

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
December 18, 2025

RESOLUTION 4891A

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education receives and accepts the following financial reports:

1. November 2025 Board Secretary's Report
2. November 2025 Treasurer Report
3. November 2025 Transfer Report
4. November 2025 Expense Account Adjustment Analyses
5. Check Register 427625-427860 in the amount of \$8,521,932.88
6. Check Register 200930-200934 in the amount of \$4,515,956.26
7. Check Register 200935-200938 in the amount of \$2,405,736.13
8. November 2025 Payroll Register in the amount of \$7,959,905.85

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FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(e), we certify that as of November 30, 2025 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the 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. 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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RESOLUTION 4891C

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE ATTENDANCE AND WORK RELATED TRAVEL
AND/OR WORKSHOP EXPENSES

WHEREAS, the following employees have requested approval for the indicated work-related travel and/or online workshop; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated function was previously approved by the employees' supervisor and superintendent as work-related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendee; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the function was approved as promoting delivery of instruction or furthering efficient operation of the school district; and fiscally prudent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the attendance and related travel and/or workshop expenses for the following work-related events:

EMPLOYEE	WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE	DATE(S)	LOCATION	ESTIMATED COSTS
Beth Barry Central Office	NJASBO Purchasing Workshop	3/31/26	Whippany, NJ	\$213.80
Dallas Duffey Columbia HS	Designing Thinking Math Classrooms (Two-Day Intensive)	1/21/26 & 2/18/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$364.88
Marcia Hicks Columbia HS	A Dream Deferred Conference	3/16/25- 3/18/25	Philadelphia, PA	\$1,995.36
Taliah Joyner-Isibor Montrose ECC	Handle with Care Training	1/12/26	Wayne, NJ	\$405.00
Sandra Klemser Central Office	56 th Annual NJ Pupil Transportation Conference & Equipment Show	3/25/26- 3/27/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,092.60
James Manno Columbia HS	The Jewish Federation Study Tour	1/25/26- 1/29/26	Tel Aviv, Israel	\$0.00
Philip McCormick Columbia HS	The Jewish Federation Study Tour	1/25/26- 1/29/26	Tel Aviv, Israel	\$0.00
Paul Morgan Central Office	The Briefings: A National School Safety Symposium	4/13/26- 4/15/26	Glen Elyn, IL	\$1,928.06
Ramon Robles-Fernandez Columbia HS	Language is Power	2/8/26 2/12/26	Chicago, IL	\$3,231.97
Julie Skrivanic Columbia HS	Designing Thinking Math Classrooms (Two Day Intensive)	1/21/26 & 2/18/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$386.03
Kendra Wolsky Central Office	Rutgers Routing and Scheduling	1/13/26- 1/29/26	Online	\$575.00

Kendra Wolsky Central Office	Rutgers Fleet Management	4/12/26- 5/6/26	Online	\$483.00
Total				\$10,675.70

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

New Jersey travel regulations (NJAC 6A:23B), Board Policy 8880 – Reimbursement of Travel Related Expenses, and newly enacted legislation [18A:11-12] require prior approval by the Superintendent and by a majority of the full membership of the Board of Education for reimbursement of travel and related expenses of an employee.

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RESOLUTION 4891D

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVES USE OF VENDORS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the use of the following vendors in excess of the \$53,000 for the 2025-2026 school year:

VENDOR NAME	PRODUCT	TYPE OF VENDOR
Michael J. Alves	SES Implementation	Other
Troller	Electricians	Co-op
White Rock	Roof Repairs	Co-op
Millennium Communication Group, Inc.	Cabling	State Contract

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board is required to approve spending authority above \$53,000 for items not awarded by public bidding. Copyrighted materials and vendors on co-op and state contract are exempt from public bidding.

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RESOLUTION 4891E

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: PEEA Program - Annual Operational Plan and Projected Enrollment 2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves submission of the one-year preschool operational plan for the 2026-2027 school year, as required by the Division of Early Childhood Education in the New Jersey State Department of Education. Projected enrollment is a total of 451 students who will participate in the District's Pre-School Program in 2026-2027.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Pre-School Education Expansion Aid Program (PEEA) sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Education requires an annual submission of projected enrollment.

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RESOLUTION 4891F

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT DONATION TO MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation of a Yamaha Four Valve Rotary Tuba, tuba literature and accessories to the Maplewood Middle School Band from former Maplewood Middle School Band Director Vernon Miller. The approximate value of the donation is \$9,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Middle School Band Director Mr. Balas has determined that the Tuba would be a valuable addition to the program.

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RESOLUTION 4891G

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT DONATIONS TO THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION /HEALTH
DEPARTMENT AND ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts equipment donations to the SOMSD Physical Education & Health Department (value \$4,969.75) and the Athletics Department (value \$1,389.00) from the SOMA Basketball Boosters organization.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The SOMA Basketball Boosters' partnership with the SOMSD Physical Education/Health Department and Athletics Department, helps fulfill their mission of building a stronger community through basketball.

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RESOLUTION 4891H

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: APPROVE CLINICAL EXTERNSHIP/STUDENT-TEACHING
PLACEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ITHACA COLLEGE**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Externship/Student-Teaching Placement agreement for college students in the related degree program. The agreement is effective for the period January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of this this clinical affiliation agreement is to identify the mutual responsibilities and expectations of the College and the District.

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RESOLUTION 4891I

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH EMERSON
COLLEGE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Emerson College for the purposes of providing supervised, practical learning experiences for students of Emerson in connection with a Speech-Language-Hearing program. The agreement is effective for the period December 19, 2025 through December 18, 2026.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of this this clinical affiliation agreement is to identify the mutual responsibilities and expectations of the College and the District.

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RESOLUTION 4891J

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH
 MORRIS UNION JOINTURE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Morris-Union Jointure Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency," has offered voluntary participation in the Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

Whereas, on December 18, 2025 the governing body of the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education of Essex County, duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services relating to technology, professional development and staffing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Morris-Union Jointure Commission Board of Education.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 et seq., *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)* and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq., the Board Secretary of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency on the Board's behalf.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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RESOLUTION 4891K

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: **APPROVE ENGINEERING & DESIGN SERVICES FOR
IMPROVEMENTS AT RITZER FIELD**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves Engineering & Design Services for Improvements at Ritzer Field as submitted by Spiezle Architectural Group at a cost of \$309,700.00.

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| • Survey | \$ 26,900.00 |
| • Environmental Related Services | \$ 17,500.00 |
| • Stormwater Related Services | \$ 22,000.00 |
| • Permitting Services | \$ 24,000.00 |
| • Documents, Bidding, Construction Administration | \$219,300.00 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board President, Superintendent and Board Secretary are authorized to execute and deliver any necessary contracts and reports on behalf of the Board.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Spiezle Architectural Group will provide the services as described above.

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RESOLUTION 4891L

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR RENOVATIONS TO SOUTH
ORANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following change order to the contract with Paul Otto Building Company for Renovations to South Orange Middle School.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Paul Otto Building Co.	7	\$30,296.69 (contract increase)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Change order #7 will address:

- Existing steam system repairs and abatement

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RESOLUTION 4891M

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE PAYMENT TO SOPAC

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves payment to South Orange Performing Arts Center (SOPAC) in the amount of \$32,000.00 for Arts in Education performances and residencies for the 25-26 school year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SOPAC Arts in Education programs include Ailey DanceKids & Columbia High School Jazz Ensemble Residencies and the Lux Orchestra School Performance.

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RESOLUTION 4891N

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT PHONE FREE SCHOOLS GRANT FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts NJDOE Phone-Free Schools Program Grant funds in the amount of \$28,257.02.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the budget is increased by this amount and the Superintendent or his designee is authorized to administer it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board President, Superintendent and Board Secretary be authorized to execute and deliver any necessary contracts and reports on behalf of the Board.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

These funds can only be used for storage solutions that enable secure, day-long restriction of student access to cell phones and other internet-enabled devices and staff training on implementation of the district's Bell-to-Bell Internet-Enabled Device Policy.

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RESOLUTION 48910

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT DONATION TO PARENTING CENTER

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation to the Parenting Center in the amount of 500.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following budget is increased and the Superintendent or his designee is authorized to administer it:

20-019-200-890	Parenting Center	\$500.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board President, Superintendent and Board Secretary are authorized to execute and deliver any necessary contracts and reports on behalf of the Board.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This generous donation was made by Lisan Enterprises to support the Parenting Center.