

BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
August 27, 2025

I. Call to order by the President

The August 27, 2025, Public Board Meeting of the Burlington Township Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Dunham, President, at 6:09 P.M. in the Board Conference Room in the Hopkins Building located at 710 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ.

II. Statement of Conformance to the Open Public Meetings Act

Notice is hereby given that this meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and that adequate notice has been provided as follows:

On June 17, 2025, the Secretary gave notice of this meeting to be held at 6:00 PM in the Hopkins Building in the following manner:

- (a) Posted notice on the entranceway Door #18 of the BTHS Hopkins Building.
- (b) Notices sent to the Township Clerk; the Burlington County Times; and the Trenton Times.

III. Flag Salute

IV. Roll Call

	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
Mrs. Lisa Hodnett	Absent	---
Mrs. Carlye Lamarca	6:09 P.M.	7:29 P.M.
Mr. Melvin Moore	6:09 P.M.	7:29 P.M.
Mr. Minesh Patel	6:09 P.M.	7:29 P.M.
Mrs. Velina Marie Riggi	6:09 P.M.	7:29 P.M.
Mrs. Marguerite Romilus	Absent	---
Mr. James Shedaker	6:09 P.M.	7:29 P.M.
Mrs. Kimberly Smith	6:09 P.M.	7:29 P.M.
Mrs. Marilyn Dunham	6:09 P.M.	7:29 P.M.
Dr. Mary Ann Bell, Superintendent	6:09 P.M.	7:29 P.M.
Mr. Nicholas Bice, BA/Board Secretary	6:09 P.M.	7:29 P.M.
Mrs. Sherry Knight, Int. Asst. Supt. for C&I	6:09 P.M.	7:29 P.M.
Mr. Christopher Giannotti, Asst. Supt. for Sp. Ed.	Absent	---
Mr. David Serlin, Solicitor	6:09 P.M.	7:29 P.M.

V. Board Discussion

- Mrs. Dunham and Dr. Bell reported that the opening day ceremony for staff took place earlier today.
- Dr. Bell reported that the first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 2nd.

Mrs. Riggi left the meeting at 6:11 P.M. and returned at 6:14 P.M.

VI. Approval of minutes

On the motion by Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of the minutes from the following meetings:

[July 16, 2025 Work Session](#)

[July 30, 2025 Public Board Meeting](#)

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Abstentions for July 16, 2025 only (Mrs. Dunham and Mrs. Riggi), motion carried.

VII. Student Liaison Report - none**VIII. Student and Staff Recognitions - none****IX. Communications - none****X. Presentations - none****XI. Committee Reports**

Strategic Planning Committee - no report

Buildings & Grounds Committee - no report

Finance Committee - no report

Communications Committee - no report

Curriculum Committee - [see report](#)

Legislative Report - no report

Policy Committee - no report

Special Education Advisory Committee - no report

Scholarship Committee Report - no report

Township Liaison Report - Mrs. Riggi reported that the committee met on August 25th and discussed various items. The school district provided an update on the Mattson's demolition, the referendum, and homecoming. The Township provided an update on construction and upcoming events.

Emergency Preparedness Report - no report

Burlington Township Foundation Liaison - no report

Negotiations Committee Report - Mr. Moore reported that the committee met on August 13th and discussed the sidebar agreement with the BTEA.

Mr. Moore left the meeting at 6:23 P.M. and returned at 6:25 P.M.

XII. Superintendent's Monthly Report

A. Personal Update - Dr. Bell and Mr. Bice provided an update on the summer construction projects.

B. Superintendent's Monthly Report - August 2025 - None

Mrs. Dunham left the meeting at 6:33 P.M. and returned at 6:35 P.M.

Mrs. Smith left the meeting at 6:46 P.M. and returned at 6:47 P.M.

Mrs. Riggi left the meeting at 6:46 P.M. and returned at 6:47 P.M.

XIII. Open to the Public (Agenda Items Only)

Members of the public are invited to submit comments pertaining only to the Board agenda during this public comment portion of the meeting. General comments, not necessarily pertaining to the agenda, are invited to be submitted during the public comment portion at the end of this meeting. The Board, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, will not publicly discuss personnel matters. This portion of the meeting is not a question and answer session. The Board will not respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Board will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all individual complaints to the Superintendent of Schools or Administration for resolution. In accordance with Board of Education Bylaw # 9322, each statement made by a participant may be limited to three minutes' duration. Please be polite when making your comments. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, interrupting a speaker, use of profanity, or similar behavior, is not permitted in a school setting. Any person engaging in such behavior will be asked to cease by the President, and if the conduct continues, the person will be asked to leave the meeting. - none

XIV. Dr. Bell's Report for Board Action

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS IN WORK SESSION PRIOR TO TONIGHT'S MEETING AND DISCUSSES THE AGENDA ITEMS IN DETAIL DURING THAT MEETING.

A. PERSONNEL

1. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of the following substitutes for the 2025/26 school year, pending meeting employment requirements, as listed:
 - a.  BTSD Substitutes Agenda Approval 2025-2026 *new additions only*
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
2. Recommend accepting the following list of Emergent Hires, as listed: none
3. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend accepting, with regret, the **retirement/resignation** of:
 - a. Resignation of **Nicholas Luyber**, Science Teacher at Burlington Township High School, effective September 15, 2025, last day of work being September 12, 2025. Mr. Luyber is also requesting payment of all accumulated sick and personal days. Mr. Luyber will have served the district for 16 years.
 - b. Retirement/resignation of **Andrea Drechsler**, Preschool Expansion Teacher - PEA FUNDED at B. Bernice Young School, effective January 1, 2026, last day of work being December 23, 2025. Mrs. Drechsler is also requesting

payment of all accumulated sick and personal days. Mrs. Drechsler will have served the district for 26 years & 4 months.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

4. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of the following **leaves of absence**:

- a. *(Update to start date originally approved June 25, 2025)*
Maternity/child-rearing leave of absence for employee #83448423, utilizing sick days, effective September 4, 2025 through January 30, 2026 returning to work on February 2, 2026.
- b. Medical leave of absence for employee #18448662, utilizing sick days effective August 27, 2025 through November 25, 2025 returning to work on November 26, 2025.
- c. Intermittent family medical leave of absence for employee #24976144, utilizing sick and/or personal days, effective August 11, 2025 through February 27, 2026.
- d. Intermittent family medical leave of absence for employee #18855098, utilizing sick and/or personal days, effective August 27, 2025 through June 23, 2026.
- e. Medical leave of absence for employee #19084722 utilizing sick days effective August 27, 2025 through September 14, 2025 returning to work on September 15, 2025.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

5. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of the following **positions**:

- a. [Personnel Listing for 2025-2026 as of August 27, 2025](#)
- b. **Joanne-Nicole Curzie** as Special Education Teacher at Fountain Woods School, effective August 27, 2025 through June 30, 2026, at the MA level, Step J-K, salary as negotiated, pending meeting employment requirements. Submission has been made to the County. *(Reaffirmed - Item originally approved August 13, 2025)*
- c. **Ashley Adam** as 12 mo. Secretary - 0.33 PEA FUNDED at B. Bernice Young School, effective August 27, 2025 through June 30, 2026, Step A, salary as negotiated, prorated, pending meeting employment requirements. *(Reaffirmed - Item originally approved August 13, 2025)*
- d. **Ellen Pietsch** as Art Teacher at Burlington Township High School, effective

August 27, 2025 through June 30, 2026, at the BA level, Step A, salary as negotiated, pending meeting employment requirements. Submission has been made to the County. *(Reaffirmed - Item originally approved August 13, 2025)*

- e. **Elizabeth Czepiel** as School Nurse at Fountain Woods School, effective August 27, 2025 through June 30, 2026, at the MA level, Step H, salary as negotiated, pending meeting employment requirements. Submission has been made to the County. *(Reaffirmed - Item originally approved August 13, 2025; updated start date)*

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

- 6. Recommend approval of the following **transfers**: none
- 7. Recommend approval for the following staff members to move on the salary guide, effective as listed, due to the completion of additional college credits, as listed: none
- 8. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of the following individuals for extra-curricular, co-curricular, coaching positions as listed:
 - a. [Extra/Co-Curricular & Coaching Stipends for 2025-2026 as of August 27, 2025](#)
 - b. Resignation of **Andrew Ellis** as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach and Assistant Baseball Coach at Burlington Township High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. This has been updated on the Extra/Co-Curricular & Coaching Stipends spreadsheet.
 - c. Resignation of **Alexis Johnson** as Girls Soccer - Assistant Coach at Burlington Township High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. This has been updated on the Extra/Co-Curricular & Coaching Stipends spreadsheet.
 - d. Change of status for **Sheri Einhorn** from F.B.L.A. Advisor (1.0 FTE) to F.B.L.A. Advisor (0.5 FTE) at Burlington Township High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. This has been updated on the Extra/Co-Curricular & Coaching Stipends spreadsheet.
 - e. Rescind approval of **Mickayla Rush** as Fall Cheerleading - Volunteer Assistant and Winter Cheerleading - Volunteer Assistant at Burlington Township High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. This has been updated on the Extra/Co-Curricular & Coaching Stipends spreadsheet.
 - f. Resignation of **Nicholas Luyber** as Cluster Coordinator Science 9-12 at Burlington Township High School, effective September 15, 2025 (change of

status from 1.0 FTE to 0.2 FTE). This has been updated on the Extra/Co-Curricular & Coaching Stipends spreadsheet.

- g. Resignation of **Nicholas Luyber** as Environmental Club Advisor at Burlington Township High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. This has been updated on the Extra/Co-Curricular & Coaching Stipends spreadsheet.
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
9. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of additional teaching time for the following staff members for the 2025-2026 school year, as listed:
- a. [2025-2026 Extra Duties as of August 27, 2025](#)
 - b. **Ron Caponigro** - 1 additional block, Semester 1
 - c. **Tracy Smith** - 1 additional block, Semester 2
 - d. **Erin Spatz** - 1 additional block, Semester 1
 - e. **Heather Barr** - 1 additional block, Semester 1
 - f. **Dalton Fowler** - 1 additional block, Semester 1
 - g. **Yvonne Farver** - 1 additional block, Semesters 1 & 2
 - h. **Jaime Lee** - 1 additional block, Semester 1
 - i. **Melissa McQuoid** - 1 additional block, Semester 1
 - j. **Raghda Abdallah** - 1 additional block, Semester 1
 - k. **Cheryl Siver** - 10 additional minutes on Fridays and school days preceding holidays per contract, if applicable
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
10. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of summer days for the following staff members, as listed:
- a. [2025-2026 Summer Extra Duties as of August 27, 2025](#)
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
11. Recommend approval of deduct days for the following staff members, as listed: none
12. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of the following student teacher placement, pending meeting student

teacher requirements, as listed:

- a. **Emily Orlowski**, a student at Rutgers University, to complete a student teaching placement from September 2, 2025 through December 10, 2025 at B. Bernice Young School, with Bahareh Moghadassi as the Cooperating Staff Member.
- b. **Isabella Gentile**, a student at Rutgers University, to complete a student teaching placement from September 2, 2025 through December 10, 2025 at Burlington Township Middle School @ SS, with Angela Davies-Shay as the Cooperating Staff Member.
- c. **Brittany VanEmburch**, a student at Kean University, to complete a 90 hour School Nurse Practicum at Burlington Township High School, with Christie Bricker as the Cooperating Staff Member.
- d. **Kaitlyn Bernard**, a student at Rowan University, to complete a School Nurse Practicum from September 2, 2025 through December 17, 2025 at Burlington Township High School, with Christie Bricker as the Cooperating Staff Member.
- e. **Elizabeth Arellano-Santa**, a student at Rowan University, to complete a student teaching placement from September 5, 2025 through December 17, 2025 at Burlington Township Middle School @ SS, with Daniel Crean as the Cooperating Staff Member.
- f. *(Updated dates & Cooperating Staff Members from original approval June 25, 2025)*
Jerissa Ramseur, a student at Rowan University, to complete a student teaching placement from September 2, 2025 through December 9, 2025 and January 20, 2026 through May 8, 2026 at Fountain Woods School, with Faith Wood & Jeanine DeGeorge as the Cooperating Staff Members.
- g. *(Updated dates from original approval June 25, 2025)*
Jarrett Pell, a student at Rowan University, to complete a student teaching placement from September 2, 2025 through December 9, 2025 and January 20, 2026 through May 8, 2026 at Fountain Woods School, with Lance Cygan as the Cooperating Staff Member.
- h. **Noor Almatary**, a student at Rutgers University, to complete a student teaching placement from September 2, 2025 through December 10, 2025 at B. Bernice Young School, with Kayla Jerman as the Cooperating Staff Member.
- i. *(Updated Cooperating Staff Members from original approval June 25, 2025)*
Michaela Yacker, a student at Rowan University, to complete a student teaching placement from September 2, 2025 through December 9, 2025 at

Fountain Woods School, with Nina DuBois as the Cooperating Staff Member.

- j. **Mark Dziuba**, a student at The College of New Jersey, to complete a student teaching placement from August 28, 2025 through December 5, 2025 at Burlington Township High School, with Edward Lynd as the Cooperating Staff Member.
 - k. **Brendan Bennett**, a student at Rowan University, to complete a student teaching placement from September 2, 2025 through December 9, 2025 and January 20, 2026 through May 8, 2026 at Burlington Township High School, with Christopher Kraus as the Cooperating Staff Member.
 - l. **Caden Scussa**, a student at Rowan University, to complete a student teaching placement from September 2, 2025 through December 9, 2025 and January 20, 2026 through May 8, 2026 at Fountain Woods School, with Kimberly Zerbe as the Cooperating Staff Member.
 - m. **Lauren Steen**, a student at New Jersey City University, to complete a School Nurse practicum from September 1, 2025 through December 19, 2025 at B. Bernice Young School, with Jessica Moore as the Cooperating Staff Member.
 - n. **Morgan Raley**, a student at Drexel University, to complete a DPT Clinical Learning Experience from September 22, 2025 through December 13, 2025 at B. Bernice Young School, with Sarah Vidal as the Cooperating Staff Member.
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
13. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of the following individuals for Team and Coordinator positions as listed:
- a. [2025-2026 Teams and Coordinators as of August 27, 2025](#)
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

B. STUDENTS

- 1. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of home instruction for the following students, as listed:
 - a. **Student 5334339735**; effective 8/8/2025 to 8/22/2025
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
- 2. Recommend approval of the special education or alternative placement, as listed: none
- 3. Recommend approval for the following students, on a tuition basis, per Board of Education Policy, Admission, pending space availability: none

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to request approval of the following reports as submitted to the Board Secretary for inclusion in the minutes pursuant to Board Policy:
 - a. [District Facilities Report - July 2025](#)
 - b. **Field Trips - July 2025 - None**
 - c. **Student Demographics - July 2025 - None**
 - d. **Suspension Report - July 2025 - None**
(Report is considered privileged in nature.)
 - e. **Residency Flash Report - July 2025 - None**
 - f. **Presenter Approval Forms - July 2025 - None**
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
2. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of the following Job Descriptions, Policies and Regulations, as listed:
 - a. First Reading (*Revised First Reading where noted*) - none
 - b. Final Adoption:
 - [9420 Recognition of Board Member Service](#)
Item was discussed in May by committee and Board and was not placed on May or June 2025 agendas as anticipated.
 - [5113 Attendance, Absences, and Excuses](#)
 - [5141.21 Administering Medication Including Sunscreen](#)
 - [6140 - Curriculum Adoption](#)
 - [3515.1 - Personal Electronic Devices \(including cell phones\)](#)
 - [5141. 8 - Sports Related Concussion and Head Injury](#)
 - [5141.6 Crisis, Student Suicide and Self Harm Behavior](#)
 - [5141.6R Student Suicide Regulation](#)
 -  **Policy 5141.6 / Policy 5141.6R Draft Revision** *this shows the changes to the policy*
 - [6142.11 Artificial Intelligence](#)
 - c. Job Descriptions - First Reading: none
 - d. Job Descriptions - Second Reading: none
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
3. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval

of overnight trips:

- a. Burlington Township Varsity and JV Cheerleaders to compete in the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) National Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, Florida, January 28, 2026 through February 4, 2026. The cheerleading staff is also requesting transportation to and from the Philadelphia Airport, as in the past, and the coaching staff will act as volunteer chaperones. **Mrs. Naomi Threadgill**, BTHS Vice Principal, would travel with the team as the Administrator in charge.
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

4. Recommend acceptance of the monthly Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report of Incidents per Board of Education Policy #5131.1 and the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act of 2011. (Report is considered privileged in nature.)

- a. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the School Superintendent that the Board of Education affirm, modify or reject the following H.I.B. Incident Reports.

Case Numbers

none				
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5. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of the following curricula for the 2025-2026 school year:

- a.  **2025-2026 Curriculum Guide**
- b.  **BTSD Approved Novel and Film list 2025-2026**

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

6. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval and acceptance of items required by the NJDOE as listed:

- a. Memorandum of Agreement with Local Law Enforcement, School Resource Officer Agreement, Live Streaming Agreement and List of Officials (confidential and not open to the public)

[MoA with Law Enforcement](#)

 **MoA Addenda 2025-2026**

 **List of BTSD and BTPD Officials Addenda to MoA 2025-2026**

 **MoU with Law Enforcement for Live Streaming 2025-2026**

 **Burlington Township Safe Schools Resource Officer (SRO) Partnership Agreement 2025-2026**

- b.  **SSDS (Year), HIB Self-Grades, and Graduation Rate, 2024-2025 presentation**

(Reaffirmed - Item originally approved August 13, 2025)

- c. HIB Self determined grades for 2024-2025

 **HIB self grades 2024-2025 HS.pdf**

 **HIB self grades 2024-2025 MS.pdf**

 **HIB self grades 2024-2025 FWS.pdf**

 **HIB self grades 2024-2025 YS.pdf**

(Reaffirmed - Item originally approved August 13, 2025)

- d. [Mentoring and Professional Development Plan Statement of Assurance for 2025-2026](#)

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

7. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of school calendar:

- [2025-2026 Calendar](#)

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

8. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval for various fund-raising events, as per Policy #5136 for category III organizations:

- **National Foundation for Cancer Research**
- **Morgan's Message**

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

9. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend acceptance of the [Burlington Township School District Employee Handbook for 2025-2026](#).

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

10. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of proposed clubs and activities as noted:

- a. Voluntary - Forensics Club for Burlington Township High School.

Club Volunteer Advisor: **Maria Gonzalez-Najera**

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

11. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of the [listing of databases and software applications in use by the District for the 2025-2026 school year](#).

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

12. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of a Sidebar agreement between the BTBOE and the BTEA effective August 27, 2025.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

D. BUSINESS

1. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval for payment of the [August Bill List](#).
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
2. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of the following business reports:
 - a. [Treasurer's Report - July 2025](#)
 - b. [Board Secretary's Report - July 2025](#)
 - c. [Cafeteria Report - July 2025](#)
 - d. [Transfer Report - July 2025](#)Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
3. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, Nicholas Bice, School Business Administrator, certifies that, as of July 31, 2025, no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which, in total, exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8, N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1, and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a).

Furthermore, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that, after review of the Secretary's and the Treasurer's monthly financial reports and upon consultation with appropriate District officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a), as of July 31, 2025, and that sufficient funds should be available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
4. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend acceptance of the following reports on Tuition:
 - a. Tuition Contracts Billed - none
 - b. [Tuition Contracts Paid](#)Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
5. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval to authorize submission of the grant application for the **Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)** for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 in the following amounts:

Title I, Part A	\$506,273.00
Title II, Part A	\$80,285.00
Title III	\$20,076.00
Title III - Immigrant	\$15,314.00
Title IV	<u>\$34,498.00</u>
Total	\$656,446.00

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

6. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of an agreement with **The Cooper Health System** to provide multi-sensory remediation services to students through The Cooper Learning Center Program for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$95.00 per hour for services provided to individual students and \$105.00 per hour for services provided to a small group of students (total estimated cost = \$20,000.00).
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
7. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval to renew the contract with **Sheppard Bus Service** for 29 lease school buses (operating lease) for the period September 2025 to June 2026 at a cost of \$634,943.40 (no increase).
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
8. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of the transfer of funds from the district's Capital Reserve account in the amount of \$115,781.11 for additional work required to include attic heat detection for the Fire Alarm Replacement at Burlington Township Middle School (*Note: The balance of the Capital Reserve account prior to this withdrawal is approximately \$3.9 million*).
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
9. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of a change order to **Chammings Electric, Inc.** for a credit of (\$34,917.79) for the unused allowance in the contract for the electric panel replacements at Burlington Township High School - Hopkins Building.
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
10. On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend approval of a contract with **Speech Language Associates, LLC** to provide AAC evaluation services and speech language evaluation and therapy services for the 2025-2026 school year (total estimated cost = \$75,000.00).
Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

XV. Open to the Public for Comments

Members of the public are invited to submit any general comments during this public comment portion of the meeting. The Board, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, will not publicly discuss personnel matters. This portion of the meeting is not a question and answer session. The Board will not respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Board will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all individual complaints to the Superintendent of Schools or Administration for resolution. In accordance with Board of Education Bylaw # 9322, each statement made by a participant may be limited to three minutes' duration. Please be polite when making your comments. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, interrupting a speaker, use of profanity, or similar behavior, is not permitted in a school setting. Any person engaging in such behavior will be asked to cease by the President, and if the conduct continues, the person will be asked to leave the meeting. - none

XVI. New Business

- Mr. Moore asked about an article posted on the High School website.
- Dr. Bell shared that the district is working on promoting information regarding the separate proposal for Middle School sports in the November general election.
- The Board discussed soliciting additional training from NJSBA in order to pursue certification.
- Mrs. Riggi shared that she was in Vineland for work and the school district there has a turf field that looks really nice and she is excited to have ours completed through the referendum.

XVII. Executive Session

On the motion of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend to adopt a resolution to move into Executive Session at 6:59 P.M.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, THAT PURSUANT to Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, the public shall be excluded from this portion of the meeting involving the discussion of:

1. Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege:
 - a. Contesting NJDOE determination regarding out of district placement
2. Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property:
 - a. Property easements

Mrs. Knight left the meeting at 7:10 P.M. and returned at 7:11 P.M.

3. Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship:
a. Update on Supervisor hiring process

FURTHER RESOLVED, that discussion of such subjects in Executive Session will be disclosed to the public at some later time.

On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the return to regular session at 7:22 P.M.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

XVI. New Business

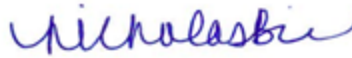
- Mrs. Lamarca asked if there is any additional information regarding candidates for the November general election.
- Dr. Bell reported that she met with the Visual and Performing Arts department today.

XIX. Adjourn Meeting

On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mrs. Lamarca, to recommend approval to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 P.M.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bice
Business Administrator/Board Secretary