SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION

Board of Education

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

Date and Time	Location
Tuesday, July 28, 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, Mr. B. Barrow, Mr. F. D'Amico, Mr. P. Galasso, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Dr. L. Pantoliano, Mr. M. Perrapato, Ms. N. Russo
Members Absent:	Mr. J. DeCorso, Ms. A. Evans, Ms. D. Genatt, Ms. Oates-Parchment, Dr. M Poidomani, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. R. Tomko, Ms. T. Violetti, Dr. S. Yurchak
Also Present:	Dr. M. Kuchar, Ms. S. Cucciniello, Mr. S. Miller

- Ms. Nicole Russo was sworn in as a Board Member from the Hasbrouck Heights School District.
- Mr. Brian Barrow was sworn in as a Board Member from the East Rutherford School District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Kuchar updated the board on the current status of the district and enrollment projection for the upcoming school year.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion: Mr. Matthew Perrapato
Seconded: Mr. John Hurley

A1. Motion to approve the revisions to the South Bergen Jointure Commission Constitution to reflect the addition of a new member district (Hackensack) effective July 1, 2026. (*Attachment A1*)

ACTION TAKEN FOR SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Frank D'Amico
Seconded: Mr. Matthew Perrapato

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2026 be approved.

ACTION TAKEN FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Forte spoke of Maywood-Touch-a-Truck and how great it was and she advised us that our schools were having a social event today in our district. She also told the board to enjoy the rest of the summer.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. FINANCE REPORT

Motion: Mr. Frank D'Amico
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, 2e, 2f, 2h*)

2b. The Board accepts the Board Secretary's Report as of May 31, 2026 and approves "Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10 (E), certify that as of May 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 May 2026. (*Attachment 2c*)

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

2e. Motion to approve the transfers for the month of May 2026. (*Attachment 2e*)

2f. Motion to approve the June and July bills list below. (*Attachment 2f*)

Bills Payable	$4,717,940.19
Payroll Transfers	$1,756,716.98
Cafeteria Checks	$27,647.24
Total	**$6,502,304.41**

2g. Motion to approve the fee schedule for 2026-2027 Outreach Services on a per session or evaluation basis, as attached. (Attachment 2g)

ACTION TAKEN FOR 2. FINANCE

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

3. PERSONNEL

Motion: Mr. Giovanni Giancaspro
Seconded: Mr. Matthew Perrapato

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 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, Office Support, Home Programming and Parent Training Home Program 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 rescind the appointment of the following personnel to work the 2026 Extended School Program.

Name	Position
Beck, Elizabeth	Teacher
DeQuinzio, Emily	Occupational Therapist
Matias, Elizabeth	Occupational Therapist

Pietras, Eva	Physical Therapist
Podwin, Deborah	Speech Therapist
Udina, Lori	Physical Therapist
Vorisek, Cheryl	Occupational Therapist
Woods, Tricia	Social Worker

3c. Motion to approve the contract with each of the Boards of Education for the SBJC to provide 1:1 aide services for the 2026 ESY school year. Full amount of the annual prorated fee shall be charged to each of the Boards of Education.

District	Student ID
Bogota	48451713
Wallington	48451410
Wood-Ridge	48451710
Montville Township	48451720
North Arlington	48451719
Cliffside Park	48451723

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

Name	Position	Effective Date	Salary/Step
Jones, Melissa	Payroll/Benefits Coordinator	7/7/26	$74,000.00
Mathew, Anisha	Speech Language Pathologist	9/1/26	$72,000.00
Borghaei-Razavi, Saman	Speech Language Pathologist	9/1/26	$65,000.00
Sienkiewicz, Katherine	Speech Language Pathologist	9/1/26	$75,000.00
Zywicki, Melanie	School Nurse	9/1/26	$70,771 BA+15, Step 9

** Paraprofessional rate is contingent upon receipt of proof of certification. If proof is not provided, the rate of pay will change.*

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

Name	Position	Effective Date	Purpose
Sotiroska, Angelina	Behavior Specialist	7/1/26	Resignation
Javenes, Kalista	Occupational Therapist	7/1/26	Resignation

Sheridan, Stanton	Occupational Therapist	8/1/26	Resignation
Beiermeister, Megan	Teacher	9/12/26	Resignation
Lheureux, Aime	Paraprofessional	8/1/26	Resignation

3f. Motion to approve Laura Sgalia to provide nursing support for student intakes for August 2026 at her hourly rate of $54.46. All days worked must be pre-approved by the district administrator.

3g. Motion to approve the attached list of Paraprofessionals to be reimbursed for their substitute certification. (*Attachment 3g*)

3h. Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Substitute Rates. (*Attachment 3h*)

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 - 12/28/26

3j. Motion to approve Tom Barton to work during the month of August 2026 as needed, at his hourly rate of $39.64. All days worked must be pre-approved by the superintendent/designee.

3k. Motion to approve the salary adjustment for the following staff who have completed the requirements of the Teacher Salary/Paraprofessional/Outreach/Administrator contracts effective for the 2026 - 2027 school year. All documents have been provided.

Name	Position	Degree/Certification	Adjusted Salary
Mullalli, Besa	Paraprofessional	BA with substitute certificate	$29.00 / hour

3l. Motion to approve the attached substitute list for the 2026-2027 school year (*Attachment 3l)*.

ACTION TAKEN FOR 3. PERSONNEL

Ayes:	Mr. A. Albro, Mr. B. Barrow, Mr. F. D'Amico, Mr. P. Galasso, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. J. Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Dr. L. Pantoliano, Mr. M. Perrapato, Ms. N. Russo
Abstain:	Mr. A. Albro (3c only), Mr. D. Kennedy (3c only), Dr. Y. Lozanski (3c only), Dr. L. Pantoliano (3c only)
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Mr. J. DeCorso, Ms. A. Evans, Ms. D. Genatt, Ms. A. Oastes-Parchment, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. R. Tomko, Ms. T. Violetti, Dr. S. Yurchak

4. POLICY

Motion: Mr. Frank D'Amico
Seconded: Mr. John Hurley

4a. BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Bergen Jointure Commission Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB investigations for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents, and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents.

School	HIB Incident No.	Determination
Lodi Campus	25-26-09	Founded (1 student)

4b. Motion to approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations (*Attachment 4b*).

Policy/Regulation #	Policy/Regulation Title
P 0162	Notice of Board Meetings
P 0162.01	Legal Notices
P 1643	Family Leave
P 2200	Curriculum
P 2260	Equity in School and Classroom Practices
P 6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures
R 6115.01	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Allowability of Costs
P 6115.02	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Mandatory Disclosures
P 6311	Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants
R 2200	Curriculum Content (Abolished)
R 2411	Guidance Counseling (Abolished)
R 2460.30	Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (Abolished)

4c. Motion to approve the Pilot Agreement/Liability Release and Professional Development proposal with Parthion, LLC, for the no-cost evaluation of its proprietary software through December 31, 2026, with the option to continue the services beginning January 1, 2027, at a rate of $5.00 per enrolled student per year through June 30, 2028.

ACTION TAKEN FOR 4. POLICY

Ayes: Mr. A. Albro, Mr. B. Barrow, Mr. F. D'Amico, Mr. P. Galasso, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. J.

	Hurley, Mr. D. Kennedy, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Dr. L. Pantoliano, Mr. M. Perrapato, Ms. N. Russo
Abstain:	None
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Mr. J. DeCorso, Ms. A. Evans, Ms. D. Genatt, Dr. M. Poidomani, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. R. Tomko, Ms. T. Violetti, Dr. S. Yurchak

5. TRANSPORTATION

Motion: Mr. Matthew Perrapato
Seconded: Dr. Yvette Lozanski

5a. Motion to approve the attached 2026-2027 ESY Quotes Set 1 (Attachment 5a).

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

5c. Motion to approve the bid results from June 24, 2026, Special Education/Regular Student Transportation Services, Bid #062426 (Attachment 5c).

5d. Motion to approve the bid results from June 24th, 2026, School Related Activities Student Transportation Services, Bid #A062426 (Attachment 5d).

5e. Motion to approve the withholding of payment on Route #8018 for Castro School Transportation for comingling of routes/unauthorized students on board. Deduct $725.20 from ESY payment as penalty for breach of contract for one day.

ACTION TAKEN FOR 5. TRANSPORTATION

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

6. FACILITIES AND PLANNING

Motion: Mr. Frank D'Amico
Seconded: Dr. Yvette Lozanski

6a. Motion to approve the Linkage Agreement between the South Bergen Jointure Commission and the Bogota Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year. (*Attachment 6a*)

ACTION TAKEN FOR 6. FACILITIES AND PLANNING

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

7. FOOD SERVICE

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

7b. Motion to approve the Vended Meals Agreement (FSA-FSA) between the Lyndhurst School District and the SBJC for vended meals for the 2026-2027 school year at the following cost:

Breakfast - $2.75
Lunch - $4.25

The total estimated cost of the contract is $56,700.

ACTION TAKEN FOR 7. FOOD SERVICE

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

8. CURRICULUM

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion: Mr. Frank D'Amico
Seconded: Dr. Yvette Lozanski

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting is adjourned at 9:47 am.

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

July 28, 2026

Motion:
Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION will hold a closed meeting on July 28, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. to review personnel matters and other confidential concerns as listed on the Closed Agenda dated July 28, 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:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:
Seconded:

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

Action taken