

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
April 24, 2025

RESOLUTION 4792A

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

1. February 2025 Board Secretary's Report
2. February 2025 Treasurer Report
3. March 2025 Transfer Reports
4. March 2025 Expense Account Adjustment Analyses
5. March 2025 Revenue Account Adjustment Analyses
6. Check Register #425187-425443 in the amount of \$9,092,852.37
7. Check Register #200902 in the amount of \$ \$7,809,070.80 for March 2025 payroll
8. Check Register #200903-200904 in the amount of \$2,369,512.00

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RESOLUTION 4792B

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, 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 4792C

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
Shawana Andrews Central Office	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support	5/16/25	Virtual	\$150.00
Shawana Andrews Central Office	Strengthening Tier 1 Instruction	5/22/25	New Providence, NJ	\$99.00
Shawana Andrews Central Office	Utilizing AI for Educator Well-Being and Efficiency	5/01/25	Virtual	\$150.00
Michael Calissi Tuscan School	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support	5/16/25	Virtual	\$150.00
Anthony Cicenía South Mountain	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support	5/16/25	Virtual	\$150.00
Dorothy Connors Central Office	NJSBA's Virtual Spring Conference 2025	5/30/25	Virtual	\$99.00
Katie Costello Central Office	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support	5/16/25	Virtual	\$150.00
Maureen Davenport Seth Boyden	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support	5/16/25	Virtual	\$150.00
Yves Hart Central Office	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support	5/16/25	Virtual	\$150.00
Marcia Hicks Columbia HS	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support	5/16/25	Virtual	\$150.00
Peter Kassalow Maplewood MS	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support	5/16/25	Virtual	\$150.00

Imani Moody Central Office	NJSBA's Virtual Spring Conference 2025	5/30/25	Virtual	\$99.00
Kyndell Pierce-Tuttle Marshall School	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support	5/16/25	Virtual	\$150.00
Angel Rivera Delia Bolden	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support	5/16/25	Virtual	\$150.00
Donovan Smalls South Orange MS	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support	5/16/25	Virtual	\$150.00
Kandice Stewart Columbia HS	AP Summer Institute	7/28/25- 8/01/25	Bronx, NY	\$2,466.51
Emily Vite Columbia HS	Avid Official Pro Tools 101 & 110 User Specialist Certification Training & Test	5/3/25- 5/18/25	Virtual	\$1,399.00
Lavonne Wallace Clinton School	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support	5/16/25	Virtual	\$150.00
Total				\$6,112.51

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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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 \$44,000 for the 2024-2025 school year:

VENDOR NAME	PRODUCT	TYPE OF VENDOR
Hanover Research Council	Research & Analytics	co-op
Lives in the Balance	Professional Development	co-op
B&G Restoration, Inc.	Asbestos services	quote
Creative Library Concepts	Furniture	co-op
Imagine Learning, LLC	Digital Textbooks & Support	other
LBJ Flooring, LLC	Flooring	co-op

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board is required to approve spending authority above \$44,000 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 4792E

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF 2025-2026 SCHOOL BUDGET AND TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education adopted a TENTATIVE budget on March 13, 2025, and submitted it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and

WHEREAS, the TENTATIVE budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on April 21, 2025 and

WHEREAS, the TENTATIVE budget was advertised in the legal section of the News Record on April 17, 2025 and

WHEREAS, the FINAL BUDGET was presented to the public during a public hearing held in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ on April 24, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in consideration of the above, the Board of Education hereby adopts the following FINAL Budget for SY2025-2026:

	2025-2026 Total	Less: Anticipated	
	Expenditures	Revenues	Tax Levy
General Fund	\$170,225,226	\$28,444,696	\$141,780,530
Special Revenues	\$ 11,219,775	\$11,219,775	\$ 0
Debt Service	\$ 13,033,043	\$ 3,956,055	\$ 9,076,988
Total	\$194,478,044	\$43,620,526	\$150,857,518

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves and authorizes the application to the Commissioner of Education to increase the General Fund tax levy for the 2025-2026 school year by \$850,325 for an enrollment adjustment and;

BE IT RESOLVED that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) the general fund appropriations include a \$2,500,000 withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve Account for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

Be IT RESOLVED that the general fund appropriations include Budgeted Fund Balance Operating \$11,352,696.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2025-2026 School District Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \$141,780,530 should be raised for the General Fund for the ensuing 2025-26 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \$9,076,988 should be raised for Debt Service Fund, for the ensuing 2025-26 school year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The \$141,780,530 tax levy supports a General Fund budget of \$170,225,226. The balance of the General Fund budget is supported through state aid and miscellaneous revenues.

The \$9,076,988 tax levy supports a Debt Service budget of \$13,033,043. The balance of the Debt Service budget is supported through Debt Service aid and fund balance.

The overall tax impact, including debt service is 4.92% over the 2024-25 tax levy.

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RESOLUTION 4792F

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE 2025-2026 TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSE
REIMBURSEMENTS

WHEREAS, the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1,500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education established \$200,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$ \$135,800 as of this date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7, to a maximum expenditure of \$200,000 for all staff and Board members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

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RESOLUTION 4792G

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE RATES FOR SUMMER SCHOOL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following rates for Summer School 2025:

FREE [for students experiencing economic hardship]

HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCEMENT

High School Math Advancement	\$1,000.00
21 st Century Class Advancement	\$ 500.00
Personal Finance Advancement Online	\$ 250.00

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT RECOVERY

5 Credit Course	\$ 425.00
2.5 Credit Course	\$ 300.00
1.25 Credit Course	\$ 150.00

<u>GRADES 5-12 MUSIC PROGRAM</u>	\$ 190.00
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<u>AVIATION PROGRAM</u>	\$ 150.00
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The rate schedule is being implemented to provide opportunities for all students.

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RESOLUTION 4792H

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH SUSSEX COUNTY REGIONAL
COOPERATIVE FOR TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION
SERVICES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves an agreement with Sussex County Regional Cooperative to provide transportation coordination services for the 2025-2026 school year. The South Orange Maplewood Board of Education shall pay to the Sussex Count Regional Transportation Cooperative a percentage of the actual cost paid for transportation as set forth below.

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| ▪ Special Education Routes: | 3% |
| ▪ Public Routes: | 2% |
| ▪ Non-Public Routes: | 2% |
| ▪ Field Trips/Athletic Trips | 4% |

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Sussex County Regional Cooperative was formed by a group of school districts in Sussex County to achieve maximum cost effectiveness for transportation by coordinating services. The Cooperative has coordinated services between South Orange and Maplewood and other Essex County school districts for nonpublic school students since 1998. Actual coordinated routes for 2025-2026 will not be determined until transportation applications have been received.

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RESOLUTION 4792I

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION AGREEMENT WITH
UNION COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION FOR
THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a tuition agreement with Union County Educational Services Commission for each district resident special education student referred to them for the 2025-2026 school year at the following annual tuition rates:

	<u>TUITION</u>
<u>Westlake School:</u>	
Multiply Disabled Program (Elementary/Middle School)	\$60,244.00
Multiply Disabled Program (High School)	\$60,687.00
Autistic Program (Elementary/Middle School)	\$84,308.00
Autistic Program (High School)	\$84,931.00
<u>Half-Day Shared Program – Ages 16-21</u>	
Focus on Vocational and Life Skills Development	\$39,405.00
Half-Day Shared Personal Aide	\$34,787.00
<u>Crossroads School:</u>	\$84,308.00
<u>Lamberts Mill Academy – Behavioral Disabilities Program</u>	\$64,613.00
Middle School / High School	
<u>Post Secondary Program for 5th Year Students</u>	\$64,613.00
Half Day Shared Program	\$32,306.00
<u>New Point Specialty Program (ages 13-21)</u>	\$64,613.00
<u>Transition Services Department</u>	
Work Readiness Academy – Full Time	\$66,241.00
Shared Time Tuition (prorated based on participation)	
Project SEARCH at Overlook Medical Center	\$55,521.00
Contracted SLE Programs (Rates vary based on district needs)	
<u>Personal Aides – All (3) Three Schools:</u>	\$53,300.00
Related Services –Physical Therapy (OT & Speech included in tuition)	\$86.00/session

Hospital Services

Trinitas Hospital - Behavioral Unit (Bedside Instruction)	\$76.00/hour
Children's Specialized	
Home Instruction -General Education	\$414.00/week
-Special Education Classified	\$821.00/week
New Point Specialty Residential Education Program/New Day	\$64,613.00

Child Study Team Services

Educational Psychological, Social and Speech	\$420.00/evaluation
Evaluation Rush Fee	\$50.00
Required CST meeting	\$100.00/hour
Administrative Support including due process hearings, travel	
record reviews and additional meetings	\$131.00/hour
½ Day and Full Day Services available	Call for rates
Oral Language/Additional Educational Evaluations	\$75.00/eval
Other additional sub-tests to WJ or Wechsler batteries	\$75.00/addt'l sub –test
Addt'l Supplemental Educational/Cognitive Evaluation	
Plus Written Reports	\$420.00/eval
Spanish Bilingual Educational or psychological evaluation	
With report (standard WJ ACH or Wechsler battery)	\$572.00/eval
Speech/Language Evals (including 2 appropriate language	
Assessments and Written Reports	\$420.00/eval
Articulation only Speech Evaluation with written report	\$125.00/eval
Transportation	4% surcharge: contract & aide

Extended School Year

Westlake School	\$ 7,105.00
Westlake School – Autistic Program	\$ 9,816.00
Crossroads	\$ 9,816.00
Lamberts Mill Academy	\$10,691.00
New Pointe Specialty Residential Treatment Facility	\$10,691.00
Personal Aides – All (3) Three Schools	\$ 4,809.00
Work Readiness Training Program	
Half-day Program	\$ 5,655.00
Full-day Program	\$10,586.00
Environmental Safety Programs	15% Administrative Charge

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Union County Educational Services Commission provides educational programs for classified students that are unavailable within the district. This agreement covers any students attending one or more schools operated by the Commission.

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RESOLUTION 4792J

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: Preschool Program – Partnership with Private Providers 2025-2026

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the establishment of a partnership with the following private child care providers in the 2025-2026 school year, as required by the Division of Early Childhood Education in the New Jersey State Department of Education. Projected enrollment includes a total of 384 general education students who are eligible to participate in the District's Pre-School Program in 2025-2026.

Applecore Learning
Beth El Pre School
Mickey Fried
Curious Children Childcare Center
Iris Family Center for Early Childhood Education
Le Petit Academy – South Orange
Le Petit Academy - Maplewood
Zadie's of the Oranges
Village Babies Development Center

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Pre-School Education Expansion Aid Program (PEEA) sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Education requires the establishment of dual service delivery system that calls for a partnership with local private child care providers.

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RESOLUTION 4792K

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPLY AND ACCEPT PRESCHOOL EDUCATION EXPANSION AID
(PEEA) FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the submission of an application for 2025-2026 Preschool Expansion Aid (PEEA) Discretionary Grant funds and accepts these funds in the amount of \$9,588,300.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The PEEA grant is designed to increase access to high-quality preschool programs for three and four year old children during the 2025-2026 school year.

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RESOLUTION 4792L

FOR ACTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following change order to the contract with The Bennett Company, Inc. for Renovations to Maplewood Middle School and South Orange Middle School.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
The Bennett Company	12	\$8,285.00 (contract increase)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Change order #12 will address:

- Added security film scope
- Abatement through 12-3-24

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RESOLUTION 4792M

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.

Contractor	Change Order #	Amount
Paul Otto Building Co.	1	\$20,000 (steel allowance) \$68,000 (general allowance)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Change order #1 will furnish and install supplemental steel RTU's 1-10 & 12.

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RESOLUTION 4792N

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS FOR RENOVATIONS AND
 ADDITIONS TO MARSHALL AND MONTROSE SCHOOL
 PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following change orders to the contract with Hall Building Corp. for Renovations and Additions to Marshall and Montrose School Projects.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Change Order Amount</u>
Hall Building Corp.	9	\$ 1,860.00 (allowance)
	10	\$ 5,627.69 (allowance)
	11	\$43,293.11 (contract increase)
	12	\$74,799.27 (contract increase)
	13	\$ 6,649.95 (contract increase)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Change orders will address the following:

Change Order # 9 - door 1016 and 2016 hardware revisions
Change Order #10 - add power for IT equipment at storage room 2017
Change Order #11 - additional roofing replacement
Change Order #12 - standpipe replacement
Change Order #13 – steam piping modifications

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RESOLUTION 47920

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR RENOVATIONS AND
 ADDITIONS TO SETH BOYDEN AND TUSCAN ELEMENTARY
 SCHOOL PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following change order to APS Contracting, Inc. for Renovations and Additions to Seth Boyden and Tuscan Elementary School Projects.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Change Order Amount</u>
APS Contracting, Inc.	14	\$135,709.62 (contract decrease)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Change order #14 will address the following:

- Coat Hook relocations
- Tuscan unsuitable soils
- Credit for ceiling corner angles
- Additional GWB at TE main office existing partitions
- Credit for additional expenses incurred by owner
- Credit for unused portion of allowance AL-01
- Credit for unused portion of allowance AL-02
- APS withdraws PCOs 17, 27 and 33 from contract

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RESOLUTION 4792P

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE BUSINESS OFFICE CONSULTANTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves contracts with the following consultants for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, to provide accounting and other Business Office Services at the following rates:

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|------------------------------------|---------------|
| • School Accounting Services | \$130.00/hour |
| • School Business Innovations, LLC | \$150.00/hour |

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 consultants will provide the staff necessary to support the Business Office in the absence of an Assistant Business Administrator and an Accountant.

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RESOLUTION 4792Q

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT DONATION TO COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation to Columbia High School in the amount of \$527.80

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

11-000-270-512-TP-9208-	Transportation	\$527.80
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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

These funds were donated by the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs to cover transportation costs for Columbia High School students attending the Essex County Teen Arts Festival.

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RESOLUTION 4792R

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 Club(s), Parent Organization(s) and PTA(s) be covered as additionally insured under the District's NJSIG policy for the 2024-2025 school year.

Columbia High School Clubs

Girls Flag Football

Boys Volley Ball