OAKLAND K-8 PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY

Regular Monthly Meeting

Valley Middle School Cafetorium
Tuesday, November 17, 2026
7:00 PM

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD: Ms. Cooper, Ms. Kilday, Mr. Mazzilli, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: Dr. Gina M. Coffaro

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY: Ms. Annette M. Wells

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Presiding Officer: _____ Time: _____

FLAG SALUTE

STATEMENT ON OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS AND POLICY CONCERNING PERSONNEL
(Read by the Presiding Officer)

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, the Oakland Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on January 11, 2026, and November 10, 2026 in the Municipal Building, the Board Offices, all school offices, on the district website https://www.oaklandschoolsnj.org/board-of-education/legal-notice. The Board reserves the right to limit public discussion of personnel items, so as to preserve individual privacy.

The Board appreciates the concerns and comments expressed by the public and will take them into consideration. However, please remain advised that neither the Board nor the administration may comment on or respond to public inquiries or statements regarding any internal personnel matters involving a District employee.

Please be further advised that there is no privilege or qualified privilege with regard to any statements that you make before the Board of Education. Furthermore, in addition to their respective rights to privacy, employees of this school district retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey.

Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise, sign in, and state their names and addresses. Each speaker shall be limited to two minutes. A speaker who has not finished in the allotted time will be directed by the presiding officer to summarize quickly and relinquish the floor within 30 seconds.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Cooper _____ Ms. Kilday_____ Mr. Mazzilli _____ Ms. Shelkin _____ Mr. Scerbo _____

Also Present**:** Dr. Gina M. Coffaro, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Annette M. Wells, School Business Administrator/ /Board Secretary
Ms. Michelle Andrawis, Assistant Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary
and approximately _____ members of the public.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Happy Thanksgiving!

Minimum Day Wednesday 11/25/2026
District Closed Thursday 11/26/2026 and Friday 11/27/2026

I. MINUTES

A. Approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from October 13, 2026.

B. Approve the Work Session minutes from October 13, 2026.

C. Approve the Executive Session minutes from October 13, 2026.

MINUTES ITEMS A through C

Motion: _____ Second: _____ (Discussion):

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cooper ___ Ms. Kilday ___ Mr. Mazzilli ___ Ms. Shelkin ___ Mr. Scerbo ___

II. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Board Liaison: Ms. Shelkin

A. Approve the safety drill report for the month of October 2026.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ITEM A

Motion: _____ Second: _____ (Discussion):

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cooper ___ Ms. Kilday ___ Mr. Mazzilli ___ Ms. Shelkin ___ Mr. Scerbo ___

III. PERSONNEL

Board Liaison: Ms. Cooper

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve Personnel Resolutions as per the attached.

PERSONNEL ITEMS A through H

Motion: _____ Second: _____ (Discussion):

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cooper ___ Ms. Kilday ___ Mr. Mazzilli ___ Ms. Shelkin ___ Mr. Scerbo ___

IV. REGULAR EDUCATION

Board Liaison: Ms. Shelkin

A. Review the following number of HIB investigations for the period of October 14, 2026 through November 17, 2026 as follows:

Number of HIB Investigations	3

B. Approve the submission of the School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance to the Bergen County Office of Education.

C. Approve the VMS Basketball Schedule for the 2026-2027 school year as per the attached.

D. Approve Mark Bitar as the 2026-2027 Basketball Official Assignor at a rate of $170 for the 2026-2027 season upon submission of an approved voucher.

E. Approve the attached list of NJSIAA Basketball Officials for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of $70 per game upon submission of an approved voucher.

F. Approve the Gifted and Talented programs to register and participate in the following competitions:

Competition Name	Grades	Cost
Elementary School Spelling Bee	3-5	$350
Middle School Spelling Bee	6-8	$350
Junior Model United Nations	7	$400

REGULAR EDUCATION ITEMS A through F

Motion: _____ Second: _____ (Discussion):

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cooper ___ Ms. Kilday ___ Mr. Mazzilli ___ Ms. Shelkin ___ Mr. Scerbo ___

V. SPECIAL EDUCATION

Board Liaison: Ms. Kilday

None

VI. FINANCE

Board Liaison: Mr. Mazzilli

A. Approve the October 2026 certified gross (net & agency) payroll in the amount of $2,113,608.35.

B. Approve the payment of the attached list of bills in the amount of $6,713,714.20 which in proper legal form and subject to audit, provided funds are available in their respective accounts.

C. Approve the Board Secretary's certification to the Oakland Board of Education that, as of October 31, 2026 no line-item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which, in total, exceed the line-item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)3; and further,

Approve the Oakland Board of Education's certification that, after a review of the Board Secretary's and Board Treasurer's monthly financial reports and the advice of District officials, there is no reason to doubt that any major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4.

FINANCE (cont.)

D. Approve the school year 2026-2027 Budget appropriation transfers for the month ending October 31, 2026.

E. Approve the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month ending October 31, 2026.

F. Approve the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month ending October 31, 2026.

G. Approve staff participation in professional conferences/workshops outside the District, as per the attached.

H. Approve the wire transfer to the NJ Department of Labor for NJ Unemployment Compensation of $7,461.83 for the Third Quarter of 2026.

I. Approve the submission of the FY27 ESEA amended application to include carryover funds from FY26.

J. Approve First Student to transport VMS Basketball Teams for away games at an estimated cost of $3,546.24 (12 games at $295.52 per trip 3-hour max) with an additional charge of $27.50 for each 15 minutes over the allotted 3 hours per trip.

K. Accept, with appreciation, the donation of $5754.33 from the Dogwood Hill Elementary School PTO for the purchase of an outdoor whiteboard and weather station.

L. Accept, with appreciation, the donation of pumpkins, donuts, and apple juice from ShopRite of Oakland to T.O.P.S. Early Childhood Learning for the 2026 Halloween Fest.

FINANCE ITEMS A through L

Motion: _____ Second: _____ (Discussion):

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cooper ___ Ms. Kilday ___ Mr. Mazzilli ___ Ms. Shelkin ___ Mr. Scerbo ___

VII. ADMINISTRATION

Board Liaison: Ms. Kilday

A. Reaffirm the submission of the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials to the Executive Superintendent of Schools for Bergen County for the 2026-2027 school year per the annual meeting with the Superintendent and local law enforcement held on October 30, 2026.

B. Approve the submission of the addendum to the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2026-2027 school year.

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS A and B

Motion: _____ Second: _____ (Discussion):

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cooper ___ Ms. Kilday ___ Mr. Mazzilli ___ Ms. Shelkin ___ Mr. Scerbo ___

VIII. TRANSPORTATION

Board Liaison: Ms. Kilday

A. Approve the list of field trips for students in the Oakland School District for the 2026-2027 school year as per the attached.

TRANSPORTATION ITEM A

Motion: _____ Second: _____ (Discussion):

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cooper ___ Ms. Kilday ___ Mr. Mazzilli ___ Ms. Shelkin ___ Mr. Scerbo ___

IX. POLICY

Board Liaison: Ms. Cooper

None

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (If requested)

WHEREAS, The Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning personnel matters, legal issues, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying, and/or contract negotiations concerning the District, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects to be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in closed executive session pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, it is therefore

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in a closed executive session by this Board and administrative and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

Time Entered Executive Session: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____ (Discussion):

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cooper ___ Ms. Kilday ___ Mr. Mazzilli ___ Ms. Shelkin ___ Mr. Scerbo ___

Topics: _____ _____

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_____ _____

Time Executive Session closed: _____

Motion: _____Second: _____to Close Executive Session and return to Open Session

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: _____Second: _____ Time of Adjournment: _____

NEXT BOARD MEETING: December 8, 2026 7:00PM

ATTACHMENTS:

Minutes:	Work Session- October 13, 2026 Regular Monthly Meeting- October 13, 2026
Buildings & Grounds:	October 2026 Security Drill Report
Personnel:	Personnel Agenda Items School Emergency Teams
Regular Education:	Monthly Enrollment 2026-2027 Basketball Schedules 2026-2027 NJSIAA Basketball Officials
Special Education:	None
Finance:	October 2026 Treasurer Report October 2026 Board Secretary Report October 2026 Transfers Bills Lists Conferences/Workshops
Administration:	None
Transportation:	Field Trips
Policy:	None