MENDHAM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BROOKSIDE, NEW JERSEY
MIDDLE SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026, 7:30 PM

I. Call to Order

II. Flag Salute

III. Roll Call of the Board of Education

Mrs. Elisabeth Carrino-Tamasi	President
Dr. Rekha Mandel	Vice President
Mrs. Cynthia Brusco	
Mrs. Natasha Crossan	
Mr. Peter Dumovic	
Mr. Thomas Keeling	
Dr. Christina Klausner	

IV. Sunshine Law

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings 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, Mendham Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Mendham Township Board of Education Office, sent to the Clerk of Mendham Township, and the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record. This is an official meeting.

V. Superintendent's Report

- District Updates, News, and Events
- Principal's Dr. Kotcho & Dr. Ciccone - NJSLA and School Goals
- MTMS Students

VI. Board Secretary's Report

VII. Board President's Report

VIII. Correspondence - None

IX. Committee Reports

X. Consent Items

Approval of Minutes

Regular Session Minutes: September 15, 2026
Executive Session Minutes: September 15, 2026

Work Session Minutes: September 22, 2026
Executive Session Minutes: September 22, 2026

Curriculum and School Programs

1. **HIB School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades** *(Attachments)*
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the submission of the Mendham Township Elementary School's and the Mendham Township Middle School's Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the New Jersey Department of Education.

2. **Nursing Services Plan** *(Attachment)*
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the Nursing Services Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

3. **Field Trips & School Activities** *(Attachments)*
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the attached field trips and school activities for the 2026-2027 school year.

Operations and Finance

1. **Certification Reports**
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education certify, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a), that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation and

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9, N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8, and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(B), after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports for September 2026 that no major accounts and fund balances in the 2026/2027 budget have been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

2. **Board Secretary's Report**
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the September 2026 Board Secretary's Reports.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the September 2026 Treasurer's Reports.

4. **September 2026 Transfer Reports**
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the August 2026 transfer report.

5. **October 2026 Bills List**
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the October 2026 Bills List. This includes payroll checks N5738 through N5740 and N5741 through N5743.

Fund 10 - Treasurer Account	$ 64,328.38
Fund 11 - Treasurer Account	$3,101,071.58
Fund 12 - Treasurer Account	$ 228,587.13
Fund 20 - Special Revenue/Grants	$ 9,056.07
Fund 30 - Referendum Account	$ 349,365.10
Fund 60 - Cafeteria Account	$ 57,790.21
Fund 95 - Athletic Account	$ 1,080.00
Total:	$3,811,278.47

6. **Use of District Facilities** *(Attachment)*
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the attached use of facility applications for the 2026-2027 school year, with the right to cancel based on school events and needs.

7. **District Travel** *(Attachment)*
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Board of Education approves the attached travel events in agreement with Chapter 53, Public Law 2007, NJSA 18A:11-12, NJAC 6A:23A-1. All mileage will be reimbursed at the maximum NJ Circular 08-19-OMB rate (currently $0.47 per mile).

8. **Birch Agency Contract 2026-2027** *(Attachment)*
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education and Birch Agency enter into an agreement whereby Birch Agency is to provide related services staffing at the request of the district for a period ending June 30, 2027.

Personnel and Human Resources

1. **Staff Resignation - Karen Sorto, Bus Aide** *(Attachment)*
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education accepts the letter of resignation from Karen Sorto, Bus Aide, dated October 5, 2026, effective October 16, 2026.

2. **ABA Stipend for the 2026-2027 School Year**
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves Cindy Blood to receive a stipend of $4,000.00 for the entirety of the 2026-2027 school year. This stipend reflects the additional needs of supporting a student receiving ABA supports, where data, graphing, and monitoring of the student's program are done daily to support regular adjustments to the student's individual program.

3. **Extra Hours - Cindy Blood, Instructional Aide Services**
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves extra hours, at an hourly rate of $35.64, for Cindy Blood to provide 1:1 student services for all extracurricular activities for the 2026-2027 school year.

4. **Chaperones for the 2026-2027 School Year** *(Attachment)*
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the attached chaperone list for the 2026-2027 school year.

5. **Middle School Schedule C Stipend Positions for 2026-2027**
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the following 2026-2027 Co-Curricular Stipend positions for Middle School:

CO-CURRICULAR Activities (Schedule & C)

Activities	2026-2027 Salary	Staff Member
Girls Basketball	$6,274.00	Perry Hooker
Girls Volleyball	$4,008.00	Greg Racz
Boys Volleyball	$4,008.00	Craig Clausen
Cheerleading	$4,177.00	Amanda Porter
Boys Lacrosse	$5,750.00	Daniel DePugh
Girls Lacrosse	$5,750.00	Carol Hueston
Baseball	$5,750.00	Craig Clausen
Softball	$5,750.00	Greg DePugh

6. **Revised Elementary School Schedule B Stipend Position for 2026-2027**
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the revised 2026-2027 Co-Curricular Stipend position for the Elementary School:

CO-CURRICULAR Activities (Schedule B) - Special Project

Activities	2026-2027 Salary	Staff Member
Little Science Explorers	(SPLIT) $272.00 base + Max of 10 events	Rachel Hanson Dori Smyth

(Science Olympiad Tournament previously approved by the Board on July 21, 2026.)	@ $70.00 each, not to exceed a total of $972.00	

7. **New - Substitute Transportation Driver**
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves Albert Ascolese as a substitute transportation driver at an hourly rate of $31.50 effective October 27, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year.

8. **New - Substitute Teacher**
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves Martin Russell, pending completion of paperwork, as a substitute teacher for the 2026-2027 school year at the current rate of $125.00 per full day and $62.50 per half day.

Policy and Planning

1. **First Reading** *(Attachments)*
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the first reading of the following policies and regulations:

   P 2460 Special Education (M)
   R 2460.15 Special Education - In-Service Training Needs for Professional and Paraprofessional Staff (M)
   R 2460.16 Special Education - Instructional Material to Blind or Print-Disabled Students (M)
   P 2700 Services to Nonpublic School Students (M)

2. **Second Reading** *(Attachments)*
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the following policies and regulations:

   P 2415.30 Title 1 - Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care (M)
   P 2418 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Students (M)
   R 2418 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Students (M)
   R 2460 Special Education (M)
   R 2460.9 Special Education - Transition from Early Intervention Programs To Preschool Programs (M)

XI. Adjourn to Closed EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, also known as the Sunshine Law, authorizes a public body to meet in executive session under certain limited circumstances and

WHEREAS, said the law requires the board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such an executive or private session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Mendham Township that it does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in executive session at this time to discuss personnel and student matters. The matters discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required, and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.

XII. Reconvene Open Regular Session Meeting

ACTION ITEMS

Curriculum and School Programs

1. **Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying Report**
   WHEREAS, the Mendham Township Board of Education has received the Superintendent's report of the incident(s) of Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying ("HIB") within the District; and

   WHEREAS, the Board has had the opportunity to review the Superintendent's recommendations with respect to the incident(s) of HIB.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board will *accept, reject, or modify* the Superintendent's recommendations for:

   Incident - MTES #1 2026-2027 (*accepts, rejects, modifies*)

2. **Contract with Anne Hunkler Karanikas**
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves Anne Hunkler Karanikas for contracted Behavioral Consultation within the school for one (1) student, LID #17284069, for 1 hour per week for a total of 4 hours @$80/hr. not to exceed a total of $320.00.

3. **Middle School Field Trip** *(Attachment)*
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the Middle School field trip for the 2026-2027 school year.

Operations and Finance

1. **District Travel** *(Attachment)*
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Board of Education approves the attached travel events in agreement with Chapter 53, Public Law 2007, NJSA

18A:11-12, NJAC 6A:23A-1. All mileage will be reimbursed at the maximum NJ Circular 08-19-OMB rate (currently $0.47 per mile).

Personnel and Human Resources

1. **Staff Resignation - Tammy Wulffers, Custodian** *(Attachment)*
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education accepts the letter of resignation from Tammy Wulffers, Custodian, dated October 27, 2026, effective November 9, 2026.

2. **Lauren Procanik, Middle School Social Studies Teacher**
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves Middle School Social Studies Teacher Lauren Procanik to teach Grade 5 Writing from October 30, 2026, through June 1, 2027.

3. **Leave Replacement - Erin Schwerdtfeger, Middle School Social Studies Teacher** *(Attachment)*
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Middle School approves the appointment of Erin Schwerdtfeger as a full-time Leave Replacement Middle School Social Studies Teacher, effective October 30, 2026, through June 1, 2027, at a prorated salary of $61,395.00, BA, Step 3.

4. **Revised: Extra Instructional Period - Carol Hueston, Middle School Teacher**
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves Carol Hueston, Middle School Language Arts Teacher, to teach reading support for an additional 3 periods per week at an hourly rate of $47.22, to be paid by monthly timesheet, not to exceed $5,100.00, effective September 15, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year.

5. **Extra Instructional Period - Christine Yawger, Middle School Teacher**
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves Christine Yawger, Middle School Language Arts Teacher, to teach writing support for an additional 2 periods per week at an hourly rate of $47.22, to be paid by monthly timesheet, not to exceed $3,400.00, effective September 15, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year.

6. **New - Substitute Custodian**
   BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves David Iantosca, pending completion of paperwork, as a substitute custodian for the 2026-2027 school year at the current hourly rate of $22.00.

7. **Middle School Schedule C Stipend Position for 2026-2027**
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the following 2026-2027 Co-Curricular Stipend position for Middle School:

CO-CURRICULAR Activities (Schedule & C)

Activities	2026-2027 Salary	Staff Member
Boys Basketball Coach	$6,274.00	James Haggerty
		Sal Constantino (volunteer)

XIII. Discussion

XIV. Verbal Communications from the Public

The Board President, or Presiding Officer, will direct members of the public to speak in turn and shall have the right to limit the speaking time of individuals wishing to provide comment to the board as necessary. Board of Education members provide public comment as a time to listen to the comments from attendees of the Board of Education meeting. Public comment shall not be a time for open dialogue with the speaker. Public comment shall not be a time for board members to answer questions posed to them by a speaker or comment on a speaker's concerns. Speakers shall provide their name, address, and direct their comments to the board and not to district staff or other audience members. Speakers shall not expect board members to answer questions during public comment. Questions shall be referred to the Superintendent, or his/her designee, for review, study, and response. If appropriate, the board may request that the issue be a discussion item at a future Board of Education meeting.

XV. Adjournment