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DATE: September 18, 2026

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

PLACE: ESCNJ Professional Conference Center
1690 Stelton Road
Piscataway NJ 07083

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Present: Cranbury, East Brunswick, East Windsor Regional, Edison, Highland Park, Jamesburg, Metuchen, Middlesex, Middlesex County Magnet Schools, Milltown, New Brunswick, North Brunswick, Old Bridge, Piscataway, Sayreville, Somerset Hills Regional, South Amboy, South Brunswick, South Plainfield, Spotswood, Woodbridge and Perth Amboy.

Superintendent Romano, Asst. Superintendent Jones, Asst. Superintendent Scanlon, Asst. Business Administrator Diaz, Asst. Business DeAngelo, Asst. Business Pao, Human Resources Director Hudson

Hope Blackburn, Board Counsel

1. **Opening Statement/Notice of Meeting: Opening Statement/Notice of Meeting:** The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Board Secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on the ESCNJ's Legal/Public Notices section on June 25, 2026.

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Executive Session - Legal & Personnel Matters**

On motion by Woodbridge, seconded by South Amboy, a motion to enter Executive Session, was offered at 9:35 AM and approved by the following vote:

Unanimous Voice Vote - All "Aye"

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), permits a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses certain matters as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) seeks to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel, including but not limited to employment, appointment, termination, performance, evaluation, promotion, or discipline of specific individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board will enter into Executive Session for the aforementioned purpose(s); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the matters discussed in Executive Session will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion, if any, will be taken in public session.

On motion by Woodbridge, seconded by South Amboy, a motion to reconvene Regular Session, was offered at 9:58 and approved by the following vote:

Unanimous Voice Vote - All "Aye"

5. Pathways to Adult Living- Student Presentation

6. **Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent provided updates on the following topics as part of her report:

- Introduction of IT and Non-Public Director
- Dr. Massimino shared information regarding a security program designed to support after-school activities. Dr. Aldaralli also shared his experience with the program and provided insight into how it has been utilized. As a next step, ESCNJ will survey our members to better understand their security needs and determine whether this is a service that could be offered through the ESCNJ Coop.
- Highlight: Sayreville's Bomber Beyond Café at AFC was highlighted as a program providing students with meaningful, hands-on learning and work-based experiences.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

Nothing at this time

7. **Minutes**

Motion to approve the July 29, 2026 Minutes (Regular Session) (**(Enclosure A**)
Motion to approve the July 29, 2026 Minutes (Regular Session) (**Enclosure A1)**
and acknowledge agenda items and resolution from August 25, 2026 agenda
(**Enclosure A2**)

8. **Commission Business:**

A. Personnel:

1. Approve as attached Personnel recommendations (Enclosure B)

2. Approve as attached for the Superintendent's contract (Enclosure B1)

B. Finance:

1. Board Secretary's Monthly Certification (Enclosure C)

2. Bill List (Enclosure D)

3. Secretary's Report (Enclosure E)

4. Treasurer's Reports - April, May, June 2026

5. Cooperative Transportation Adjustments for FY 27 (Enclosure F)

6. Professional Day Expenses (Enclosure G)

7. Grants, Gifts and Donations (Enclosure H)

8. Bid Extensions (Enclosure I)

9. Approval and Ratification of the Consent Order and Decree (Enclosure J)

10. A.M.E., Inc. Maintenance Agreement (Enclosure K)

11. Approve the award of the Bio-Decontamination Services Bid #ESCNJ 26/27-11 for the bid term 10/19/26 through 10/18/28, with extensions as permitted by NJ law, to: (Enclosure L)
    - Pathogens of New Jersey, Inc., 30 Galesi Drive, Suite 102A, Wayne, NJ 07470

12. and be it further Resolved, That the Board hereby appoints Brian Falkowski as Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary (Enclosure M1)

C. Curriculum:

1. District Mentoring Plan: ESCNJ Mentoring Plan_2026.2027.pdf

2. District Professional Development Plan: ESCNJ PDP 2026-2028.pdf

D. Facilities:

1. Approve the attached resolution for facility use at the Aquatics and Fitness Center- Beyond Bombers Resolution .pdf

2. Approve the attached resolution for Architectural Services - Architectural Services Resolution.pdf

E. Policy: No Action Items

F. Negotiations: No Action Items

G. Student Services:

Accept the enrollment or termination of pupils for FY27 at:

. Academy Learning Center:
Tuition Students FY 26 and FY 27
Extended School Year Program Students (Enclosure M)

. Bright Beginnings Learning Center:
Tuition Students FY 26 and FY 27
Extended School Year Program Students (Enclosure N)

. Future Foundations Academy:
Tuition Students FY 26 and FY 27
Extended School Year Program Students (Enclosure O)

. Center for Lifelong Learning:
Tuition Students FY 26 and FY 27 (Enclosure P)

. NuView Academy:
Tuition Students FY 26 and FY 27 (Enclosure Q)

. Piscataway Regional Day School:
Tuition Students FY 26 and FY 27 **(Enclosure R)**

Roll Call

On motion by Middlesex Magnet Schools, seconded by Piscataway items #6-8, were approved by the following roll call vote:

"Ayes" - Cranbury, East Brunswick, East Windsor Regional, Edison, Highland Park, Metuchen, Middlesex County Magnet Schools, Milltown, New Brunswick, North Brunswick, Old Bridge, Piscataway, Sayreville, Somerset Hills Regional, South Amboy, South Brunswick, South Plainfield, Spotswood, Woodbridge and Perth Amboy

"Noes" - None
"Abstain"- Jamesburg Action Item #8-B12

12. Public Comments:

13. Next Meeting – Board of Directors Meeting – Friday, October 16, 2026 at the Professional Conference Center, 1690 Stelton Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854

14. Motion to Adjourn

Roll Call

On motion by South Amboy, seconded by Edison and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul DeAngelo
Board Secretary - (Acting)