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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORK SESSION/ACTION MEETING OF THE MAHWAH BOARD OF EDUCATION held on Wednesday, September 16, 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mesdames Ting Jansen, Daveniero and Dr. Moorthy
Messrs. Kezmarsky and Galow

ABSENT: Messrs. DeSilva, Coplin, Huston, Hughes

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 September 16, 2026, in the Administrative Offices, 60 Ridge Rd., Mahwah, New Jersey. A copy was filed with the Township Clerk.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MAHWAH STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student representatives Julia Ingrasselino and Valentina Moreno provided an update on activities at Mahwah High School. They shared that the Student Government Association (SGA) has been actively planning events since the summer, including Spirit Week, the fall spirit sale, Senior Sunrise, and other school-wide activities.

The representatives highlighted upcoming Spirit Week activities, including decorating the upper lobby, a school-wide bonfire on October 8, and a student car decorating contest. They also shared that the HSA will

host its first chalk painting event on September 27, allowing seniors to decorate their parking spaces while raising funds for Project Graduation.

Additionally, the representatives discussed the decision to hold ninth-grade SGA elections while students are still in eighth grade, allowing incoming freshmen to become involved in student government immediately upon entering the high school.

Julia and Valentina concluded by expressing their excitement for the school year and the many activities planned for the Mahwah High School community.

MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Ting Jansen and seconded by Mr. Kezmarsky 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 7:05 p.m.

MOTION TO RECONVENE TO PUBLIC ACTION MEETING

Motion by Mr. Galow and seconded by Mr. Kezmarsky to reconvene the public session.

Motion carried at 7:22 p.m.

MOTION TO OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS

Motion by Mr. Kezmarsky and seconded by Mrs. Ting Jansen to open the meeting to the public for comments.

Motion carried at 7:23 p.m.

AGENDA QUESTIONS

John Fesen addressed the Board regarding the referendum and asked whether the anticipated State contribution remained firm and how the District planned to issue the bonds associated with the referendum.

Board Member Michael Galow responded that there was no reason to anticipate a change in the State's contribution and explained that the District had already completed the bond sale in its entirety, with the proceeds received in July. Mr. Galow further clarified that the Mahwah Township Board of Education, rather than the Township of Mahwah, is the debtor responsible for repayment of the bonds and that the Township has no role in guaranteeing or securing the debt.

Mr. Fesen then presented Dr. DeTuro and the Board with a map of Mahwah that he created with a friend, depicting the nine sections of Mahwah and approximately 500 streets. Dr. DeTuro and the Board thanked Mr. Fesen for the gift.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS

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

Motion carried at 7:27 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DR. MICHAEL DETURO

Dr. DeTuro presented the District's Student Safety Data System (SSDS) report for the reporting period of January 1 through June 30. He reviewed reported incidents involving violence, vandalism, harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB), weapons, substance offenses, and other incidents resulting in student removal. Dr. DeTuro also highlighted the District's proactive training and prevention efforts, including HIB prevention and intervention, conflict resolution, threat assessment, school climate and safety training, restorative practices, Responsive Classroom, Week of Respect activities, Violence Awareness Week, social-emotional learning initiatives, and character education programs. He also reviewed restraint and seclusion data and noted that staff involved in these situations receive appropriate training to safely support students.

Dr. DeTuro provided an update on the recent Board retreat, during which Board members participated in training facilitated by the New Jersey School Boards Association and discussed the District and Board goals for the year. He shared the District's three primary goals for the 2026–2027 school year: preparation for the upcoming New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) review, continued development and implementation of the District's approach to artificial intelligence (AI), and the development of a K–12 executive functioning continuum.

Regarding NJQSAC, Dr. DeTuro explained that the review encompasses curriculum and instruction, fiscal management, governance, operations, and personnel. The Central Office and administrative teams will continue preparing for the review and participating in State and County training regarding updated requirements.

Dr. DeTuro discussed the District's ongoing work surrounding AI. A team of educators, administrators, students, and technology staff has provided input regarding the use of AI in education. The District has developed guidance and protocols for its use and will provide professional development to staff regarding appropriate and productive applications of AI in the classroom, with an emphasis on ensuring that student work remains authentic and student-driven.

Dr. DeTuro also discussed the District's executive functioning initiative, which will focus on explicitly teaching students the skills, routines, and behaviors necessary to successfully prepare for, participate in, and transition between learning experiences. The District will develop a K–12 continuum identifying age-appropriate executive functioning skills and expectations at each grade level.

Dr. DeTuro announced that Mahwah High School will host the Bergen County School Boards Association meeting on September 29. The District plans to showcase Mahwah High School and its students, including student-led tours and performances by the orchestra and chorus.

Dr. DeTuro congratulated Emily Shapiro, a District math interventionist, on being recognized by Bucknell University as a 30 Under 30 Changemaker, acknowledging her work and dedication to supporting students.

Dr. DeTuro provided an update on the District's new 18–21-year-old program, reporting that the program is operational and providing students with work-based learning and other transition experiences. He noted that the program is currently operating at Mahwah High School while the Building 5 referendum project is under construction to provide a dedicated space for the program.

Finally, Dr. DeTuro highlighted the District's partnership with MEVO, including summer internship opportunities for Mahwah students. He shared an update on the gardens and fall crops and noted that the program continues to provide hands-on learning experiences while fostering participation and community involvement among students and staff.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT –DR. DENNIS M. FARE

Dr. Fare highlighted the District's continued partnership with TEAM (The Empathy, Equality, Entrepreneurship Mission) and recognized the efforts of students and staff to make a global impact. Over the past year, students and staff raised more than \$5,000 to support well-building efforts in Burkina Faso through activities including a pancake breakfast, movie night, and district-wide shoe drive. These efforts earned Mahwah platinum-level school status. Dr. Fare also congratulated Ramapo Ridge Middle School teachers Ms. Ridgway, Ms. Conrad, and Ms. Capote, who were invited to participate in TEAM's teacher trip to Kenya over the summer.

Dr. Fare provided an update on fall athletics, recognizing the strong start of the girls volleyball team, including a second-place finish at the Clifton Invitational Tournament and recent victories over Lakeland and Paramus Catholic. He also recognized the varsity football team for its successful start to the season. Additionally, Dr. Fare highlighted a recent car wash fundraiser held by the boys and girls wrestling programs and thanked the community for its continued support of Mahwah athletics.

Lastly, Dr. Fare reflected on the District's Opening Day Convocation, which brought together more than 500 District employees. He recognized four Mahwah High School students who shared their personal experiences with staff during the program. Dr. Fare noted that their thoughtful and authentic remarks highlighted the meaningful impact educators have on students and served as a reminder of the importance of the District's work.

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

Ms. Ms. Hiromoto provided an update on the District's referendum projects and the progress of work taking place throughout the schools. At Mahwah High School, roofing work remains underway and is anticipated to be completed by the end of September. She also reported on the Building 5 Life Skills Room project, noting that the public bidding process had been completed and that a resolution was included on the agenda recommending an award to Pal-Pro Builders in the amount of \$1,560,000. The District anticipates completion of the Life Skills Room in the spring of 2027.

At Ramapo Ridge Middle School, installation of new high-efficiency boilers is underway, with additional HVAC and roofing improvements in the planning stages and bleacher improvements scheduled for November. At Lenape Meadows, window upgrades are scheduled for spring 2027, followed by building temperature control system upgrades during summer 2027. At George Washington, the roofing project is approximately 95% complete, with boiler upgrades planned for summer 2027. At Betsy Ross, roofing improvements are underway, with additional roofing, electrical service, and HVAC upgrades planned.

Ms. Hiromoto reported that referendum projects continue to progress well, with projects either nearing completion, actively under construction, or moving through the planning and design phases. She then introduced and demonstrated the District's new Referendum Updates section of the District website, which was created to provide the community with ongoing information regarding project progress.

Ms. Hiromoto also provided an update on the District's application for the COPS School Violence Prevention Program Grant and thanked Craig Jandoli for bringing the grant opportunity to the District's attention. The approximately \$174,000 proposed project includes 26 additional security cameras, security window film at several schools, and improvements to the phone and emergency communication systems at Mahwah High School. If awarded, the federal grant would fund 75% of the project, with the District responsible for the remaining 25%. The District anticipates receiving an award determination in October.

Lastly, Ms. Hiromoto discussed the District's continued monitoring of health benefit costs and anticipated future increases. The District is working with its health insurance broker, IMAC, to evaluate potential cost-saving opportunities and alternative plan designs. Additional information will be reviewed with the Finance and Facilities Committee as it becomes available.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Moorthy thanked Ms. Hiromoto and the administrative team for their work on the District's new referendum website updates and acknowledged the significant effort involved in providing the community with clear and transparent information.

Dr. Moorthy welcomed students, families, and staff back to school and reflected positively on the Back-to-School Nights she and other Board members attended. She recognized the administrators for their preparation and encouraged families to take advantage of these opportunities to learn more about their children's schools. She also extended New Year wishes and a meaningful Yom Kippur observance to the District's Jewish families.

Dr. Moorthy provided an update on the recent Board retreat and thanked the administrative team for its support. Board members reflected on their hopes and concerns for the upcoming year, received a presentation from New Jersey School Boards Association representative Melissa Del Rosso regarding the collective bargaining process, and discussed the District and Board goals for the year.

Dr. Moorthy then reviewed the Board's goals for the year, which include overseeing the implementation of referendum projects with an emphasis on fiscal stewardship and transparency; preparing for upcoming negotiations with the Mahwah Education Association; continuing the review and updating of District policies and regulations, with a focus on the 5000 series; and maintaining the Board's certification and commitment to professional development and effective governance.

Dr. Moorthy also noted the Board's recognition as a Board of Distinction by the Bergen County School Boards Association in May and stated that the Board will provide periodic updates throughout the year regarding progress toward its goals.

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 Instructional & Curriculum/Special Education Committee, Dr. Moorthy reported that the Committee discussed several course name changes related to multilingual learners, noting that these were name changes only and did not involve changes to curriculum. The Committee also reviewed the SOAR curriculum for grades K–3, which provides identified gifted and talented students with small-group instruction and tiered supports. Additionally, the Committee received an update on the District's AI professional development plan. All teachers will receive introductory AI literacy and education-focused training during the October professional development days. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2026.

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

Mr. Galow recognized Mahwah High School students and staff for their participation in the Township's September 11th remembrance ceremony. He noted the contributions of the Mahwah High School chorus under the direction of Lisa DeGulio, as well as Jeff Bittner and the students who performed Taps. Mr. Galow shared the Township's appreciation for their continued participation and contributions to the annual ceremony.

17. OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 17a was moved by Mr. Kezmarsky and seconded by Mrs. Ting Jansen.

a. Minutes

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the minutes of the August 26, 2026, Public Work Session/Action Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution 17a.

Motion 17a carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

18. NEW BUSINESS- OTHER

Resolutions 18a-18ii were moved by Mr. Galow and seconded by Mr. Kezmarsky.

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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 08/27/2026 to 09/16/2026.

General Current Expense	Fund 11	\$2,553,538.92
Capital Outlay	Fund 12	\$119,240.67
Capital Projects Funds	Fund 30	\$1,793,859.02
Region 1	Fund 52	\$16,235.58
Region I-Contracted Trans.	Fund 53	\$196,988.88
Cafeteria	Fund 60	\$48,350.39
Total of All Checks		\$4,728,213.46

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 July 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 July 2026.

d. Budget Transfers

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves budgetary transfers for July 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 July 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 July 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. Bid Award – New Life Skills Room at Athletic Field House – Building 5

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and whereas, the board of education advertised for sealed bids for the project entitled new life skills room at athletic field house - building 5, and

Whereas, bids for the project were received on September 9, 2026, at which time they were opened and read aloud, and

Whereas, Pal-Pro Builders of Totowa, NJ submitted the apparent lowest bid for the project in the amount \$1,560,000, inclusive of all project allowances and alternate #1, and

Whereas, Pal-Pros bid has no material defects and has therefore been deemed to be the lowest responsible bidder, now, therefore be it

Resolved, the Board awards a contract for the above-referenced project to PAL-Pro Builders, 40 Vreeland Ave, Totowa, NJ, 07512, in the total amount of 1,560,000, inclusive of a base bid in the amount of \$1,495,000, alternate #1 in the amount of \$65,000 and all project allowances, pursuant to an agreement subject to board counsel's review and approval, which the Board president or designee is authorized to execute upon finalization of same.

g. Contract - MEVO Farm to School Program

RESOLVED that the Mahwah Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves a contract with MEVO for the Farm to School Program through Fall 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$14,628.00.

h. Contract – Bergen County Special Services – Applied Behavior Analysis Program

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the amended agreement between the Mahwah Board of Education and Bergen County Special Services School District for the operation of the Applied Behavior Analysis Program for the 2026–2027 school year at a total cost of \$1,388,164.00.

i. Grant Amendments

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the revised 2025-2026 ESEA Title I-A allocation, inclusive of carryover funds, in the total amount of \$117,527.00.

j. Non-Public Aid 2025-2026

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education accepts the Non-Public Aid from the State of New Jersey for the 2025-2026 School year as follows:

School	Category	Amount
Apple Montessori School	Textbook	\$ 501.00
Apple Montessori School	Nursing	\$ 1,310.00
Apple Montessori School	Technology	\$ 357.00
Apple Montessori School	Security	\$ 1,845.00

k. Non-Public Transportation Reimbursement 2024-2025

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education accepts the Non-Public Transportation Reimbursement from the State of New Jersey for the 2024-2025 School year in the amount of \$103,273.00.

l. Non-Public Aid 2026-2027

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education accepts the Non-Public Aid from the State of New Jersey for the 2026-2027 School year as follows:

School	Category	Amount
Apple Montessori School	Textbook	\$ 444.00
Apple Montessori School	Nursing	\$ 1,310.00
Apple Montessori School	Technology	\$ 314.00
Apple Montessori School	Security	\$ 1,953.00

m. Non-Public Transportation Reimbursement 2025-2026

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education accepts the Non-Public Transportation Reimbursement from the State of New Jersey for the 2025-2026 School year in the amount of \$102,036.00.

n. Agreement with Bergen County Department of Health for Non-Public Services

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves agreements with the Bergen County Department of Health Services to provide Non-Public Health Services for the 2026-2027 School year, funded by non-public grants from the State of New Jersey, as follows:

WHEREAS, Bergen County Resolution No. 744-26 as adopted by the Bergen County Board of Commissioners dated: June 17, 2026, authorizes the County Executive and/or his or her designee to enter into an agreement with the Mahwah Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to contract for the furnishing of health services of a technical and professional nature by the COUNTY to the Mahwah Board of Education pursuant to Chapter 226, Laws of 1991 Provision of Nursing Services to Non-Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, The COUNTY shall provide the services specified herein from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY is recognized and listed in the State Directory of Recognized Health Agencies and based upon its experience, the COUNTY is prepared to and desires to furnish administration and nursing consultation/oversight services to the Mahwah Board of Education for said school locations; and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of memorializing the terms of their Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5, the COUNTY and the Mahwah Board of Education have each adopted resolutions authorizing entry into this Agreement, copies of which are annexed hereto as exhibits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AGREED, in consideration of the promises and the covenant's terms, and conditions hereinafter set forth, the COUNTY and the Mahwah Board of Education agree to perform in accordance with the provision, terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

o. 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
Michael	Dlugo	NJBCA Coaches Clinic	9/25/2026	\$150.00

First	Last	Conference/Workshop	Date	Amount
Courtney	Neglia	NJECC Fall 2026 Workshops	09/30/2026 10/07/2026 10/14/2026	\$145.00
Rebekah	Cusick	Community of Practice - Educators who Work in Programs for 18–21-year-olds	10/13/2026 12/03/2026 03/09/2026 05/19/2026	N/A
Cydney	Rockman	Seminar	10/15/2026 12/10/2026 02/02/2026	N/A
Emily	Doughan	NJ Branch of International Dyslexia Association Annual Fall Conference	10/16- 10/17/2026	\$370.00
Christina	Zucaro	NJIDA Fall Conference 2026	10/16- 10/17/2026	\$370.00
Justin	Saputski	NJSIAA/NJSCA Golf Coaches' Clinic	10/16/2026	N/A
Gabrielle	Zimmer	Can't Remediate That /R/: Try This Step-By-Step Approach for /R/ and Other Challenging Speech Sound Errors	11/10/2026	\$295.00
Ofeer	Kearns	Educational Technology Conference	11/13/2026	\$49.50
Lauren	Culkin	2026 ASHA Convention	11/19- 11/20/2026	\$469.00
Dena	Scudieri	PE JAM 2026	12/4/2026	N/A

p. 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
Visual Arts (9-12) to Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ	10/28/26	MHS	30
Marching Band Competitions (8-12) to: Northern Valley Regional H.S., Old Tappan Roxbury H.S., Succasunna, NJ Mahwah Day, Mahwah, NJ West Orange H.S., West Orange, NJ Robbinsville H.S., Robbinsville, NJ Piscataway H.S., Piscataway, NJ Clifton Stadium, Clifton, NJ South Brunswick H.S., South Brunswick, NJ The College of New Jersey, Ewing Twp., NJ	9/19/26 9/26/26 10/3/26 10/10/26 10/17/26 10/24/26 10/25/26 Rain date 11/1/26 10/31/26 11/1/26 Rain date 11/8/26	RR/MHS	60
Special Education (6 & 8) to Ramapo Reservation, Mahwah, NJ	9/30/26	RR	12

Group/Destination	Date(s)	School	# of Students
Robotics Club (9-12) to North Brunswick H.S., North Brunswick, NJ	10/17/26	MHS	40
Gifted & Talented (Grade 5) to NJ Law Center, New Brunswick, NJ	10/20/26	RR	8
DECA (9-12) to Kean University, Union, NJ	10/26/26	MHS	10
Social Studies (9-12) to Mahwah polling locations	11/3/26	MHS	40
Choir & Band (9-12) to Veterans Park, Mahwah, NJ	11/11/26	MHS	12
GSA (9-12) to Hilton, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ	12/4/26	MHS	18
Band, Orchestra, Choir (9-12) to various locations in Boston, MA	4/23-4/25/27	MHS	125

q. First Reading

P8660 Transportation by Private Vehicles – To and From School-Related Activities
P8662 Transportation by Private or District-Owned Vehicles – To and From School

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r. Change of Column on the Salary Guide

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves a change of column on the MEA Teachers' Salary Guide for the following certified staff who completed graduate/in-service credits, retroactive to August 25, 2026.

First Name	Last Name	From Column	To Column
Jeffrey	Bittner	E - MA+15	F - MA+30
Anthony	D'Angelo	B - BA+15	D - MA
Michael	Dlugo	E - MA+15	F - MA+30
Stephanie	Engstrom	D - BA+45	E - BA+60
Alexis	Malaszuk-Pirretti	G - MA+45	H - MA+60
Stacy	Mandel	F - MA+30	G - MA+45
Michelle	Oates	F - MA+30	G - MA+45
Bryan	Oldewurtel	A - BA	C - BA+30
Joanne	Pintado	G - MA+45	H - MA+60
Amy	Rogers	G - MA+45	H - MA+60
Catherine	Schwartz	F - MA+30	G - MA+45
Bradford	Segall	B - BA+15	C - BA+30
Kelly	Smith	E - MA+15	F - MA+30
Cathryn	Traphagen	D - MA	E - MA+15

s. Mahwah Township School District Goals

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the Mahwah Township School District Goals for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

1. During the 2026–2027 school year, Mahwah Public Schools will successfully engage in the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) review process as an opportunity to

evaluate and strengthen district systems, practices, and outcomes. Through a collaborative and evidence-based process, district and school leadership will assess current practices across the five NJQSAC areas: Instruction and Program, Fiscal Management, Governance, Operations, and Personnel, to ensure compliance with state requirements while identifying opportunities for continuous improvement.

2. During the 2026–2027 school year, Mahwah Township Public Schools will build educator knowledge, confidence, and capacity regarding the responsible and purposeful use of artificial intelligence in education. Through differentiated professional learning, collaborative exploration, and ongoing support, all educators will develop a foundational understanding of AI, explore its potential to enhance teaching, learning, differentiation, productivity, and student engagement, and understand the safeguards necessary for its safe, ethical, and effective use.
3. During the 2026–2027 school year, the district will engage administrators, educators, and appropriate support staff in a comprehensive process to research, learn, and identify best practices for developing students’ executive functioning skills across grades K–12. Through collaborative study, review of current practices, and identification of developmentally appropriate student needs, the district will create a K–12 Executive Functioning Skills Framework and Progression by the end of the 2026–2027 school year. The framework will identify priority skills, evidence-based instructional practices, and appropriate supports at each grade level or developmental band, establishing a consistent districtwide approach and preparing for implementation beginning in the 2027–2028 school year.

t. Mahwah Township School Board Goals

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the Mahwah Township School Board Goals for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Goal 1: Referendum Implementation, Oversight & Fiscal Stewardship

Successfully advance and implement the district’s referendum through clear and transparent community communication, a comprehensive project calendar, effective project oversight, and responsible fiscal management. Ensure all referendum projects are completed with a commitment to quality, established timelines, approved scope, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources.

Goal 2: Collective Bargaining & Successor Agreement

The board will negotiate a successor agreement with the Mahwah Education Association.

Goal 3: Commitment to Up-to-Date Policies and Regulations

The Mahwah Board of Education is committed to ensuring that policies and regulations are up to date with current practice and protocols needed to effectively run a school district. More specifically, we will review/address the comprehensive audit findings performed by Strauss Esmay and the 5000 series. The Mahwah Board of Education will review and update board policies on an ongoing and yearly basis.

Goal 4: Board Certification & Continuous Governance Improvement

Maintain the Board’s current NJSBA certification while pursuing a higher level of certification through continued Board professional development, training, and demonstrated commitment to effective governance and continuous improvement.

u. Bedside Instruction

RESOLVED: that upon, the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves High Focus Centers provide educational services to students enrolled in Partial Hospitalization Program. The cost of this service is a daily rate of \$150.00 per student per day of instruction. The rate includes preparation, documentation, and coordination time.

v. Psychiatrists

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following psychiatrists to provide student evaluations as needed.

- Dr. Morton Fridman, Teaneck, NJ at a rate of \$1,000 per evaluation
- MedPsych Behavioral Health, Ramsey, NJ, Dr. Krishan Chirimunj at a rate of \$1,250-\$2,250 per evaluation

w. Evaluation

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves Behavior Therapy Associates to provide an independent evaluation for student with local Identification number 39925. The rate for this evaluation is estimated at \$8,000.00.

* x. Out of District Placement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves newly enrolled student with local identification number 40696 be placed at the A. Harry Moore Laboratory School, Jersey City, NJ. The tuition for this placement inclusive of a 1:1 paraprofessional is \$143,987.20 retroactive to September 8, 2026.

y. Out of District Placement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves student with local identification number 37708 be placed in the New Alliance Academy, 49 E Midland Ave, Ste 2, Paramus, NJ 07652 with the tuition cost of \$109,833.26, to be prorated after start date is determined.

z. Out of District Placement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the Settlement Agreement and Release resulting from NJDOE-supervised mediation for a student with local identification number 37173.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the student be placed at Barnstable Academy, Oakland, New Jersey, for the 2026-2027 school year, with tuition reimbursement to the parents in the total amount of \$54,989.00, payable in two equal installments during the 2026-2027 school year.

aa. Nursing Services Plan and Assignment of Nurses

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the 2026-2027 nursing services plan and assignment of nurses as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1(b).

bb. Revised Chapter 192/193 Service Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the revised Chapter 192/193 Service Agreement for the 2026–2027 school year with the Board of Education of Bergen County Special Services School District (“BCSSSD”), having offices at 327 E. Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the revised Agreement replaces Sections 3a and 3b of the previously approved Agreement to reflect updated State requirements pursuant to P.L. 2025, c. 252, including revisions to the State reimbursement schedule and payment timelines for services rendered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that, pursuant to the revised Agreement, BCSSSD shall provide auxiliary and remedial services under Chapters 192 and 193 from September 2026 through June 2027, with invoicing for services rendered following an eight-month payment schedule from November 2026 through June 2027, consistent with applicable State requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education shall continue to forward payments to BCSSSD in accordance with the terms of the revised Agreement and applicable State statutes, regulations, and New Jersey Department of Education procedures.

All other terms and conditions of the previously approved Chapter 192/193 Service Agreement for the 2026–2027 school year shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

cc. Course Title Change

RESOLVED; that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves course title change for the following courses:

Current Course Title	Updated Course Title
English as a Second Language K	Multilingual Learner K
English as a Second Language 1-2	Multilingual Learner 1
English as a Second Language 3-5	Multilingual Learner 2-3
English as a Second Language 3-5	Multilingual Learner 4-5
English as a Second Language 6-8	Multilingual Learner 6-8
English as a Second Language 9-12	Multilingual Learner 9-12

dd. Curriculum Program Adoption

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the adoption of SOAR Program, Grades K-3.

ee. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Committee

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

Education approves the extra service stipend for the following staff, who serve as AI Committee Members for the 2026-2027 school year; at the negotiated stipend rate, as shown on Schedule L of the MEA contract.

Committee Members	Committee Members
Kristen Pacelli	Jodie Craft
Nicole Jacobsen	Michael DeTuro
Julie Henehan	Dennis Fare
Kimberly Lorusso	Lisa Rizzo
Talysa Cole	Danielle Wood
Courtney Neglia	Carlos Rosa
Jennifer Chung	Caroline Krueger
Michele DeRosa	Catherine Scudiere
Amy Matulevich	Brian Donovan
Eimy Londono	Timothy Culloty
Jillian Laurice	

ff. Parent Academy

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves a stipend for the following staff providing Parent Academy Workshops for district parents; stipend to be \$100 per hour; to be paid via a submitted voucher.

Event Title	Event Date	Hours	Presenters
Kindergarten Pre-Reading & Transition Skills: The Importance of Rhyming & Things You Can Do at Home	10/1/26	2 each	Lauren Culkin Cathryn Traphagen
Ready Math – 6-8 Open Sci Ed	10/15/26	2 each	Faisal Sheikh Dennis Jarvis
Nurtured Heart Approach & Responsive Classroom	10/29/26	2 each	Marissa Steinberg Kyla Murphy Craig Alfano
MS-Marking Period One Check-In, Setting Your MS Up for Success	11/12/26	2 each	Cassidy Sarka, Courtney Deloughery, Marykate Coakley, Jim O'Hara
Empowering Your Child: Understanding SEL Through CASEL Competencies	1/14/27	2 each	Dena Scudiere Kristen Cavallo

gg. Donation

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education retroactively accepts the generous donation of a Tama Complete Drum set from the Lee family to be used by the Ramapo Ridge Music program.

hh. Donations

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following donations, and expresses its sincere gratitude for each participant's donations of food, items, or services, to our school district's opening day barbecue:

Vendor	Vendor
Acme Markets	Moe's Southwest Grill
B & G Bagels of Ramsey	Nonna's
Bagel Express	Pomptonian Food Services
BAM	Primo Hoagies
Chicken & Rib Crib	Sangria Tapas Restaurant
Dunkin' of Mahwah	Shoprite of Ramsey
Lotito's	Sonny & Tony's
Mahwah Bar & Grill	Spring Street Deli
Mahwah Deli	SQ Pizza
Mahwah Pizza & Pasta	Stateline Diner
Mahwah Schools Foundation	Touch of Class Dry Cleaners
Mahwah Sunoco	Urban Auto Car Wash
Mom's Kitchen to Go	-

ii. Submission – Paraprofessionals Statement of Assurance

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the submission of the September 2026-2027 paraprofessional statement of assurance in compliance with the Department of Education requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution 18a-18ii.

Motion 18a-18ii carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, with Mr. Kezmarsky abstaining from check 124996.

19. NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Resolutions 19a-19hh were moved by Mr. Kezmarsky and seconded by Mrs. Ting Jansen.

a. Resignation

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education accepts the resignation of Carly Kalman, teacher of mathematics, at Ramapo Ridge Middle School, effective on or about October 31, 2026.

b. Appointment

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Rebecca Genardi, as instructional paraprofessional, 5.5 hours per day, at Joyce Kilmer School, effective retroactive to September 8, 2026 - June 30, 2027; salary to be Step 1, \$21,605.76, prorated.

c. Appointment

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Virginia Schmidt, as instructional paraprofessional, 5.5 hours

per day, at Joyce Kilmer School, effective retroactive to September 16, 2026 - June 30, 2027; salary to be Step 1, \$21,605.76, prorated; pending employment verification.

d. Appointment Update

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Luz Paredes, as instructional paraprofessional, 5.5 hours per day, at Joyce Kilmer School, effective September 28, 2026 - June 30, 2027; salary to be Step 1, \$21,605.76, prorated; pending fingerprinting and employment verification.

e. Appointment Update – Leave Replacement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment update of Danielle Westdyk, as leave replacement for Employee #4864, pursuant to New Jersey Statute 18A:16-1.1, effective from August 25, 2026 – June 30, 2027; salary to be Column D, Step 11, \$78,831.

f. Appointment – Head Baseball Coach

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Joseph Crabbe, to the position of head baseball coach for the 2026 - 2027 season; stipend to be \$12,714; pending employment verification.

g. Appointment – Head Volleyball Coach – Ramapo Ridge Middle School

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Suzanne Whalen as head volleyball coach at Ramapo Ridge Middle School, for the 2026 – 2027 season, stipend to be \$3,985.

h. Appointment – Assistant Cross Country Coach – Ramapo Ridge Middle School

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Marykate Coakley as assistant cross-country coach at Ramapo Ridge Middle School, for the 2026 – 2027 season, stipend to be \$3,458.

i. Appointment – Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Christopher Sidnam, as volunteer assistant volleyball coach for the 2026 – 2027 season, at no cost to the district; pending employment verification.

j. Appointment – Co-Curricular Advisor

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Maude Subrahmanyam as advisor for the French National

Honor Society, for the 2026-2027 school year, at the negotiated stipend rate, as shown on Schedule H, group V, of the MEA contract; stipend to be \$2,039.

k. Appointment – Co-Curricular Advisor

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Rachel Dillon as advisor for the Thunderbird Unified Club, for the 2026-2027 school year, at the negotiated stipend rate, as shown on Schedule H, group V, of the MEA contract; stipend to be \$2,039.

l. Appointment – Advisor

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Eric Pragdat, as advisor for the chess club, from October 1, 2026 – May 14, 2027, at the negotiated stipend rate, as shown on Schedule H, group V, of the MEA contract; stipend to be \$2,039.

m. 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 Schedule L of the MEA contract

Activity	Name	Stipend
PM Dismissal	Ava Kelly	\$2,025
PM Dismissal	Shireesha Tirumala	\$2,025
PM Dismissal	Shakiba Kirby	\$2,025

n. FMLA Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves a leave of absence for Employee #8402, effective retroactive on September 2, 2026 – September 14, 2026, using 8 sick days and FMLA concurrently, from September 2, 2026 – September 14, 2026.

o. Nursing Observation

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following nursing observation placement for the 2026 fall semester, for the following students, attending Ramapo College Nursing Program under the supervision of Jennifer Blackford, school nurse, at Betsy Ross School:

First Name	Last Name
Nicole	Espinoza
Melina	Stamatiou
Catherine	Dang
Ivanna	Terranova
Beyonce	Pena

First Name	Last Name
Stephanie	Salvanto
Esther	Carvallo

p. Rescission - Extra Service Positions

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education rescinds the extra service positions for the 2026-2027 school year.

Joyce Kilmer School

Name	Activity
Sara Cino	PM Dismissal

q. School Safety/School Climate Committee Members – Betsy Ross School (Updated)

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of the following committee members, for Betsy Ross School, effective September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:

School Safety/School Climate Committee	Anti-Bullying Specialists
Michael Henzel	Cydney Rockman
Kyla Murphy	
Jason Schmitt	
Emma Conroy	
Lisa Rizzo	
Harry Hunt	
Melissa Polster (Parent)	

r. School Safety/School Climate Committee Members – George Washington School (Updated)

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of the following committee members, for George Washington School, effective September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:

School Safety/School Climate Committee	Anti-Bullying Specialists
Michael Hagopian	John Macri
Nancy Mertz	
Christine Piotrowski	
Lisa Siervo (Parent)	
John Macri	
Lisa Rizzo	

s. School Safety/School Climate Committee Members – Lenape Meadows School (Updated)

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of the following committee members, for Lenape Meadows School, effective September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:

School Safety/School Climate Committee	Anti-Bullying Specialists
Paul Wyka	Natasha Carrera
Natasha Carrera	
Emma Plamidis	
Gladys Fernandez	
Gianna Bologna	
Lisa Kovalsky (Parent)	
Lisa Rizzo	

t. School Safety/School Climate Committee Members – Joyce Kilmer School (Updated)

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of the following committee members, for Joyce Kilmer School, effective September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:

School Safety/School Climate Committee	Anti-Bullying Specialists
Billy Bowie	Ashley Adams
Ashley Adams	
Kierstyn Liddy	
Allison Bowden	
Craig Alfano	
Lisa Rizzo	
Maria Trujillo (Parent)	

u. School Safety/School Climate Committee Members – Ramapo Ridge Middle School (Updated)

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of the following committee members, for Ramapo Ridge Middle School, effective September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:

School Safety/School Climate Committee	Anti-Bullying Specialists
Brian Cory	Marykate Coakley
Suzanne Whalen	Cassidy Sarka
Kelly Duffield	Courtney Deloughery
Michael Dlugo	
Catherine Carisi	
Marykate Coakley	
Cassidy Sarka	
Courtney Deloughery	
Lisa Rizzo	
Rachel Goldstein (Parent)	

v. School Safety/School Climate Committee Members – Mahwah High School (Updated)

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of the following committee members, for Mahwah High School, effective September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:

School Safety/School Climate Committee	Anti-Bullying Specialists
Danielle Wood	Joan Stewart
Craig Jandoli	Craig Jandoli
Michael McCabe	Michael McCabe
Mary Rosen	
Allison Krannich	
Joan Stewart	
Megan Beatty	
Karen Robator (Parent)	
Lisa Rizzo	

w. Threat Assessment Team – Mahwah High School (Updated)

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of the following committee members, for Mahwah High School, effective September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:

Name	Position
Danielle Wood	Principal
Craig Jandoli	Assistant Principal/District School Safety Specialist
Mike McCabe	Assistant Principal
James O'Hara	Director of Guidance
Joan Stewart	SAC
Meaghan Tibus	School Psychologist
Rebekah Cusick	School Social Worker
Robert Birney	SRO

x. Threat Assessment Team – Ramapo Ridge Middle School (Updated)

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of the following committee members, for Ramapo Ridge Middle School, effective September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:

Name	Position
Brian P. Cory	Principal
Suzanne Whalen	Assistant Principal
Marykate Coakley	School Counselor
Catherine Carisi	School Psychologist

Name	Position
Cassidy Sarka	School Counselor
William Hunt	School Security Officer
Robert Birney	School Resource Officer
Jennifer Piela	School Social Worker
Craig Jandoli	District School Safety Specialist

y. Threat Assessment Team – Joyce Kilmer School (Updated)

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of the following committee members, for Joyce Kilmer School, effective September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:

Name	Position
Billy Bowie	Principal
Ashley Adams	Assistant Principal
Craig Alfano	School Social Worker
Kierstyn Liddy	School Psychologist
Bruce Conklin	School Security Officer
Robert Birney	School Resource Officer
Craig Jandoli	District School Safety Specialist

z. Threat Assessment Team – Betsy Ross School (Updated)

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of the following committee members, for Betsy Ross School, effective September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:

Name	Position
Michael Henzel	Principal
Cidney Rockman	School Psychologist
Brittany Ritterman	Social Worker
Kyla Murphy	School Counselor
Robert Birney	School Resource Officer
Harry Hunt	School Security Officer
Craig Jandoli	District School Safety Specialist

aa. Threat Assessment Team – George Washington School (Updated)

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of the following committee members, for George Washington School, effective September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:

Name	Position
Michael Hagopian	Principal
Marissa Steinberg	School Counselor
John Macri	School Psychologist
Anthony Espino	School Security Officer
Robert Birney	School Resource Officer
Craig Jandoli	District School Safety Specialist

bb. Threat Assessment Team – Lenape Meadows School (Updated)

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of the following committee members, for Lenape Meadows School, effective September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:

Name	Position
Paul Wyka	Principal
Natasha Carrera	Assistant Principal
Gladys Fernandez	Social Worker
Marissa Steinberg	Guidance
Kyla Murphy	School Counselor
Stacy Conley	School Security Officer
Robert Birney	School Resource Officer
Craig Jandoli	District School Safety Specialist

cc. Job Description

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following job description:

- Administrative Assistant – Attendance Office

dd. Appointment – Option Two: Academic and Career Internship Program Locations

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following sites for the 2026-2027 school year for students approved to participate in Option Two – Academic and Career Internship Program. All sites have been approved by the Work-Based Learning Coordinator, in accordance with NJDOE regulations, application

Booyah! 180 NJ-17 Mahwah, NJ 07430	Camp Acorn 10 Leighton Place Mahwah, NJ 07430
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George Washington School 39 Fardale Avenue Mahwah, NJ 07430	Holy Cross Early Learning Center (HCELC) 280 Ramapo Valley Road Mahwah, NJ 07430
Leistritz Advanced Technologies Corp. 165 Chestnut Street Allendale, NJ 07401	Lightbridge Academy 51 Island Road Mahwah, NJ 07430
Township of Mahwah Department of Public Works 142 North Railroad Avenue Mahwah, 07430	Wyckoff Family YMCA, Inc. 691 Wyckoff Avenue Wyckoff, NJ 07481

ee. Appointment – 18-21 Thunderbird LifePath Program Locations

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following sites for the 2026-2027 school year for students participating in the 18-21 Thunderbird LifePath Program. All sites have been approved by the supervisor of special education 6-12, in accordance with NJDOE regulations, application requirements, and insurance verification.

Green Do Good 65 Oak Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 25 Potash Road, Oakland, NJ 07436	Mahwah Pizza & Pasta 1035 MacArthur Boulevard Mahwah, NJ 07430
Moe's Southwest Grill 380 Ridge Road Mahwah, NJ 07430	ShopRite 2 Interstate Shopping Center Ramsey NJ 07446
Stateline Diner 373 Route 17 North Mahwah, NJ 07430	IHop 475 Route 17 South Ramsey, NJ 07446

ff. Parent Volunteers

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following individuals, as volunteers at Mahwah Township Public Schools for 2026-2027 school year:

George Washington School

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Jennifer	Petrie	Roxana	La Rosa
Christina	Theile-Blayer	Lisa	Siervo
Elli	Paleoudis	Mia	Eyl
Natalia	Witkowski	Jennifer	Matus
Arielle	Sikora	Rachael	Barton

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Jennifer	Campana	Alison	Rigby
Madeleine	Hassankhani	Dana	Arrajj
Andrea	Corrao	Kristy	Agliardi
Rachel	Hirsch	Soohee	Chu
Michelle	Loeb	Nora	Raspanti
Kylie	DeMaggio	Christine	Sedrak
Katy	Mei		

Betsy Ross School

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Lauren	Barrasso	Leslie	Goldman	Cinzia	Pelletier
Margo	Benedetti	Renuka	Hare	Kristen	Pena
James	Beran	Jamie	Hennelly	Elizabeth	Pollock
Emily	Brining	Sarah	Horn	Melissa	Polster
Lauren	Calijone	Kate	Kezmarsky	Jose	Ramos
Sarah	Carton	Paul	Kezmarsky	Keith	Reiser
Evan	Chait	Melanie	Klingbiel	Mia	Rizvani
Trisha	Chait	Heather	Kohen	Renee	Salemmono
Nicole	Chinnici	Julie	Lee	Avneet	Saluja
Dana	Condosta	Liz	Lindstrom	Hannah	Skrebets
Stephanie	Cooper	Caroline	Londahl-Smidt	Lisa	Streicher
Fiona	Cummings	Christopher	Lupo	Teri	Taylor
Alyson	Dunaev	Lauren	Modi	Audrey	Tomassini
Eugene	Dunaev	Dawn	Mazzucca	Christina	Ullrich
Lora	Facendola	Kathleen	Moss	Kellye	Vallario
Kathleen	Fearnside	Ashley	Munroe-Bertolino	Morgan	Wagner
Randi	Frascella	Steven	Newman	Deborah	Yanno
Kim	Freitag	Michelle	Olivieri	Melissa	Zablocki
Pauline	Furey	Kristin	Patterson		

Lenape Meadows School

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Alexandra	Altdoerffer	Kristen	Acosta
Amanda	Guthrie	Kyra	Bouloy
Ashley	Anderson-Mutch	Lisa	Kovalsky
Christine	Bowns	Lisa	Mazzella
Jami	Zaretsky	Maria	Miller

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Katrina	Marshall	SeungYeon	Suh
Keila	Cirillo	Stephanie	Wenger
Kelly	Lyons	Veronica	Yacco
Kim	Pacella	Alicia	Miller
Alina	Dronova	Kiera	Marrero
Anna	Myroni	Kylee	Dougherty
Ashley	Allison	Leigh-Ann	Lembo
Christine	Decker	Anthony	Lembo
Heather	Zeuner	Matthew	Zeuner
Julisa	Persaud	Nicholas	Giacoppi
Kathleen	Sepulveres	Rosanne	Lucarelli Miranda
Yuliia	Hryhor	Tara Marie	Hoxha

gg. Clinical Practice Placement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following clinical internship placement for the 2026 fall semester, for the following student, attending the following colleges/universities:

Student Name	College/University	Supervising Staff Member
Jessica Cooney	William Paterson University	Billy Bowie, Ed.D. (Principal, Joyce Kilmer School) Dena Scudieri (Teacher of Physical Education, Joyce Kilmer School)

hh. Paraprofessional Substitutes

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following paraprofessional substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year:

First Name	Last Name	City
Kathy	DeAngelis	Mahwah
Maureen	Loveman	Mahwah
Dorian	Messina	Mahwah

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution 19a-19hh.
Motion 19a-19hh 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 Mrs. Ting Jansen and seconded by Mr. Galow, to open the meeting to the public.

There were no public questions or comments.

Motion carried at 8:04 p.m.

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

Motion carried at 8:05 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Kezmarsky and seconded by Mr. Galow to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried at 8:05 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine A. Hiromoto
Business Administrator/Board Secretary