes the Board President and/or the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the appropriate contract and take all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution once all required approvals have been obtained.

p. ESEA Grant

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education accepts federal grant funding from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for Fiscal Year 2027 as follows:

ESEA Grant	FY27 Allocation
Title IA	\$ 108,037
Title IIA	\$ 45,360
Title III	\$ 11,048
Title III Immigrant	\$ 0
Title IV	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 174,445

q. Shared Services Agreement with Township of Mahwah-SRO Officer

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of

Education approves a one-year extension of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Township of Mahwah for one School Resource Officer at Mahwah High School from September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 at an estimated cost of \$99,218.83.

r. Risk Management Consultants

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves Professional Insurance Associates, A Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC, as the district's risk management consultants for the period of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

s. Region 1- Gloucester County Special Services School District

BE IT RESOLVED, that Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with Gloucester County Special Services School District, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the time period 2026-2027 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the coordinated transportation of nonpublic, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by Gloucester County Special Services School District and attached to this resolution.

t. Depository of Bond Proceeds

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of Golman Sachs for the investment of bond proceeds related to the March 10, 2026 voter-approved referendum, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:20-37 and all other applicable laws and Board policies for the 2026/2027 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to execute any account documentation and related agreements necessary to facilitate the investment and administration of the referendum bond proceeds.

u. Conferences/Workshops

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves attendance at the following conferences/workshops that are deemed to be educationally appropriate and for the benefit of the school district including conference/workshop fees and necessary travel expenses. The conference/workshop amount shall align with the staff member's annual contractual allowance.

First	Last	Conference/Workshop	Date	Amount
Deepti	Menon	OG+Educational Assistance Course	08/11- 8/13/2026	\$375.00

v. Field Trips

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following field trips:

Group/Destination	Date(s)	School	# of Students
ESY 18-21 to Brandywine Senior Center, Mahwah, NJ	7/1/26 7/6/26 7/20/26	MHS	4
ESY 18-21 to Mason Jar, Mahwah, NJ & DSW, Ramsey, NJ	7/2/26 7/9/26 7/16/26 7/23/26	MHS	4
Grade 8-12 to J. Birney Crum Stadium, Allentown, PA	8/1/26	RR/MHS	48
Grade 8-12 to Dorney Park, Allentown, PA	8/8/26	RR/MHS	48
Select Strings (9-12) to Crowne Plaza, Suffern, NY	12/11/26	MHS	25

w. Regulations Abolished

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the abolishment of the following regulation:

R 2200 Curriculum Content
 R 2411 Guidance Counseling
 R 2460.30 Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services

x. First Reading of Policies and Regulations

P 0162 Notice of Board Meetings
 P 0162.01 Legal Notices
 P 1230 Superintendent's Duties
 P 1643 Family Leave
 P 2200 Curriculum
 P 2411 Career Education and Academic Counseling
 P 2260 Equity in School and Classroom Practices
 P 5460 High School Graduation
 P 5461 High School Diploma
 P 5561 Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities
 P 6112 Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures
 R 6115.01 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls - Allowability
 P 6115.02 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Mandatory Disclosures
 P 6311 Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants
 P 8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs
 P&R 8630 Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility
 P 8635 Student Transportation Vehicles and School Buses
 P 8651 Community Use of Transportation
 P 8660 Transportation by Private Vehicles
 P 8820 Opening Exercises/Ceremonies
 R8690 Monitoring Devices on School Vehicles

y. Second Reading and Adoption of Policies and Regulations

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the following:

P&R 7510 Use of Facilities
 P&R 8467 Firearms & Weapons
 R8468 Crisis Response

* z. Authorization of Online Auction for Electrical Utilities Rates

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education Approves the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF Mahwah Board of Education AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF gas SUPPLY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, Mahwah Board of Education has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order procure gas for Mahwah Board of Education and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Electronic Procurement Act (P.L. 2018, c. 156) (the “Act”) authorizes the purchase of gas supply service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, The Mahwah Board of Education will utilize the online auction services (the “Reverse Auction”) of EMEX, LLC d/b/a Mantis Energy (“Mantis Energy”) an approved vendor pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, Mantis Energy is compensated for all services rendered through the contract rate collected by the participating supplier that is awarded a contract resulting from the Reverse Auction; and

WHEREAS, the Reverse Auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, Mahwah Board of Education desires to specify rate benchmarks for corresponding contract duration(s) (the “Auction Benchmark(s)”) that would serve as the criteria for determining if it could award a contract to the winning supplier in the Reverse Auction., provided that such supplier’s offer is equal to or less than the Auction Benchmark for that particular contract duration (a “Conforming Offer”).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Auction Benchmarks for the Reverse Auction are set at:

- 12 – 0.8266
- 18 – 0.8687
- 24 – 0.8261
- 36 – 0.8281

And

BE IT RESOLVED, that for the selected term Mahwah Board of Education, may award a contract to the winning supplier where the contract price is less than or equal to the Auction Benchmark for the

selected term (a “Conforming Contract”) and the (title of the relevant official) of the is hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of Mahwah Board of Education such a Conforming Contract.

* aa. Change in Location

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the change in location for following programs for the 2026-2027 school year.

Program	Current Building	Building 2026 – 2027
Emotional Regulation Program (ERI)	Lenape Meadows School	Joyce Kilmer School
Learning and Language Disabilities Program (LLD) Grades 2-3	Lenape Meadows School	George Washington School

* bb. Program Creation

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the creation of a kindergarten to grade three program for students with autism for 2026-2027.

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution 17a-17bb.

Motion 17a-17bb carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

18. NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Resolutions 18a-18h were moved by Mrs. Ting Jansen and seconded by Mr. Huston.

a. Appointment

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Sung Hoon Lee, as maintenance worker, for the district, from August 17, 2026 – June 30, 2027; salary to be Step 5, \$59,097, pro-rated; pending employment verification.

b. Appointment Update – Leave Replacement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment update of Irina Cunningham, as leave replacement for Employee #2038, pursuant to New Jersey Statute 18A:16-1.1, effective from August 25, 2026 – June 30, 2027; salary to be Column B, Step 6, \$65,221.

* c. Appointment – Leave Replacement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Nicole Eckert, as leave replacement for Employee #5473, pursuant to New Jersey Statute 18A:16-1.1, from August 25, 2026 – January 20, 2027; salary to be Column F, Step 14, \$91,856, pro-rated; pending employment verification.

* d. Appointment – Leave Replacement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Tahany Elashmawy, as leave replacement for Employee #5453, pursuant to New Jersey Statute 18A:16-1.1, from August 25, 2026 – February 3, 2027; salary to be Column A, Step 6, \$63,606, pro-rated; pending employment verification.

e. Revised – Winter Coaching Staff for 2026-2027 School Year

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointments of the winter coaching staff for the 2026-2027 school year, at the negotiated stipend rate, as shown on schedule I, of the MEA contract.

Position	Name	Stipend
RRMS Girls Basketball – Vol. Asst.	Donna Conrad	N/A

f. Appointment – Extra Service Positions

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the extra service positions for the 2026-2027 school year at the negotiated stipend rate, as shown on Schedules H and L of the MEA contract

Ramapo Ridge Middle School

Name	Position	Stipend Amount
Michael Trembly	Lunch Duty	\$4,339
Kelly Zaky	Lunch Duty	\$4,339

Joyce Klimmer School

Name	Position	Stipend Amount
Courtney Dodd	(AM) Car Line Arrival	\$2,025
Dena Scudieri	AM Car/Bus Arrival	\$2,025
Kathleen Altomare	PM Dismissal	\$2,025
Kimberly Lorusso	PM Dismissal	\$2,025
Julia Bashark	PM Dismissal	\$2,025
Jennifer Talkowski	PM Dismissal	\$2,025
Sara Cino	PM Dismissal	\$2,025
Laura Wigginton	PM Dismissal	\$2,025
Craig Alfano	5 th Grade Intramurals	\$2,039
Kevin Rashen	5 th Grade Intramurals	\$2,039
Natalie Baho	Creative Problem Solving	\$2,039
Donald Chiossi	Math Magic	\$2,039
Josie VanPuttenVink	Jazz Band	\$2,432
*Dena Scudieri/Jennifer Fitzgerald	Student Council	*\$3,862

*Stipend to be split 50/50

George Washington School

Name	Position	Stipend Amount
Eric Pragdat	PM Dismissal	\$2,025
Christine Piotrowski	PM Dismissal	\$2,025
Valentina Castaldo	PM Dismissal	\$2,025
*Skylar Teats	PM Dismissal	\$2,025
*Kaelah Steenstra	PM Dismissal	\$2,025

*Kaelah Steenstra: Monday & two Tuesdays per month; prorated

*Skylar Teats: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; prorated

g. New Hire Orientation – Presentations

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following hours for the following participants in our New Hire Orientation, presenting a range of topics; with great appreciation for sharing their insights with our new incoming employees; to be paid at the Thunderbird Academy rate:

Staff Member	Presentation Topic	Hours
Allison Bowden	Elementary Special Education	1.5 hours
Sarah Levi	Elementary Special Education	1.5 hours

h. Appointment-2026-2027 Independent Staff-Revision

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the 2026-2027 base salaries for independent employees, with contracts on file; effective July 1, 2026.

First Name	Last Name	Title	2026-2027 Base Salary
Jodie	Craft	Director of Curriculum and Instruction	\$189,405
Lisa	Rizzo	Director of Special Services	\$236,644

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution 18a-18h.

Motion 18a-18h carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

PUBLIC QUESTION OR COMMENT

Public participation at Board meetings is in accordance with Bylaw 0167.

At this time, members of the public may ask questions or make a comment on educational issues or school matters of community interest. As a matter of fairness, you are asked to limit your questions to no more than one, and your remarks to no longer than three minutes. If you are here representing a group, please identify yourself, the group, and your position in the group. If you are here as an individual, please give us your name and address.

Note: This section of public participation will be limited to fifteen minutes.

MOTION TO OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mr. DeSilva and seconded by Mr. Hughes, to open the meeting to the public.

There were no public questions or comments.

Motion carried at 7:36 p.m.

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mr. Huston and seconded by Mrs. Ting Jansen to close the meeting to the public.

Motion carried at 7:36 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Huston and seconded by Mrs. Ting Jansen to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried at 7:36 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine A. Hiromoto
Business Administrator/Board Secretary