

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
March 26, 2026**

RESOLUTION 4937A

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

1. February 2026 Board Secretary's Report
2. February 2026 Treasurer Report
3. February 2026 Transfer Report
4. February 2026 Expense Account Adjustment Analyses
5. March 2026 Lease Payments in the amount of \$622,301.70
6. Check Register#428742 in the amount of \$6,750.00
7. Check Register# 428743-429009 in the amount of \$5,847,646.50
8. Check Register#200948-200956 in the amount of \$3,237,019.78
9. February 2026 Payroll Register in the amount of \$7,928,800.78

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RESOLUTION 4937B

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 February 28, 2026 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 4937C

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
Jennifer Antoni Columbia HS	Education Opportunities Fair	3/11/26	Ewing, NJ	\$59.10
Katie Cifuentes Columbia HS	Woodcock Johnson V Training	4/16/26	Wayne, NJ	\$431.55
Mara Fox Marshall School	Woodcock Johnson V Training	4/16/26	Wayne, NJ	\$410.99
Carey Guido Maplewood MS	NJAHPERD Annual Convention (rescheduled)	5/4/26- 5/5/26	Princeton, NJ	\$0.00
Leshia Johnson Tuscan School	Woodcock Johnson V Training	4/16/26	Wayne, NJ	\$409.30
Diane Leick Maplewood MS	Trauma Informed Education	4/15/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$18.01
James Manno Columbia HS	Education Opportunities Fair	3/11/26	Ewing, NJ	\$309.10
Samantha Palmieri Columbia HS	Woodcock Johnson V Training	4/16/26	Wayne, NJ	\$431.55
Ramon Robles-Fernandez Columbia HS	AP Workshop and Reading	6/10/26- 6/17/26	Tampa, FL	\$0.00
Yolanda Sanchez Columbia HS	Woodcock Johnson V Training	4/16/26	Wayne, NJ	\$431.55
Maria Serpico Maplewood MS	Woodcock Johnson V Training	4/16/26	Wayne, NJ	\$416.28

Nicole Unis Montrose School	Woodcock Johnson V Training	4/16/26	Wayne, NJ	\$412.03
Lavonne Wallace Clinton School	Emerging Leaders Conference (rescheduled)	3/17/26	Monroe Twp., NJ	\$0.00
Total				\$3,329.46

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 4937D

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
Kencor, LLC	Elevator Service, Inspection, Repair	Coop
Kin Contractors, LLC	Fencing Repair and Replacement	Coop
Pellegrino Chevrolet	Class 1-3 Pickup trucks/Chassis, Sport Utility Vehicles And Vans	Coop
Public Sewer Service	Cesspool, Septic, Waste line, Grease Trap, Sewer Jet Inspection, Maintenance	Coop
Shaw's Complete Security	Locksmith Service	Coop
Sportcare	Synthetic Turf: Repair and Replacement	Coop
Storr Tractor Co	Facility Grounds Equipment	Coop

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 4937E

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AMEND RESOLUTION #4920E TO APPROVE AFFILIATION
AGREEMENT WITH TEACHERS COLLEGE, COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education amends resolution# 4920E approved on February 26, 2026. This amendment approves a two year affiliation agreement with Teachers College, Columbia University effective August 1, 2026 – August 1, 2028 for the purposes of providing clinical experience for university students enrolled in the Psychological Counseling program. The agreement will auto renew for two more years unless terminated by either party.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Resolution 4920E approved a one year agreement effective January 15, 2026.

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RESOLUTION 4937F

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: APPROVE CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH SETON
HALL UNIVERSITY**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Seton Hall University, College of Human Development, Culture and Media Department of Professional Psychology and Family Therapy for the purposes of providing clinical experience for university students enrolled in Counseling, Psychology and Marriage and Family Therapy programs. The agreement is effective September 1, 2026 to September 1, 2029.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

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RESOLUTION 4937G

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: SUBMIT AND ACCEPT CARRY OVER UNEXPENDED FY 2025
FEDERAL INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION
IMPROVEMENT ACT, PART B- BASIC AND PRESCHOOL
FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the carry-over of Fiscal Year 2025 Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, (IDEIA) Part B Basic and Preschool funds in the amount of \$110,643.00 listed below:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Carryover</u>
IDEIA Basic (public)	\$ 60,922.00
IDEIA Basic (non-public)	<u>\$ 49,721.00</u>
Total Basic	\$110,643.00
IDEIA Preschool (public)	\$ 0.00
IDEIA Preschool (nonpublic)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Preschool	\$ 0.00
Total Carryover	\$110,643.00

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

These funds remained unexpended at the end of the Fiscal Year 2025 program year and will be carried over to Fiscal Year 2026.

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RESOLUTION 4937H

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT STATE NONPUBLIC AUXILIARY AND HANDICAPPED SERVICES (CHAPTERS 192 & 193) ENTITLEMENT FOR 2025-26

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts State Nonpublic Auxiliary Services (Chapter 192) and Handicapped Services (Chapter 193) Aid Entitlement Funds for 2025-2026 for a total amount of \$97,293.00 allocated as follows:

<u>NP Auxiliary Services</u>	<u>Rate/Pupil</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
*Compensatory Education	\$1,146.87	42	\$34,635.00	
*E.S.L.	\$1,167.94	0	\$0.00	
*Transportation	\$0	0	\$0.00	
Total Auxiliary Services				\$34,635.00
* Prorated at 75.50%				
<u>NP Handicapped Services</u>	<u>Rate/Pupil</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
*Initial Exam & Class.	\$1,326.17	14	\$18,566.00	
*Annual Exam & Class.	\$380.00	22	\$ 8,360.00	
*Corrective Speech	\$930.00	10	\$ 9,300.00	
*Supplemental Instruction	\$826.00	32	\$26,432.00	
Total Handicapped Services				\$62,658.00
TOTAL 192/193 Allocation				\$ 97,293.00
* Prorated at 100.00%				

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The New Jersey Department of Education provides aid to nonpublic schools to provide special pupil services. The public school district administers the funding.

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RESOLUTION 4937I

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 \$5,0000.00

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	\$5,000.00
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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 the Rent Pantry Inc. to support the Parenting Centers Toy Drive.

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RESOLUTION 4937J

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: RENEW TOWING AGREEMENT WITH ESSEX COUNTY TOWING

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education renews the agreement with MIL Val Motors, Inc. dba Essex County Towing, of South Orange, New Jersey to provide towing services for vehicles illegally parked on District property.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This service will be provided at no cost to the district.

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RESOLUTION 4937K

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DISTRICT CLUBS,
PARENT ORGANIZATIONS AND PTA'S

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education authorize the following Clubs, Parent Organizations and PTA's be covered as additionally insured under the District's NJSIG policy for the 2025-2056 school year.

CHS Clubs

Cougars Connection

Fin Tech Club

Marine Biology Club

Global Majority Achievement Community

This list must be approved annually and may be amended throughout the school year.

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RESOLUTION 4937L

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF DISTRICT PROPERTY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the disposal either by auction or as refuse of the following items deemed unusable by the district based on knowledge of existing programs and based on the age and condition of the items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the sale of the surplus property through GovDeals pursuant to the terms and conditions of State Contract A-70967/T2581.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

All equipment was evaluated by the IT Department. All technology items are obsolete, broken, or no longer supported by the district and manufacturer.

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RESOLUTION 4937M

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE PROCUREMENT CONSULTING AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves an agreement with Shoop SBA, LLC of Fairfield, NJ for Procurement Consulting at a rate of \$130.00/hour to assist in preparing all specifications and documents for the advertisement of bids, solicitation of quotations, competitive contracting, concession purchasing, proprietary bids and Requests for Proposals (RFP). This will also include the procuring Special Education-Related Services through the RFP process.

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.

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RESOLUTION 4937N

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE ADDITIONAL CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH EPIC
MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an additional extension of the contract with Epic Management, Inc., for Construction Management Services and oversight of the Columbia High School Girl's Locker Room project and the completion/closeout of the South Orange Middle School project through April 30, 2026. The contract is hereby increased by \$21,402.00.

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

The Board previously approved a contract extension (resolution 4853M) for these services at the September 25, 2025 meeting.

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RESOLUTION 49370

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: ACCEPT DONATION TO COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA
PROGRAM**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation of an Erwin Otto Full Size Violin including a bow, shoulder rest and case to benefit the Columbia High School Orchestra Program. The approximate value of the donation is \$100.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The violin was generously donated by community member Lauren Schwartzbard. Mr. Manno, the Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts, has determined that the violin would be a valuable addition to the program.