BUTLER BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUTLER, NJ 07405
AGENDA
EXECUTIVE MEETING 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.
OCTOBER 29, 2026
BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

CALLED TO ORDER:

BY: _____, called the meeting to order at _____, and read the Open Meeting Statement, below:

MEETING NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure 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 Butler Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be advertised by having the date, time, and place thereof posted at the Butler Board of Education Office, 38 Bartholdi Avenue, as designated by the Board of Education for posting of such notice in a public place, with copies of such notice delivered or mailed or electronically mailed to the following:

Suburban Trends and The Daily Record in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975

Chapter 8, P.L. 1995, provides for the representation of sending school district board of education members on the receiving school district board of education.

The Bloomingdale Board of Education representative has voting privileges on matters as outlined in Board Policy No. 0141.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL (MEETING ATTENDANCE):

A. Allison	A. Drucker	J. Karpowich
J. Tacinelli	H. Oguss	K. Smith
J. Tadros	W. Neira	M. Gogel

L. Grecco- Bloomingdale Representative

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, that the Butler Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Butler Board of Education on this _____ day of_____, 2026 at ____PM, as follows:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, provides for the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and;

WHEREAS, the Butler Board of Education is of the opinion that such circumstances exist to discuss Personnel and Finance which are exempt from public participation pursuant to New Jersey Public Law 1975, Chapter 231 “Open Public Meetings Act";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Butler Board of Education shall enter Executive Session on _____ at ____ PM.

The Board will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The information discussed during the Executive Session will be disclosed to the public as soon as it is determined by the Board that the information is no longer confidential.

1. The Board shall recess to closed session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (1), (2), (6), (7) and (8). The general nature of the discussion will involve matters confidential by law, any investigations or tactics or techniques to protect persons or public property, litigation, anticipated litigation and attorney-client matters.

2. These matters will be disclosed to the public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer applies.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

By motion of _____, seconded by _____, the meeting was called back to public session at _____ PM.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S):

CORRESPONDENCE:

DISTRICT RECOGNITION:

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:

- **Abigail Ricker and Marko Begovic**

PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, it was moved to approve the following minutes and dispense with the reading of the same since each member had received a copy:

September 24, 2026 executive meeting minutes.
September 24, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

Upon request, all approved minutes shall be made promptly available to the public at any time on or after the next business day following the meeting, unless the need for confidentiality with respect to the approved Executive Session Minutes exists, in which case all privileged and/or confidential information shall be redacted.

After a review of these executive session minutes, the reasons for prior redactions remain present, to the extent that any prior redactions have been made.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

a. **Good News and Progress in Our Schools**

b. **HIB Report - Approval of HIB Self Assessment Report:**

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, that the Butler Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the attached HIB Report beginning September 23, 2026 and ending October 27, 2026.

School	Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents HIB	Inconclusive - Case Remains Active	Unfounded/ Threshold or Code of Conduct Determinations
ADS	0	0	0	0
RBS	1	1	0	0
BHS	2	0	0	2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Butler Board of Education approves the remedial and disciplinary action taken by the building principals.

ROLL CALL:

A. Allison	A. Drucker	J. Karpowich
J. Tacinelli	H. Oguss	K. Smith
J. Tadros	W. Neira	M. Gogel

L. Grecco - Bloomingdale Representative

COMMUNICATIONS:

DELEGATE/LIAISON REPORTS:

a. Butler Education Foundation - K. Smith
b. NJ School Boards Delegate - M. Gogel
c. MOCESCOM - H. Oguss
d. MCSBA - J. Tadros

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION #1 (on agenda action items only, if applicable):

Public participation shall be governed by the following rules (Per District Policy #0167):

1. The Public participation period shall be for thirty minutes or fewer;
2. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his or her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate;
3. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes' duration;
4. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;
5. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer;
6. The presiding officer may:
    a) Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
    b) Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
    c) Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
    d) Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and
    e) Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.

Please note that “Comments from the Audience” is not a time for dialogue – it is an opportunity for you to share a comment with the Board of Education. In addition, by law, administrators and Board of Education members are not permitted to publicly discuss personnel matters, student discipline, or other issues requiring confidentiality. While we may not respond to your comments, all input shared with the Board of Education is taken very seriously, and will be discussed at future deliberations by the Board of Education and its Committees.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY - *J. Tacinelli, Chair*
Personnel Committee Meeting Report
Policy Committee Meeting Report

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions PP 17-27 through PP 18-27 as described below:

PP 17-27 Appointments*
PP 18-27 Board Policy And Regulation - Second Reading and Adoption*

Discussion:

ROLL CALL:

A. Allison	A. Drucker	J. Karpowich
J. Tacinelli	H. Oguss	K. Smith
J. Tadros	W. Neira	M. Gogel

L. Grecco - Bloomingdale Representative

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motion PP 19-27 as described below:

PP 19-27 Appointments

Discussion:

ROLL CALL:

A. Allison	A. Drucker	J. Karpowich
J. Tacinelli	H. Oguss	K. Smith
J. Tadros	W. Neira	M. Gogel

RESOLUTIONS PP 17-27: APPOINTMENTS*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following appointments pending applicants' completion of all required background checks pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A6-4 et seq., and P.L. 2018, c. 5 as applicable:

PERSONNEL

A. Administrative/ Office Personnel

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion

B. Instructional

Name	Nature of Action	De/Step	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion

C. Substitute/Other

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Robert Ekins	Approve	Substitute Custodian	$20.00/hr.	DT	10/29/2026	06/30/2027	
Christopher Manco	Approve	Substitute Custodian	$20.00/hr.	DT	10/29/2026	06/30/2027	
Lisa Kindzierski	Approve	Substitute Athletic Trainer	$34.50/hr.	DT	09/01/2026	06/30/2027	
Jared Giacomarro	Approve	Substitute Custodian	$20.00/hr.	DT	10/29/2026	06/30/2027	
Finn Holovacs	Approve	Substitute Teacher	$120.00/day	DT	11/23/2026	06/30/2027	

D. Coaches/Activity Positions

Sport	Nature of Action	Coach	Position	Season	Stipend	Longevity	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Chess Club	Approve	Michael Connors	Volunteer Advisor	2026-2027 SY	-	-	10/29/2026	06/30/2027	
Fencing	Approve	James Mirabella	Volunteer Coach	Winter	-	-	11/21/2026	03/05/2027	
Fencing	Approve	Ashley Morales	Volunteer Coach	Winter	-	-	11/21/2026	03/05/2027	
Baseball	Approve	Gary Ruban	Head Coach	Spring	$6,821.00	-	03/01/2027	06/15/2027	
Baseball	Approve	Christopher Manco	Assistant Coach	Spring	$4,400.00	-	03/01/2027	06/15/2027	
Baseball	Approve	Damien Gnecco	Assistant Coach	Spring	$4,400.00	-	03/01/2027	06/15/2027	
Softball	Approve	Brittany Marion	Head Coach	Spring	$6,821.00	$1,200.00	03/01/2027	06/15/2027	
Softball	Approve	Joseph Duchensky	Assistant Coach	Spring	$4,400.00	$600.00	03/01/2027	06/15/2027	
Softball	Approve	Alexandria Spellman	Assistant Coach	Spring	$4,400.00	$200.00	03/01/2027	06/15/2027	
Golf	Approve	Richard Flynn	Head Coach	Spring	$4,945.00	$1,200.00	03/01/2027	06/15/2027	
Golf	Approve	Michael Konopinski	Volunteer Coach	Spring	-	-	03/01/2027	06/15/2027	
Boys Track	Approve	Sean Centinaro	Head Coach	Spring	$4,945.00	-	03/01/2027	06/15/2027	
Boys Track	Approve	Daniel Polons	Assistant Coach	Spring	$4,400.00	-	03/01/2027	06/15/2027	
Girls Track	Approve	Emily Kretschmaier	Head Coach	Spring	$4,945.00	-	03/01/2027	06/15/2027	
Girls Track	Approve	Nicholas Boffa	Assistant Coach	Spring	$4,400.00	-	03/01/2027	06/15/2027	

Sport	Nature of Action	Coach	Position	Season	Stipend	Longevity	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Boys Volleyball	Approve	Timothy Mickens	Head Coach	Spring	$6,821.00	-	03/01/2027	06/15/2027	
Boys Volleyball	Approve	Robert Meyers	Assistant Coach	Spring	$4,400.00	-	03/01/2027	06/15/2027	
Winter Track	Rescind	Michael Konopinski	Assistant Coach	Winter	$4,400.00	-	11/21/2026	03/05/2027	
Winter Track	Approve	Kayla Stolarczuk	Assistant Coach	Winter	$4,400.00	-	11/21/2027	03/05/2027	

E. Student Interns/Teacher

Name	Nature of Action	School	Program	Subject	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion

F. Non-Instructional

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Tracey Hopper	Approve	Paraprofessional	$2,100.00	DT	09/01/2026	06/30/2027	ABA/MD Stipend
Tracey Hopper	Approve	Paraprofessional	$550.00	DT	09/01/2026	06/30/2027	Specialized Skill Stipend
Michele Cammarata	Approve	Paraprofessional	$550.00	DT	09/01/2026	06/30/2027	Specialized Skill Stipend
Trent Lupo	Approve Resignation	Paraprofessional	$22,132.00	DT		10/07/2026	
Yvette Hausleben	Approve	Paraprofessional	$24,782.00	DT	09/14/2026	06/30/2027	Adjustment from the 09/24/2026 agenda.
Jaclyn Alesandro	Approve	Paraprofessional	$22,132.00	DT	11/02/2026	06/30/2027	
Luljeta Ismajloski	Approve	Part Time Custodian	$21,670.00	BHS	11/02/2026	06/30/2027	
Craig Villalobos	Approve	Custodian	$43,340.00	BHS	11/02/2026	06/30/2027	

G. Extra Duty Pay

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Lisa Kindzierski	Approve	School Nurse	$73.63/hr. NTE 4 hours	BHS	10/12/2026	10/12/2026	CPR Training
Michelina Smith	Approve	School Nurse	$56.63/hr. NTE 2.25 hours	BHS	10/12/2026	10/12/2026	CPR Training
Karen Lomascola	Approve	School Nurse	$67.63/hr. NTE 2 hours	BHS	10/12/2026	10/12/2026	CPR Training
Lisa Urbina	Approve	Guidance Counselor	$56.07/hr.	BHS	08/01/2026	08/31/2026	

			Additional 17 hours				
Robert Meyers	Approve	Guidance Counselor	$64.76/hr. Additional 10 hours	BHS	08/01/2026	08/31/2026	
Lisa Kindzierski	Approve	School Nurse	$73.63/hr. Additional 5 hours	BHS	08/01/2026	08/31/2026	
Patrick Keane	Approve	School Psychologist	$68.15/hr. Additional 16 hours	BHS	08/01/2026	08/31/2026	
Deanna Polons	Approve	District Secretary	$23.83/hr.	BHS	09/21/2026	06/30/2027	

RESOLUTION PP 18-27: BOARD POLICY AND REGULATION - SECOND READING AND ADOPTION*

POLICY #	TITLE
Bylaw 0162	Notice of Board Meetings
Bylaw 0162.01	Legal Notices
Policy 1230	Superintendent's Duties
Policy 1643	Family Leave
Policy 2200	Curriculum & Curriculum Content
Regulation 2200	Curriculum & Curriculum Content
Policy 2260	Equity in School and Classroom Practices
Policy 2363	Student Use of Privately Owned Technology
Policy 2411	Career Education and Academic Counseling/Guidance Counseling
Regulation 2411	Career Education and Academic Counseling/Guidance Counseling
Regulation 2460.30	Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services
Policy 5460	High School Graduation
Policy 5461	High School Diploma
Policy 5516	Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices
Regulation 5516	Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices

Policy 5561	Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities
Abolish Policy 5756	Transgender Students (M)
Policy 6112	Federal Grant & Title 1 Financial Controls
Regulation 6115.01	Federal Grant & Title 1 Financial Controls
Policy 6115.02	Federal Grant & Title 1 Financial Controls
Policy 6311	Federal Grant & Title 1 Financial Controls
Policy 8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs

WHEREAS, the Butler Board of Education is committed to maintaining an up-to-date, legally compliant policy manual that reflects current New Jersey Statutes (N.J.S.A.) and New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) requirements; and

WHEREAS, recent legislative, regulatory, and departmental updates necessitate comprehensive revisions to and abolishments of specific Board Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has reviewed and recommended the adoption, revision, and abolishment of the bylaws, policies, and regulations set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Butler Board of Education hereby approves a first reading of the following Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations:

1. Board Governance and Legal Notice Bylaws

- Bylaw 0162 – Notice of Board Meetings (Revised): Reaffirms electronic posting procedures while retaining required emergency meeting notification methods to two designated local newspapers by telephone, telegram, or hand delivery under N.J.S.A. 10:4-9, as well as preserving the mandatory 48-hour advance written Rice Notice requirement for closed-session personnel discussions.
- Bylaw 0162.01 – Legal Notices (New/Revised): Authorizes public legal notice publication on the district website pursuant to P.L. 2025, c.72; mandates bi-monthly promotional advertisements in an eligible online news publication from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026; and establishes safe harbor protections against legal defectiveness in the event of technical outages, cyberattacks, or ISP disruptions beyond district control.

2. Administration and Personnel Policies

- Policy 1230 – Superintendent's Duties (Revised): Updates model job responsibilities, aligning reporting timelines to federal, state, and county entities "as required" rather than by a fixed August 1 deadline.

- Policy 1643 – Family Leave (Revised): Clarifies eligibility under NJFLA/FMLA by explicitly excluding paid administrative, personal, vacation, or sick leave hours from the 250-hour base service requirement; incorporates a broadened definition of family member; and reinforces statutory rules regarding end-of-term leave restrictions for instructional staff.

3. Curriculum, Instruction, and Equity

- Policy 2200 – Curriculum Content (Revised) & Regulation 2200 (Abolished): Formally adopts revised Policy 2200 incorporating evidence-based reading instruction, decodable texts, and universal literacy screeners under N.J.S.A. 18A:6-142 through 150; and abolishes Regulation 2200.
- Policy 2260 – Equity in School and Classroom Practices (Revised): Aligns district practices with N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7; enforces equal treatment in physical education and co-ed athletics; and requires non-stereotyped career counseling materials.

4. Career Education, Counseling, and Graduation

- Policy & Regulation 2411 – Career Education and Guidance Counseling (Revised): Adopts 2019 ASCA National Standards; mandates co-delivery of information literacy instruction through certified school library media specialists under N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-4.4; and requires certified district staff supervision for work-based learning and external internships.
- Policy 5460 – High School Graduation (Revised): Updates graduation credit distributions and requires Option Two / individualized learning policies to explicitly address student safety, transportation, tuition/fees, and staff criminal background checks under N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1.

RESOLUTION PP 19-27: APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following appointment pending applicants' completion of all required background checks pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A6-4 et seq., and P.L. 2018, c. 5 as applicable:

PERSONNEL

A. Instructional

Name	Nature of Action	De/Step	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Tara Iattarelli	Approve Resignation	BA+20 / 15	$97,606.00	ADS	02/01/2027		For the purpose of retirement after 23 years of dedicated service to the Butler School District.
Christine Sengul	Approve	MA / 11	$80,603.00	RBS	12/14/2026 or sooner		Gifted & Talented Teacher
Alexandra Hohmann	Approve	BA / 1	$58,645.00	ADS	11/20/2026		Maternity Leave Replacement

B. Coaches/Activity Positions

Sport	Nature of Action	Coach	Position	Season	Stipend	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Girls Middle School Basketball	Approve	Michael Konopinski	Head Coach	Winter	$4,400.00	11/21/2026	03/15/2027	

C. Student Interns

Name	Nature of Action	School	Program	Subject	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion

D. Non-Instructional

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Robin Hagelberg	Approve	Custodian	$61,948.00	RBS	11/02/2026	06/30/2027	Transfer from BHS

E. Extra Duty Pay

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
Robert Ekins	Approve	RPO	$22.73/hr. NTE 3 hours	ADS	09/10/2026	09/10/2026	Back to School Night
Sharon Longinetti	Approve	RPO	$36.79/hr. NTE 2 hours	RBS	09/16/2026	09/16/2026	Back to School NIght
Melanie Gashler	Approve	Substitute Breakfast Duty	$27.78/hr.	RBS	10/09/2026	06/30/2027	

F. Substitute/Other

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND SPECIAL SERVICES - *J. Tadros, Chair*

Committee Meeting Report

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions CIS 22-27 through CIS 30-27 as described below:

CIS 22-27 Approval of Professional Development*
CIS 23-27 Approval of Field Trips*
CIS 24-27 Approval of Fundraisers*
CIS 25-27 Approval of the Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan for the 2026-2027 SY*
CIS 26-27 Approval of Homebound/Bedside Instruction*
CIS 27-27 Approval of Service Providers*
CIS 28-27 Approval of Out-of-District Private Placements for ESY and 2026-2027 SY*
CIS 29-27 Approval of Community Based Instruction Sites*
CIS 30-27 Approval of Memorandum of Agreement Between Butler Board of Education and Law Enforcement*

Discussion:

ROLL CALL:

A. Allison	A. Drucker	J. Karpowich
J. Tacinelli	H. Oguss	K. Smith
J. Tadros	W. Neira	M. Gogel

L. Grecco - Bloomingdale Representative

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions CIS 31-27 through CIS 34-27, as described below:

CIS 31-27 Approval of Professional Development
CIS 32-27 Approval of Field Trips
CIS 33-27 Approval of Fundraisers
CIS 34-27 Approval of the Establishment of Multiple Disabilities Programs

Discussion:

ROLL CALL:

A. Allison	A. Drucker	J. Karpowich
J. Tacinelli	H. Oguss	K. Smith
J. Tadros	W. Neira	M. Gogel

RESOLUTION CIS 22-27: APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following professional days for the 2026-2027 school year:

Date	Vendor	Workshop Title/Presenter	Cost	Participants/Requestor
10/23/2026	Purasen	Purasen Cleaning Expo / CEU's	$33.26	Joseph Scaparro
11/05/2026	NAIETA	Lead Removal Certificate	$18.14	Joseph Scaparro
04/12/2027	Rutgers University	CYSEW Mental Health Summit	$42.30	Rebecca Collette
01/15/2027	North Jersey Area Band	Director Meeting / Chaperone Accepted Students	$31.00	Lyn Lowndes
06/08/2027	NJSMA	NJSMA Professional Development Day	$0.00	Lyn Lowndes
10/22/2026	Cornerstone Day School	Protecting Students in the Digital Realm: How the Internet Impacts Children's Mental Health	$0.00	Patrick Keane
10/15/2026 - 10/16/2026	NJPSA/FEA/ASCD	2026 NJPSA Fall Conference	$840.38	Suzanne Greco
12/09/2026	Rowan University	Educational Leadership Institute / Governance, Accountability, & Policy	$11.37	Michelle Papa
02/17/2027 - 02/20/2027	New Jersey Music Educator Association	NJMEA Annual Conference	$646.54	Lyn Lowndes
02/18/2027 - 02/20/2027	New Jersey Music Educator Association	NJMEA Annual Conference	$744.77	Michael Prachthauser

RESOLUTION CIS 23-27: APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following field trips for the 2026-2027 school year:

Date	School	Destination/ Purpose	Requesters/Chaperones	Cost/Funding Source
11/17/2026	BHS	Metlife Stadium/DECA	Lisa Chestnutt Daniel Polons Derek Hall Karrie McNear Robert Meyers Timothy Mickens Alexandria Spellman Sean Centinaro	$115.00 per student
01/12/2027	BHS	DECA District Competition	Lisa Chestnutt Karrie McNear Brian Baylor	$20.00 per student / Paid in Dues

			Jason Luciani Holly Corsaro Michael Connors Sean Centinaro Marisa Fatzer Maurice Johnson Robert Meyers Reid Groder Rebecca Collette Timothy Mickens Derek Hall Tyler Wheelwright	
03/01/2027 - 03/04/2027	BHS	DECA State Competition	Lisa Chestnutt Brian Baylor Sean Centinaro Robert Meyers Reid Groder Rebecca Collette	$350.00 per student
10/08/2026	BHS	Canete Landscaping / Career Exploration and Community Life Skills	Rebecca Collette Brian Baylor Fran Findura Amy Winkler	$0.00 per student
11/12/2026	BHS	Dollar General / Life Skills Community Based Instruction	Rebecca Collette Brian Baylor Gabriela Zuniga	$0.00 per student

RESOLUTION CIS 24-27: APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISERS*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following fundraisers and activities for the 2026-2027 school year:

Club/Activity	Dates of Fundraiser	Event Description	Purpose of Fundraiser
PEER	12/08/2026	PEER Thrift Shop - Free take what you need event of donated clothing	Community Service
BHS Softball	11/01/2026 - 11/30/2026	Got Sneakers Fundraiser - Collect sneaker donations for Got Sneakers	To raise money for the softball program.
Activism Alliance & Environmental Club	10/19/2026 - 11/13/2026	Butler 250 Project/Help our Veterans	-Collect needed items and money for veterans to go to local charity Operation Chill Out.
E Sports	Several Weeks throughout the 26-27 SY	Selling Butler E Sports Apparel	To raise funds to support the E Sports Club.

RESOLUTION CIS 25-27: APPROVAL OF THE VIRTUAL/REMOTE INSTRUCTION PLAN FOR THE 2026-2027 SY*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the submission of the Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan and Attestation for the 2026-2027 School Year to the New Jersey Department of Education.

RESOLUTION CIS 26-27: APPROVAL OF HOMEBOUND/BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves Home Instruction/Bedside Hours as per Guidance Department, Student Physician, and/or Court Order, paid upon submission of timesheets:

Student ID Number/District	Grade	Effective Date	Hours Per Week	End Date
# 95415	9	09/29/2026	10	10/20/2026
# 62787	10	09/28/2026	10	10/12/2026

RESOLUTION CIS 27-27: APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDERS*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following service providers 2026-2027 school year:

Provider	Location	Services	Cost
Pyramid Healthcare	High Focus - Parsippany	Educational Services	$150 per student per day

RESOLUTION CIS 28-27: APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT PRIVATE PLACEMENTS FOR 2026 ESY AND 2026-2027 SY*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following out-of-district private placements for the 2026 extended school year and 2026-2027 school year:

Student ID Number	District	School Attending	Dates	Tuition	Extraordinary Services	Account
#26296	Butler	Washington Elementary Program	08/31/2026 - 06/17/2027		$56,754	11-000-100-566-00-000

RESOLUTION CIS 29-27: APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY BASED INSTRUCTION SITES*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following community based instruction sites for the 2026-2027 school year:

Company Name	Location
Bergen County Horse Rescue	350 Ramapo Valley Rd, Mahwah, NJ 07430
Stop & Shop	25 Kinnelon Rd, Kinnelon, NJ 07405
Willowbrook Mall	1400 Willowbrook Blvd, Wayne, NJ 07470
PNC Bank & Dairy Queen	1483 NJ-23, Butler, NJ 07405 & 1481 NJ-23, Butler, NJ 07405
Sanctuary Art Therapy & Ferati's Pizza	1 Boonton Ave, Butler NJ 07405 & 2 Boonton Ave, Butler 07405
Holiday Bowl	29 Spruce St, Oakland, NJ 07436
Bloomingdale Police Dept., Fire Dept., & Library	101 Hamburg Turnpike, Bloomingdale, NJ 07403
Lifetown	10 Miracle Way, Livingston, NJ 07039

RESOLUTION CIS 30-27: APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUTLER BOARD OF EDUCATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2026-2027 school year.

RESOLUTION CIS 31-27: APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following professional days for the 2026-2027 school year:

Date	Vendor	Workshop Title/Presenter	Cost	Participants/Requestor
11/20/2026	Prism/Montclair State University	Intro to the NGSS Science & NJSLA Science	$200.00	Amy Silverstein
11/20/2026	Prism/Montclair State University	Intro to the NGSS Science & NJSLA Science	$200.00	Ryan Kelly
01/27/2027, 06/03/2027	New Jersey Consortium For G&T Teachers	NJCGTP Teacher Share	$0.00	Jaclyn Amato
10/16/2026	NJPAC	Dodge Poetry Festival	$0.00	Alexandra Vervoordt

01/15/2027	World Softball Coach's Convention	Gain Greater Knowledge and Improve Coaching	$301.11	Brittany Marion

RESOLUTION CIS 32-27: APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following field trips for the 2026-2027 school year:

Date	School	Destination/ Purpose	Requesters/Chaperones	Cost/Funding Source
11/02/2026	ADS	Butler Public Library	Marie Endres Marie Burian Jessica Gallorini Mary Lawler Michelle Cammaratta	$0.00 per student
11/17/2026	ADS	Morristown Unitarian Universalist Fellowship / Math Marathon	Jaclyn Amato Reudebeth Colaku	$35.00 per student
12/03/2026	ADS	Morristown Unitarian Universalist Fellowship / STEAM Activities	Jaclyn Amato Reudebeth Colaku	$35.00 per student
05/27/2027	RBS	Medieval Times / Allow student to live in history	Jon Calabro Tyler Wood Jason Kurpick Annemarie Tarr Kelly Karcher Melanie Gashler Melissa Paulison	$65.00 per student
06/07/2027 - 06/08/2027	RBS	Gettysburg	Jon Calabro Tyler Wood Michael Konopinski Annemarie Tarr Kelly Karcher Jason Kurpick Melanie Gashler Michelina Smith	$360.00 per student

RESOLUTION CIS 33-27: APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISERS

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following fundraisers and activities for the 2026-2027 school year:

Club/Activity	Dates of Fundraiser	Event Description	Purpose of Fundraiser
RBS Student Council	10/19/2026 - 10/23/2026	Lollipop & Bracelet Fundraiser	To raise funds for Student Council Activities

RESOLUTION CIS 34-27: APPROVAL OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTIPLE DISABILITIES PROGRAMS

RESOLVED, The Board of Education approves the establishment of a Multiple Disabilities Program/Class at Aaron Decker School and Richard Butler Middle School.

FINANCE - *A. Drucker , Chair*
Committee Meeting Report

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions FIN 39-27 through FIN 47-27 as described below:

FIN 39-27 Bills and Claims and Payroll Report*
FIN 40-27 Open Purchase Order Reports*
FIN 41-27 Transfers*
FIN 42-27 Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer*
FIN 43-27 Public Agency Compliance Officer*
FIN 44-27 Approval of Salary Allocations Under ESEA Act for the 2026-2027 SY*
FIN 45-27 Approval of Expenditures Under Federal Grants for the 2026-2027 SY*
FIN 46-27 Approval of Agreement with Pyramid Healthcare, Inc for the 2026-2027 SY*
FIN 47-27 Approval of Authorizing Retention of Special Litigation Counsel to Investigate and Pursue Claims Against Social Media Companies*

Discussion:

ROLL CALL:

A. Allison	A. Drucker	J. Karpowich
J. Tacinelli	H. Oguss	K. Smith
J. Tadros	W. Neira	M. Gogel

L. Grecco - Bloomingdale Representative

RESOLUTION FIN 39-27: BILLS AND CLAIMS AND PAYROLL REPORT*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the **Bills and Claims and Payroll Report,** as per attached list, in the amount of **$2,543,874.24** and further move that the following bills drawn on the current account in the total amount of **$432,421.48** for materials received and/or services rendered, having been duly audited by the business administrator and submitted to the Board, be ratified by the Board.

RESOLUTION FIN 40-27: OPEN PURCHASE ORDER REPORTS*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes approval of the **Open Purchase Order Reports**, **as** per attached, in the amount of **$135,800.55.**

RESOLUTION FIN 41-27: TRANSFERS*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves transfers for the month of **September 30, 2026** as presented and on file in the Board Office.

RESOLUTION FIN 42-27: REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the period ending **September 30, 2026** Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13, and 6:20-2A.10 (d) and (e), and as certified by the Board Secretary, the Board certifies that no budgetary line account has been over expended or has obligations or payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

RESOLUTION FIN 43-27: PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Pamela Vargas as the **Public Agency Compliance Officer** (P.A.C.O) (The P.A.C.O. is the liaison official for matters concerning P.L. 1975, C. 127 (NJAC 17:27), Mandatory Affirmative Action Language Procurement, Professional and Service Contracts.

FIN 44-27: APPROVAL OF SALARY ALLOCATIONS UNDER ESEA ACT FOR THE 2026-2027 SY*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the district's salary allocation under the Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

STAFF MEMBER	SALARY %	GRANT	LOCATION
Reudebeth Colaku	60.00%	Title I	Aaron Decker School
Abigail Danyluk	21.09%	Title 1	Richard Butler School
Lauren McQueeney	29.01%	Title I	Butler High School
Reudebeth Colaku	7.91%	Title III	Aaron Decker School

FIN 45-27: APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES UNDER FEDERAL GRANTS FOR THE 2026-2027 SY*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the expenditures for the Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

GRANT	VENDOR	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT#

Title IIA	Dr. Gravity Goldberg LLC.	$13,200.00	20-270-200-300
Title IIA	The Whole Learner LLC.	$9,176.00	20-270-200-300
Title IV	The Whole Learner LLC.	$7,024.00	20-280-200-300
IDEA Basic	Tuition private placements	$293,203.00	20-251-100-500
IDEA Pre-K	J & B Therapy	$1,009.80	20-253-200-300
IDEA Pre-K	Brett Denovi & Associates, LLC.	$8,585.20	20-253-200-300

RESOLUTION FIN 46-27: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH PYRAMID HEALTHCARE INC. 2026-2027 SY*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Educational Services Agreement with Pyramid Healthcare Inc. to provide educational services for a fee of $150.00 per student per day for the 2026-2027 school year.

RESOLUTION FIN 47-27: APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZING RETENTION OF SPECIAL LITIGATION COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE AND PURSUE CLAIMS AGAINST SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES*

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") is a body corporate organized and existing under Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, vested with authority to govern the affairs of the School District (the "District"), including the power under N.J.S.A. 18A:11-2 to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to employ legal counsel to protect the interests of the Board, the District, and its students; and

WHEREAS, social media platforms owned and operated by Meta Platforms, Inc., Instagram LLC, ByteDance Ltd. and TikTok Inc., Snap Inc., and Google LLC/YouTube LLC (collectively, the "Platforms") have been designed, marketed, and operated in a manner alleged to be addictive and harmful to minors, and are the subject of coordinated litigation nationwide, including *In re: Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 3047 (N.D. Cal.), in which school districts and boards of education across the country — including in New Jersey — have asserted claims against the Platforms; and

WHEREAS, the School District has incurred, and continues to incur, substantial costs and burdens attributable to student use of the Platforms, including increased demand for counseling, psychological,

and mental health services; additional administrative, disciplinary, and safety responses to cyberbullying, harassment, and related incidents; and diversion of staff time and District resources to address these harms; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the District and its students to investigate, and if warranted to pursue, legal claims against the Platforms to recover the costs the District has borne as a result of the Platforms' conduct; and

WHEREAS, the Law Office of Robert King, PLLC ("King Law") and Motley Rice LLC ("Motley Rice," and together with King Law, "Counsel") have substantial experience representing school districts and public entities nationwide in litigation against the Platforms, including court-appointed leadership roles in the MDL, and have proposed to undertake this representation on a contingency-fee basis, at no upfront cost or financial risk to the District; and

WHEREAS, legal services, including contingency-fee litigation representation, constitute "professional services" as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2, and may be procured without public advertising for bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) of the Public School Contracts Law, provided that the Board states its supporting reasons for such action in this Resolution — as set forth in the foregoing recitals — and causes notice of the award to be published as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education, as follows:

1. Retention of Counsel. The Board hereby retains and engages King Law and Motley Rice as special litigation counsel to investigate, evaluate, and, if warranted, prosecute all viable claims against the Platforms arising from harm to the District caused by the design, marketing, and operation of the Platforms, including but not limited to claims for public nuisance, negligence, and products liability.

2. Authorization to Execute Contract. The Superintendent and/or President of the Board is authorized to execute, on the Board's behalf, a Contract of Investigation and Representation with King Law and Motley Rice, substantially in the form presented to the Board, providing for representation on a contingency-fee basis with attorneys' fees not to exceed one-third (33.33%) of any gross recovery, with Counsel to advance all litigation costs and expenses, reimbursable only from any recovery obtained.

3. Scope of Authority. Counsel is authorized to associate co-counsel, retain experts and investigators, participate in coordinated or multidistrict litigation proceedings, and take all other steps reasonably necessary to investigate and prosecute the claims described herein, consistent with the terms of the executed Contract.

4. No Obligation Absent Recovery. Nothing in this Resolution obligates the expenditure of any District funds, and the District shall owe no fee or expense to Counsel except as expressly provided in the executed Contract, and then only in the event of a recovery.

5. Publication of Notice. The Board Secretary is directed to cause a brief notice of the award of this contract — stating the nature, duration, service, and amount of the contract — to be printed once in an official newspaper of the District, as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1).

6. Further Action. The Superintendent and/or President of the Board and District counsel are authorized to execute any further documents and take any further action reasonably necessary or convenient to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

OPERATIONS - *A. Drucker , Chair*
Committee Meeting Report

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions OPS 08-27 through OPS 12-27, as described below:

OPS 08-27	**HS/District Facility Use Requests***
OPS 09-27	**Approval of Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Statement of Assurance for the 2026-2027 SY***
OPS 10-27	**School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report***
OPS 11-27	**Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 Form***
OPS 12-27	**Agreement of Girls Wrestling Cooperative Program***

Discussion:

ROLL CALL:

A. Allison	A. Drucker	J. Karpowich
J. Tacinelli	H. Oguss	K. Smith
J. Tadros	W. Neira	M. Gogel

L. Grecco - Bloomingdale Representative

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions OPS 13-27 through OPS 14-27, as described below:

OPS 13-27	**Elementary Facility Use Requests**
OPS 14-27	**School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report**

Discussion:

ROLL CALL:

A. Allison	A. Drucker	J. Karpowich
J. Tacinelli	H. Oguss	K. Smith
J. Tadros	W. Neira	M. Gogel

RESOLUTION OPS 08-27: HS/DISTRICT FACILITY USE REQUESTS*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following application(s) for **use of facilities** for the **2026-2027** school year:

Date	Group	Event	Place	Classification/ App. #	Fee
11/2/2026 11/11/2026 11/23/2026	BHS Peer Leader	Teen Mental Health First Aid Training	BHS Media Center 1:00 p.m.~2:40 p.m.	SY 26/27 -A1(23)	$0.00
11/3/2026	Driver Education Class	Driving While High	Driver Education Class During School Hours	SY 26/27 -A1(24)	$0.00
12/8/2026	BHS Peer Club	PEER Thrift Shop	BHS Media Center 4:30 p.m.~8:30 p.m.	SY 26/27 -A1(25)	$0.00
11/14/2026 11/21/2026	Bloomingdale Recreation	Youth Basketball Clinics	BHS Gym 9:00 a.m.~1:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(59)	$0.00
1/30/2027	Butler Wrestling Organization	Youth Wrestling League Match	BHS Gym 10:00 a.m.~6:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(60)	Rental Fee Waived + Custodial OT Charges
11/2/2026 11/9/2026 11/16/2026 11/23/2026 11/30/2026 12/7/2026 1/4/2027 1/11/2027	New Jersey Wind Symphony	Rehearsals	BHS Band Room 6:00 p.m.~9:45 p.m.	SY 26/27 -A1(26)	$0.00

1/18/2027 1/25/2027 2/1/2027 2/8/2027 2/22/2027 3/1/2027 3/8/2027 3/15/2027 3/22/2027 3/29/2027 4/5/2027 4/12/2027 4/19/2027 4/26/2027 5/3/2027 5/10/2027 6/7/2027 6/14/2027 6/21/2027 6/28/2027					

RESOLUTION OPS 09-27: HEALTH AND SAFETY EVALUATION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE FOR THE 2026-2027 SY*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the submission of the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Statement of Assurance for the 2026-2027 SY**.**

RESOLUTION OPS 10-27: SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL REPORT*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports for the 2026-2027 school year:

School	Location of Drill	Route #'s	Drill Supervisor
Butler High School	Front of School	BHS #5	Mr. Fitzgerald

RESOLUTION OPS 11-27: COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN AND M-1 FORM*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the District's Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 form dated October 23, 2026 as per attached copy.

RESOLUTION OPS 12-27: AGREEMENT OF GIRLS WRESTLING COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT*

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Agreement that is entered among Kinnelon Board of Education and Pompton Lakes Board of Education (collectively, the "Districts") for the operation of a cooperative interscholastic girls wrestling program for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years.

RESOLUTION OPS 13-27: ELEMENTARY FACILITY USE REQUESTS

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following application(s) for **use of facilities** for the **2026-2027** school year:

Date	Group	Event	Place	Classification/ App. #	Fee
10/13/2026 Through 5/22/2027	Butler ESports Club	ESports Club Members Meetings	RBS Room 302 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 3:00 p.m.~5:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -A1(22)	$0.00
10/19/2026	Butler PTA	4th Grade Picnic Meeting	ADS Library 7:30 p.m.~9:30 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(56)	$0.00
10/26/2026	Butler Travel Basketball	Basketball Practice	ADS Gym 6:30 p.m.~8:30 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(57)	$0.00
11/20/2026	Butler PTA	8th Grade Activities Babysitting Fundraiser	ADS Gym 6:00 p.m.~9:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(58)	$0.00
2/26/2027	Girl Scouts Butler Bloomingdale	Girl Scouts World Thinking Day	RBS Multipurpose Room and Cafeteria 5:00 p.m.~9:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(61)	$0.00
11/23/2026 12/21/2026 1/25/2027 2/22/2027 3/22/2027 4/19/2027 5/17/2027 6/7/2027	Girl Scouts Butler Bloomingdale	Girl Scouts Meetings	ADS Room Availability 6:30 p.m.~7:30 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(62)	$0.00

11/30/2026	BBYC	PeeWee End of Season Dinner	ADS Gym 5:00 p.m.~9:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(63)	$0.00
12/16/2026	Girl Scouts Butler Bloomingdale	Creating gifts for Butler Senior Citizens	RBS Multipurpose Room 6:00 p.m.~8:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(64)	$0.00
1/8/2027	Girl Scouts Butler Bloomingdale	Girl Scout Cookie Rally	RBS Multipurpose Room 5:00 p.m.~9:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -B1(65)	$0.00
3/13/2027	Traditional Okinawan Karate	Karate Demonstration	RBS Multipurpose Room 9:00 a.m.~4:00 p.m.	SY 26/27 -E1(6)	Rental $450 Plus Custodial OT

RESOLUTION OPS 14-27: SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL REPORT

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports for the 2026-2027 school year:

School	Location of Drill	Route #'s	Drill Supervisor
Aaron Decker School	ADS School Yard	Bus ADS #1	Mr. Manco
Aaron Decker School	ADS Parking Lot	Bust ADS #2	Mr. Manco
Richard Butler Middle School	RBS Front of School	RBS - 3	Mr. Tobin Mr. Calabro
Richard Butler Middle School	RBS Front of School	RBS - 4	Mr. Tobin Mr. Calabro

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/FOLLOW UP PREVIOUS AGENDA:

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION #2:

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, that the Butler Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the motion to close the meeting of the Butler Board of Education at _____ p.m.