SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION

Board of Education

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

Date and Time	Location
Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 9:30 A.M	The SBJC Ed Center 696 Route 46 West, Teterboro, NJ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NJ OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the 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 Business Administrator-Secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be sent to the following, announcing time and place thereof, agenda, etc.:

North Jersey Media Group.

Notice of this meeting has been posted in the lobby of the Board of Education Office and at the South Bergen Jointure Commission Public Schools. This is an official meeting of the Board of Education/South Bergen Jointure Commission.

Meeting opened at 9:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Mr. A. Albro, Dr. P. Galasso, Ms. D. Genatt, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Dr. L. Pantoliano, Ms. A. Parchment, Dr. M. Poidomani, Ms. N. Russo, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. S. Yurchak.
Members Absent:	Mr. B. Barrow, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. M. Perrapato, Dr. R. Tomko, Ms. T. Violetti
Also Present:	Ms. S. Cucciniello, Dr. M. Kuchar, Mr. S. Miller

- Ms. Andrea Parchment, Acting Superintendent, was sworn in as a Board Member from the Hackensack School District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Kuchar updated the board on the current projections for enrollment and finance for the current school year, and the status of the school district's upcoming events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. John Hurley
Seconded: Dr. Yvette Lozanski

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2026 be approved.

ACTION TAKEN FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ayes: Mr. A. Albro, Dr. P. Galasso, Ms. D. Genatt, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Dr. L. Pantoliano, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. D. Sforza
Abstain: Ms. A. Parchment, Ms. N. Russo, Dr. S. Yurchak
Nayes: None
Absent: Mr. B. Barrow, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. M. Perrapato, Dr. R. Tomko, Ms. T. Violetti

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Forte spoke of Back to School Night meetings and upcoming events in the fall of this school year.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. FINANCE REPORT

Motion: Dr. Dario Sforza
Seconded: Mr. John Hurley

2a. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that the FINANCE resolutions as per the attached report are approved (2b, 2c 2d, 2e, 2f).

2b. The Board accepts the Board Secretary's Report as of July 31, 2026 and approves "Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10 (E), certify that as of July 31, 2026 the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (Appropriations sections), did not reflect an over expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, and based on the appropriations balances reflected on the report and the advice of districts officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year" (*Attachment 2b*).

2c. The Board accepts the financial report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of July 2026 (*Attachment 2c*).

2d. The Board approves the following resolution: "Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10(d), we certify that as of July 31, 2026, no budgetary line item has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2A.10(a)."

2e. The August and September bill lists below are approved (lists attached):

Bills Payable	$ 997,598.92
Payroll Transfers	$1,251,516.78

Cafeteria Checks	$	0.00
Total		**$2,249,115.70**

2f. Motion to approve the transfers for the month of July 2026. (*Attachment 2h*).

2g. Motion to approve the following Professional Days with cost:

Name	Workshop	Workshop Provider	Date(s)	Cost
Stephanie McGowan *Presenter*	Autism NJ 44th Annual Autism Conference	Autism NJ	10/23/2026	Travel
Grace Koonce *Presenter*	Autism NJ 44th Annual Autism Conference	Autism NJ	10/23/2026	Travel
Cheryl Lupica *Presenter*	Autism NJ 44th Annual Autism Conference	Autism NJ	10/23/2026	Travel

ACTION TAKEN FOR 2. FINANCE

Ayes: Mr. A. Albro, Dr. P. Galasso, Ms. D. Genatt, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Dr. L. Pantoliano, Ms. A. Parchment, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. N. Russo, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. S. Yurchak
Abstain: None
Nayes: None
Absent: Mr. B. Barrow, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. M. Perrapato, Dr. R. Tomko, Ms. T. Violetti

3. PERSONNEL

Motion: Dr. Maria Poidomani
Seconded: Dr. Dario Sforza

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that in compliance with Chapter 116, P.L. 1986 and in accordance with the State of New Jersey Department of Education memorandum dated October 29, 1986 that all new personnel shall be considered to be provisionally hired: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to comply with State Department directives concerning the State and Federal criminal history background checks of these employees and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said new personnel shall be considered provisionally hired until such time as the Department of Education has indicated that they have completed the criminal history background checks of prospective employees and that said employees have satisfied the requirements of Chapter 116, P.L. 1986 at which time said employees shall no longer be provisional; the Business Administrator shall be hereby directed to employ personnel and to take such other personnel actions as indicated.

All appointments upon recommendation of the Superintendent are on an emergent basis, pending completion of a criminal history background check. In addition, all appointments are contingent upon the employee signing a contract in accordance with law and the receipt of favorable reference responses. All aide appointments are contingent upon the employee being available for employment for the month of July 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027. All employments are approved to be paid additional compensation for the Clubs and Activities Program, Home Programming and Parent Training Home Program, office support and Home Instruction on an as-needed basis.

3a. Motion to approve the attached additional pay for services rendered as indicated (*Attachment 3a)*.

3b. Motion to approve the Head Teacher positions and amounts for the 2026-2027 school year.

Campus Location	Name	Amount
Lodi	Randi Schmidt	$2,500.00
Maywood	Sean Voorhis	$2,500.00
South Hackensack	Kim Diamond	$2,500.00
Lyndhurst	MaryAnn Serrano	$2,500.00
Felician	Karen Domingues	$2,500.00
Moonachie	Lauren Brigliadoro	$2,500.00
Yoga/Mindfulness	Lyzzette Grassi	$2,500.00

3c. Motion to approve the campus transfers for the following staff members for the 2026-2027 school year, based on the teacher's contract.

Name	From Campus	To Campus
Melissa Tocci	Lyndhurst	Lodi
Kelsey Tully	Lodi	Maywood

3d. Motion to approve the attached list of staff for after school home programming, services and evaluations (*Attachment 3d*).

3e. Motion to approve the following employee to be added to the substitute list for the 2026-2027 school year.

Sytania Smith Taylor
Leslie Quinones - Nurse

3f. Motion to accept the resignation of the following personnel:

Name	Position	Effective Date	Purpose
Pulla, Diana	Paraprofessional	8/1/26	Resignation

Reo, Danielle	Paraprofessional	7/1/26	Resignation
Puerta, Estefania	Paraprofessional	7/1/26	Resignation

3g. Motion to approve the appointment of the following personnel to Clubs and Activities for the 2026-2027 school year.

Name	Position	Club/Activity	Stipend
Lynda Barton	Teacher	8th Grade Advisor (Moonachie)	$1,000.00
Randi Schmidt	Teacher	Yearbook	$1,000.00
Rachel Maslanka	Teacher	Yearbook	$1,000.00
Claudia Balestier	Behaviorist	Middle School Advisor (Lodi)	$1,000.00
Randi Schmidt	Teacher	High School Advisor (Lodi)	$1,000.00

3h. Motion to approve the salary adjustment for the following staff who have completed the requirements of the Teacher Salary / Paraprofessional guide. All documents have been provided.

Name	Position	Degree/Certification	Adjusted Salary	Effective Date
Matias, Elizabeth	Occupational Therapist	MA+15 to MA+30	$97,014.31	9/1/26
Curcio, Angelica	Teacher	BA+15 to MA	$69,346.00	8/31/26
Rojas, Andrea	Paraprofessional	Non renewal of Sub Cert.	$27.73	9/1/26
Nestoroska Kozheska, Angelina	Paraprofessional	Non renewal of Sub. Cert	$29.06	9/1/26
Josifoska, Vesna	Paraprofessional	Non renewal of Sub. Cert	$27.20	9/1/26
Schilp, Maya	Paraprofessional	Non renewal of Sub. Cert	$27.02	9/1/26

3i. Motion to approve the leave of absence for the following, using days in accordance with the individual agreement with the Board and utilizing the FMLA and/or NJFLA leave entitlement.

Employee ID#	Position	Effective Dates
1110	Speech Therapist	9/1/26 - 12/22/26 (adjusted)

3j. Motion to approve the appointment of the following personnel.

Name	Position	Effective Date	Salary/Step
Pansini, Julianna	Occupational Therapist	9/21/26	$62,500.00
Modesto, Gabriela	School Nurse	9/17/26	$55,900.00

3k. Motion to approve the Sidebar Agreement between South Bergen Jointure Commission Board of Education and South Bergen Jointure Commission Education Association. (*Attachment 3k*)

3l. Motion to approve the appointment of Michelle Martinez as Administrator in Charge, with an annual stipend of $25,000 payable over ten (10) months, for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

3m. Motion to approve the Head Nurse position and amount for the 2026-2027 school year.

Position	Name	Amount
Certified School Nurse	Laura Sgalia	$10,000

3n. Motion to approve the LPN substitute rate of $200.00 for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

ACTION TAKEN FOR 3. PERSONNEL

Ayes: Mr. A. Albro, Dr. P. Galasso, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Dr. L. Pantoliano, Ms. A. Parchment, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. N. Russo, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. S. Yurchak
Abstain: Ms. D. Genatt
Nayes: None
Absent: Mr. B. Barrow, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. M. Perrapato, Dr. R. Tomko, Ms. T. Violetti

4. POLICY

Motion: Dr. Yvette Lozanski
Seconded: Mr. John Hurley

4a. Motion to approve the 2025-2026 submission of School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABR). (*Attachment 4)*

ACTION TAKEN FOR 4. POLICY

Ayes: Mr. A. Albro, Dr. P. Galasso, Ms. D. Genatt, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Dr. L. Pantoliano, Ms. A. Parchment, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. N. Russo, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. S. Yurchak
Abstain: None
Nayes: None
Absent: Mr. B. Barrow, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. M. Perrapato, Dr. R. Tomko, Ms. T. Violetti

5. TRANSPORTATION

Motion: Dr. Maria Poidomani
Seconded: Dr. Yvette Lozanski

5a. Motion to approve the attached 2026-2027 RSY Quotes Set 2 (Attachment 5a).

5b. Motion to approve the attached contract addendums for 26-27 School Year (Attachment 5b).

5c. Motion to approve the attached penalties for September 2026 (Attachment 5c).

ACTION TAKEN FOR 5. TRANSPORTATION

Ayes: Mr. A. Albro, Dr. P. Galasso, Ms. D. Genatt, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Dr. L. Pantoliano, Ms. A. Parchment, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. N. Russo, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. S. Yurchak
Abstain: None
Nayes: None
Absent: Mr. B. Barrow, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. M. Perrapato, Dr. R. Tomko, Ms. T. Violetti

6. FACILITIES AND PLANNING

7. FOOD SERVICE

8. CURRICULUM

Motion: Dr. Dario Sforza
Seconded: Dr. Yvette Lozanski

8a. Motion to approve September 15 - October 15, 2026 as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

8b. Motion to approve October 5 - October 9, 2026 as a Week of Respect.

8c. Motion to approve October 19 - October 23, 2026 as School Violence Awareness Week.

ACTION TAKEN FOR 8. Curriculum

Ayes: Mr. A. Albro, Dr. P. Galasso, Ms. D. Genatt, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Dr. L. Pantoliano, Ms. A. Parchment,Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. N. Russo, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. S. Yurchak

Abstain: None
Nayes: None
Absent: Mr. B. Barrow, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. F. D'Amico, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. M. Perrapato, Dr. R. Tomko, Ms. T. Violetti

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kennedy congratulated Dr. Kuchar for the award of Regional Superintendent of the Year that he was recently awarded. Dr. Kuchar thanked the Board for their support through the years. Mr. Hurley said it's great that South Bergen districts are being recognized more so lately, and he also congratulated Dr. Kuchar.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion: Dr. Dario Sforza
Seconded: Dr. Yvette Lozanski

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting is adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

ACTION TAKEN FOR ADJOURNMENT
Unanimous approval by voice vote.

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Ms. Susan Cucciniello
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
CLOSED MEETING TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

Motion:
Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION will hold a closed meeting on September 22, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. to review personnel matters and other confidential concerns as listed on the Closed Agenda dated September 22, 2026 The items discussed will be made public at the conclusion of the executive session or at a date not determined at this time.

Action taken:

SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION
CLOSED - MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Opened at _____.

Members Present:
Members Absent:
Also Present:

Special Order of Business

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:
Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this closed session is adjourned at _____.

Action taken