Board Meeting 10/14/26 Brief

BUSINESS OPERATIONS	*Approved for the 2026-2027 school year….* Municipal Alliance Grant funds were approved for the following: B Well at BES, Youth Summit and After School Homework Club at BMS, and Consent 101 at BHS Bus evacuation drills were completed on all three campuses Agreement with the Greater Somerset County YMCA, as well as the contract with Interstate Waste Services PFK O'Connor Davies as an independent auditor who intervenes on tuition matters between SHSD and Bedminster Fundraisers for the BHS Swim Team and BHS Cheer Team Creation of an athletic stipend position for Ski Team Assistant Coach
CURRICULUM	Professional development opportunities for SHSD staff on all campuses, as well as field trips for students from BES, BMS and BHS
PERSONNEL & POLICY	Appointments of Olga Beatriz Garcia Garcia as District Bus Driver Kiara Pereira to complete St. Elizabeth University's clinical observation fieldwork in elementary education Salary guide level advancements for multiple staff members Co-curricular/Athletic positions for the following: Kindness Club, Robotics, Forensics Team, and Math Lab; Volleyball Head Coach, Winter Track Head & Asst Coaches, Men's Basketball Asst Coach, Ice Hockey Asst Coach, Fencing Asst Coach, Ski Asst Coach, Assistant AD Winter, and Softball Asst Coach Discussions were had with all Board Committees regarding defining processes for out-of-state, overnight, field trips to ensure compliance with public purchasing requirements, student fundraising matters, student supervision matters and matters of affordability for all students eligible and interested to attend. The Superintendent's Office will oversee the process to develop administrative regulations to offer more definition to the process of out-of-state, overnight, field trips. A task force was assembled to review the administrative regulations that are applied to any student found to be in violation of the random drug testing policy. A working group that included the district physician, administrator overseeing student nursing, mental health, health instruction/athletics, school administration, and student assistance counselors/social workers engaged in robust discussion and offered recommendations pursuant to the development of revised administrative regulations. The Policy Committee of the Board supported the Superintendent's desire to offer regulations that are closely aligned to student and parent education and less reliant on punitive measures if a student has a positive random drug test result.
STUDENT SERVICES	HIB Self Assessment Report approved for the 2025-2026 SY
	Katie Farina, from the American Heart Association, presented Ashley Oliveira and Liz St. Ours with the district's Heart of Gold Award. Dr. Richard Grip presented his Demographic Report. The next regular BOE Meeting is scheduled for November 18th at 7:30pm in the Bernards High School Community Room. Board Agendas, Minutes, and Superintendent Reports can be found at www.shsd.org. Be sure to read highlights in our District News!