SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
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RESOLUTION 5031A

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

1. August & September 2026 Board Secretary's Report
2. August & September 2026 Treasurer's Reports
3. August & September 2026 Transfer Report
4. August & September 2026 Expense Account Adjustment Analyses
5. Check Register# 201070-201078 (Oct. 26 lease payments) in the amount of $972,740.22
6. Check Register#200995-201006 in the amount of $4,322,436.91
7. Check Register#71526, 201007-201069 in the amount of $16,997,643.05
8. Check Register#430786-431090 in the amount of $9,678,259.18
9. September 2026 Payroll in the amount of $7,966,084.12

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RESOLUTION 5031B

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 August 31, 2026 and September 30, 2026 after review of the preliminary 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 **5031C**

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 the 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
Keith Bonds Central Office	NJASA Techspo 27	1/27/27- 1/29/27	Atlantic City, NJ	$1,247.15
Keith Bonds Central Office	Finalsite District Communication Workshop	11/2/26	Harrison, NY	$88.78
Nathaniel Butler Central Office	NJASA Techspo 27	1/27/27- 1/29/27	Atlantic City, NJ	$1,247.15
Adaliana Cuadrado Central Office	Finalsite District Communication Workshop	11/2/26	Harrison, NY	$76.47
Claudio DaSilva Central Office	NJASA Techspo 27	1/27/27- 1/29/27	Atlantic City, NJ	$1,302.09
Jennifer Latimer Clinton School	NJLA	2/16/27- 2/18/27	Atlantic City, NJ	$827.85
Emily Peterson Columbia HS	First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Certification	11/17/26	Bridgewater, NJ	$300.00
Michael Hill Columbia HS	AP STEM Roundtable	1/29/27	Rockaway, NJ	$0.00
Maria Barreiro Jefferson School	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Michael Calissi Jefferson School	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Anthony Cicenia South Mountain	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58

Maudjah Francis Jefferson School	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
James Hayes Marshall School	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Brandon Hillman South Orange MS	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Tiara Holt South Orange MS	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Charles Kelly South Mountain	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Denisha King South Orange MS	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Chris Kleinwaks Maplewood MS	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Shira Lincoln Marshall Elementary	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Kevin Mason Maplewood MS	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Patrice Massung Marshall Elementary	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Carissa Mondelli South Mountain	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Jessica Pace Tuscan School	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Theodore Panayoutou Tuscan School	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Debra Silva Maplewood Ms	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Dr. Donovan Smalls South Orange MS	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Katie Stein South Mountain	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Lorraine Sudol Maplewood MS	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Laura Swyberius Marshall School	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
Whitney Williams Jefferson School	Reunification Team SRP/SRM Workshop	11/2/26- 11/3/26	Branchburg, NJ	$53.58
			Total	**$ 5,946.77**

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 5031D

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 $53,000.00 for the 2026-2027 school year:

Vendor	Product	Department	Contract#	Estimated Expenditure
BSN Sports, LLC	Sporting Goods, Gear	Athletics	MCCPC #20-A/B & MSRP ED#12284	$61,348.00
Direct Energy Business	Utility	Business Office	Exempt	$140,000.00
NJ American Water Co	Utility	Business Office	Exempt	$165,303.00
Public Sewer Service	Wasteline, Grease Trap, SewerJet Service	Facilities	#11647 ED Package #7	$150,000.00
Tools Of the Mind	Early Childhood Curriculum Training	Pre-K/Preschool	Exempt	$62,360.00
Tri-State Folding Partitions, Inc	Gym/Playground Compliance Inspections	Facilities	HCESC-SER-24-26	$594,390.00
Keyboard Consultants	103 Promethean Boards and accessories	Technology	Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Pricing System #34HUNCCP-CAT-23-07.	$694,541.08
Aspire Technologies	Network Switches, Data Communication Products and Services	Technology	NVP #AR3227 #21-TELE-01506	$63,886.00

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 contracts are exempt from public bidding.

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RESOLUTION 5031E

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING BOARD OF EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FISCAL YEAR 2027 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE PROSPECT STREET CORRIDOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is accepting grant applications for the Fiscal Year 2027 Safe Routes to School Program to fund infrastructure projects that facilitate and encourage K-12 students to safely walk and bicycle to school; and

WHEREAS, the Village of South Orange (the "Lead Public Agency") is preparing a grant application under the NJDOT Safe Routes to School Program for infrastructure safety enhancements identified as the Prospect Street Corridor Safety Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Prospect Street Corridor serves as a critical travel route for students attending school within the South Orange and Maplewood School Districts, and the proposed safety enhancements—including sidewalks, crosswalks, traffic calming measures, and pedestrian signaling—directly improve student safety, accessibility, and wellness; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations governing the Safe Routes to School Program mandate that applications demonstrate robust community input and include an official Resolution of Support from the participating school board to document multi-agency partnership and project eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Orange and Maplewood School District recognizes the vital importance of safe pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure to protect vulnerable student road users and fully supports the safety enhancements proposed for the Prospect Street Corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Orange and Maplewood School District supports the grant application submission via SAGE by the lead agency for the project, authorizes designated officials to sign and submit the resolution, and directs that a certified copy be forwarded to the municipal clerk.

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RESOLUTION 5031F

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing an Award of Professional Engineering and Energy Consulting Services to DCO Engineering Services, Competitive Contracting for a Solar Power Purchase Agreement, and Evaluation of a DIY Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Orange-Maplewood School District in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Board," when referring to the governing body, and the "School District," when referring to the territorial boundaries governed thereby), desires to reduce energy costs and improve energy efficiency through renewable energy generation and energy conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to engage a qualified professional energy consulting and engineering firm to provide advisory, engineering, and programmatic support related to solar energy projects and potential participation in the New Jersey Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP), including a Do-It-Yourself ("DIY") ESIP Project; and

WHEREAS, DCO Engineering Services (DES), with offices located at 100 Lenox Drive, Suite 100, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648, possesses the requisite experience, expertise, and professional qualifications to provide engineering and consulting services to New Jersey school districts; and

WHEREAS, the services to be provided by DCO Engineering Services (DES) constitute "Professional Services" as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(t) and are exempt from public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1); and

WHEREAS, DES employs and shall assign professionals holding New Jersey Licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.) credentials and Certified Energy Manager (CEM) certifications, as required to perform energy audits, engineering analysis, ESIP evaluations, and related professional services in compliance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the Board further desires to procure a Solar Power Purchase Agreement ("Solar PPA") involving the installation of solar photovoltaic systems on School District sites (the "Solar Project") in an effort to provide long-term energy savings to the School District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(j) and (k), the Board may utilize competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding for the procurement of specialized goods and services, including solar power purchase agreements, with the approval of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (the "Division"); and

WHEREAS, the Division has authorized the use of competitive contracting for solar power purchase agreements pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2009-10, dated June 12, 2009, and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 through 4.5; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.3(a), the Board is required to adopt a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.3(b), 4.4, and 4.5, the competitive contracting process including preparation of a request for proposals (the "Solar RFP"), solicitation of proposals, and award of a contract must be administered by the Board's Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Solar PPA and any potential ESIP Project, the Board may be required to amend its Long-Range Facilities Plan, in accordance with Local Finance Notice 2009-10, to incorporate such projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the School District of South Orange and Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Award of Professional Services:
   The Board hereby awards a Professional Services contract to DCO Engineering Services (DES) to provide Engineering and Energy Consulting Services, including but not limited to solar advisory services, energy audits, engineering analysis, ESIP evaluation, incentive and grant support, and related professional services, to be performed by or under the supervision of New Jersey Licensed Professional Engineers (P.E.) and Certified Energy Managers (CEM), in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1).

2. Authorization of Competitive Contracting – Solar PPA:
   The Board hereby authorizes the use of competitive contracting for the solicitation of proposals for a Solar Power Purchase Agreement, including the preparation and issuance of a Solar RFP.

3. Authority Granted to DCO Engineering Services (DES) – Solar RFP and PPA DCO:
   Engineering Services (DES) is hereby authorized and directed to draft and distribute the Solar RFP, assist the Purchasing Agent in the evaluation of proposals, and support the negotiation and finalization of a Solar PPA, subject to final award and approval by the Board and in coordination with the Board's administration and professional advisors.

4. DIY ESIP Evaluation and Pursuit:
   DCO Engineering Services (DES) is hereby authorized and directed to evaluate, develop, and, if deemed feasible and approved by the Board, pursue a Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP) Project, including the preparation of energy audits, financial analyses, engineering documentation, and coordination with the New Jersey Department of Education, Board of Public Utilities, and other applicable agencies.

5. Facilities Plan and Governmental Submissions:
   DCO Engineering Services (DES) and/or the Board's Architect of Record are authorized and directed, to the extent applicable, to:

   - (i) prepare and submit applications to the New Jersey Department of Education and amend the School District's Long-Range Facilities Plan to include the Solar Project and/or ESIP Project; and
   - (ii) submit the Solar Project and/or ESIP Project to the appropriate Planning Board(s) for review and approval, as required.

6. Evaluation Committee:
   The Superintendent and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to appoint a committee to evaluate Solar PPA proposals and report findings and recommendations to the Board.

7. General Authorization:
   The President, Vice President, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and any other appropriate officer or representative of the Board are hereby authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of this resolution. Execution of such documents, with changes approved by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary in consultation with the Board's professionals, shall be conclusive and shall not require further Board action.

8. Effective Date: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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RESOLUTION 5031G

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE SUBMISSION OF COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN AND M1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the submission of the District's Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the 2026-2027 school year and the Annual Maintenance Worksheet (M1).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education states that the district's required maintenance activities are reasonable to keep the schools' facilities open and safe for use or in its original condition and maintain the validity of their warranties.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As per 6A:26A-20.5, the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and the Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet (form M-1) are required to be submitted to NJDOE in November of each year, accompanied by a Board resolution approving the submission.

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RESOLUTION 5031H

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH KEAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a clinical affiliation agreement with Kean University (1000 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ 07083), for students enrolled in the Graduate School of School Psychology program for the development and implementation of field work experience effective October 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of the agreement is to identify the mutual responsibilities and expectations of the University and District. This agreement is subject to attorney review.

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RESOLUTION 5031I

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a clinical affiliation agreement with Ramapo College of New Jersey (505 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430) for students enrolled in the Social Work program, for the development and implementation of field work experience, effective September 1, 2026, through September 1, 2027.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of the agreement is to identify the mutual responsibilities and expectations of the College and District. This agreement is subject to attorney review.

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RESOLUTION 5031J

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH WALDEN UNIVERSITY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a clinical affiliation agreement with Walden University (100 Washington Avenue South, Suite 1210, Minneapolis, MN 55401) for students enrolled in the fields of nursing, social work, counseling, psychology, health sciences, and interdisciplinary studies programs, for educational field experiences effective November 1, 2026, through November 1, 2029.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of the agreement is to identify the mutual responsibilities and expectations of the University and District. This agreement is subject to attorney review.

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RESOLUTION 5031K

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

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

WHEREAS, the Second River Purchasing Cooperative (System Identifier #294SRPC), hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency," has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, desires to participate in the Second River Purchasing Cooperative for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education as follows:

PARTICIPATION:

The Board hereby authorizes the District's participation in the Second River Purchasing Cooperative (System Identifier #294SRPC).

AUTHORIZATION:

The Board President and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the standard Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency (South Orange Maplewood School District).

LEGAL COMPLIANCE:

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law* (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.), 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES:

The Board understands that there are no annual membership fees associated with this Cooperative Pricing System.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and shall remain in effect for the duration of the current system registration as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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RESOLUTION **5031L**

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: SOUTH ORANGE-MAPLEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION AWARD CONTRACT TO NEW BROKER - **PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE BROKER SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education requires the services of a qualified insurance broker to provide insurance consulting, brokerage, and risk management services for the district's property, casualty, and liability; and

WHEREAS, such services constitute Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services (EUS) as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2) due to the specialized nature of insurance brokerage services, including but not limited to the analysis of risk exposures, and the development of coverage specifications, underwriting review, and placement of coverage in competitive insurance markets; and

WHEREAS, the selection of an insurance broker requires expertise, extensive training, and a demonstrated record of success in public-sector insurance, which cannot be reasonably described by written specifications or compared through a standard competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, the Board has solicited proposals via RFQ 2027-01, for Property/Casualty brokerage services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. and

WHEREAS, the Board in consultation with its administration, has determined that **Balken Risk Management** possesses the requisite expertise, experience, and knowledge of school district insurance programs and will serve the best interests of the District, its employees and taxpayers, and has submitted all required statutory documentation, including but not limited to the Political Contribution Disclosure Form, Business Registration Certificate, and Non-Collusion Affidavit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Board hereby awards a contract **to** Balken Risk Management, having an office at 3322 US Rt 22, Suite 1102, Branchburg, NJ, to serve as the District's Property/Casualty Broker of Record for the period of October 30, 2026 through October 29, 2027, at an annual compensation in accordance with the standard NJSIG broker commission structure, 15% for package lines of business and 6% for Workers' Compensation coverage.

2. This appointment is made pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2) as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service, and a certification of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary justifying the award of this contract shall be attached to and made part of this resolution; and

3. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to issue written notice of termination to the Current Broker, to prepare and execute all necessary documents with the New Broker, and to take such other actions as may be required to effectuate this Resolution.

4. A copy of this Resolution, the executed contract, and the required Political Contribution Disclosure Form shall be placed on file in the Office of the Business Administrator and made available for public inspection.

5. The Board Secretary is directed to advertise this award in accordance with statutory requirements within (10) days of its passage

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RESOLUTION 5031M

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: SOUTH ORANGE-MAPLEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION AWARD CONTRACT TO NEW BROKER - EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS BROKER SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Board of Education requires the services of a qualified insurance broker to provide insurance consulting, brokerage, and risk management services for the district's employee health insurance, prescription, dental, and related benefit programs; and

WHEREAS, such services constitute Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services (EUS) as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2) due to the specialized nature of insurance and health benefits brokerage services, including but not limited to the analysis of risk exposures, development of coverage specifications, evaluation of employee benefit program design, underwriting review, and placement of coverage in competitive insurance markets; and

WHEREAS, the selection of a health insurance broker requires expertise, extensive training, and a demonstrated record of success in public-sector insurance and employee benefits, which cannot be reasonably described by written specifications or compared through a standard competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, the Board has solicited proposals via RFQ 2027-02 for Health Benefits Broker services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Board in consultation with its administration, has determined that Acrisure **possesses** the requisite expertise, experience, and knowledge of school district employee benefit insurance programs and will serve the best interests of the District, its employees and taxpayers, and has submitted all required statutory documentation, including but not limited to the Political Contribution Disclosure Form, Business Registration Certificate, and Non-Collusion Affidavit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Board hereby awards a contract to Acrisure, having an office at 111 Wood Avenue South, Suite 400, Iselin, NJ 08830, to serve as the District's Employee Health Benefits Broker of Record for the period October 30, 2026 through October 29, 2027, at an annual compensation not to exceed, per employee per month of $29.00 subject to the negotiation and execution of a written professional-services agreement satisfactory in form to Board counsel.

2. This appointment is made pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2) as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service, and a certification of the School Business

Administrator/Board Secretary justifying the award of this contract shall be attached to and made part of this resolution; and

3. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to issue written notice of termination to the Current Broker, to prepare and execute all necessary documents with the New Broker, and to take such other actions as may be required to effectuate this Resolution.

4. A copy of this Resolution, the executed contract, and the required Political Contribution Disclosure Form shall be placed on file in the Office of the Business Administrator and made available for public inspection.

5. The Board Secretary is directed to advertise this award in accordance with statutory requirements within (10) days of its passage

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RESOLUTION 5031N

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AWARD CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY BOILER AND HOT WATER HEATER REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator was notified by the Director of Facilities on October 5, 2026, that a broken pipe flooded the basement at Columbia High School and, as a result, the school needed to close, creating a health and safety concern; and

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator notified the Executive County Superintendent, received immediate approval, and began procurement options; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the emergency purchasing contract provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1, the School Business Administrator/Purchasing Agent, Nicole C. Schoening (the "Purchasing Agent"), is authorized to award contracts without public bidding when an emergency affects the health or safety of the occupants of the applicable school, even though the cost of the work may exceed the district's bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent awarded two contracts to Combustion Services Corp., of Boonton Township, NJ, for the immediate replacement of six boiler motors and seal kits in the amount of $83,710 and one hot water heater in the amount of $45,736, both of which were necessary to protect the health and safety of the building's occupants, and

WHEREAS, the contractor identified above has provided all documentation required under the public contracting laws, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., demonstrating its eligibility to perform the requested services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds and declares that emergency conditions exist at the Columbia High School and that immediate action is necessary to protect the health and safety of the students and staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Orange & Maplewood Board of Education hereby awards two emergency contracts to Combustion Services, Corp., of Boonton Township, NJ, in the total amount of $129,446.

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RESOLUTION 5031O

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO TERMINATE CONTRACTS WITH KELIN HEATING & A/C, INC. FOR BOILER AND HVACR SERVICES

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2026, the Board of Education awarded Contract #5—Boiler Services, under Bid #05-202627, to Kelin Heating & A/C, Inc., of Colonia, New Jersey, pursuant to Resolution 4989U, for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2026, the Board of Education awarded Contract #3—HVACR Services, under Bid #05-202627, to Kelin Heating & A/C, Inc., pursuant to Resolution 4989W, for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the termination of Contract #5—Boiler Services and Contract #3—HVACR Services with Kelin Heating & A/C, Inc., originally awarded pursuant to Resolutions 4989U and 4989W, respectively, effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Board counsel, is authorized to provide all required notices, and execute the documents necessary to effectuate the terminations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board expressly reserves all rights and remedies available under the contracts and applicable law.

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RESOLUTION 5031P

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO TERMINATE CONTRACT WITH UNITED WELDING & PLUMBING FOR PLUMBING SERVICES

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2026, the Board of Education awarded Contract #2 - Plumbing Services, under Bid #05-202627, to United Welding & Plumbing of Caldwell, New Jersey, pursuant to Resolution 4989V, for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the termination of Contract #2 – Plumbing Services with United Welding & Plumbing, originally awarded pursuant to Resolutions 4989V, effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Board counsel, is authorized to provide all required notices, and execute the documents necessary to effectuate the terminations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board expressly reserves all rights and remedies available under the contracts and applicable law.

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RESOLUTION 5031Q

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ULTIMATE FRISBEE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into an agreement with Ultimate Frisbee of South Orange, New Jersey, for Facility Usage at Underhill Field. This agreement is to include the waiver of facility use fees unless there is a cost to the district.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ultimate Frisbee operates competitive programs for middle and high school students in South Orange and Maplewood. In 2024, the organization established an annual Ultimate Founders' Day celebration to honor Maplewood's distinctive place in the sport's history. The waiver of facility fees enables the organization to host this event at Underhill Field.

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RESOLUTION 5031R

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 PTAs be covered as additionally insured under the District's NJSIG policy for the 2026-2027 school year.

CHS Clubs
Chinese National Honor Society
DECA
Fibers Club
This list must be approved annually and may be amended throughout the school year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
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October 29, 2026

RESOLUTION 5031S

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FY 2027 TEACH STEM CLASSES IN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education has approved Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy as a recipient of the FY 2027 Teach STEM Classes in Nonpublic Schools grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant application was submitted by Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy in partnership with Kristen Barber, a teacher employed by the South Orange-Maplewood School District; and

WHEREAS, the grant program provides additional compensation to eligible public school teachers for teaching STEM classes at participating nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated August 20, 2026, the New Jersey Department of Education advised that the approved grant award for Ms. Barber is $8,571.54, based on an hourly rate of $120.10 and a maximum of 71.37 hours of teaching; and

WHEREAS, the Department's letter states that the final grant award will be calculated using the applicable 2026–2027 contracted salary and the actual hours taught, not to exceed the approved maximum hours;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education hereby authorizes compensation to Kristen Barber for teaching STEM classes at Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy under the FY 2027 Teach STEM Classes in Nonpublic Schools grant, in an amount not to exceed $8,571.54, based on the approved hourly rate of $120.10 and a maximum of 71.37 hours, subject to any adjustment approved by the New Jersey Department of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that payment shall be made through the District's payroll system based on actual hours worked and documented, in accordance with applicable grant requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to take the actions necessary to administer the grant and process the authorized compensation.