FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES

Friday, October 30, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Committee Members:	Rich Pieros, Chair Anna Barton (abs), Paulo Lopes, David Rizza, Ellen DePinto (alt)
Administrative Staff:	Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary Don Race, Facilities Manager

1. **Board Goals** – reviewed draft copy of board goals and provided comments.

2. **Transportation Routing Public Request for Pickup in Developments** (HC&B)
   - At the September 8, 2026 and October 6, 2026 BOE meetings, community members from Sanderson Court asked the Board to review the administration's decision on bus routes in their community. Because bus routes are an administrative function, the administration is responsible for developing and implementing bus routes. The Board may request that the administration analyze routing concerns and provide options and recommendations for the Board's consideration. The administration created a plan to address the concerns and provided the committee with an overview of the revised routes.
   - The Administration provided plans to implement revised routes to enter the developments with the criteria
     - 0.5 miles or longer
     - No critical safety issue preventing (i.e. bus shall not enter dirt roads, perform k-turn, narrow streets, streets with parallel parking spots designated, private snow clearing,so forth in conformity with current practices)
     - 10 or more students in either of our stacked route tiers (PreK-3, or 4-8)
   - Five developments were identified that meet the criteria
   - Administration will implement the revised routes in the beginning of November and monitor and adjust as needed

3. **Meta Lawsuit** (FS) - No cost, potential $500K-$1M. 800+ districts have signed up. Settlement likely anytime. The committee recommended adding the item to the November 10th BOE agenda.

4. **Budget Pressures 2027-2028** (FS)
   - Feedback from NJSBA is to expect double digits increases on Health Benefits, regardless of which insurance pool a district utilizes.
   - Preschool Requests are required to be submitted to the NJ DOE in November and the committee reviewed the planned submission.

5. **Fuel Bid Expiration / Alternatives -** Tabled

6. **Legal Billing Tracking / Availability Update** (FS) - Tabled

7. **Low-Income Supports & Holiday Gift Drive / Township Partnership** (HC&B) - Tabled

8. **Finance Agenda Items -** legal settlement agreement, Meta legal resolution, preschool plan & enrollment projection, board goals

9. **Bills List** - Standard

10. **Next meetings shall be December 4, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.**
    Upcoming topics: referendum & construction projects, budget, bus routes, staff health waiver incentives