

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
November 20, 2025

RESOLUTION 4881A

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

1. September & October 2025 Board Secretary's Report
2. September & October 2025 Treasurer Report
3. October 2025 Transfer Report
4. October 2025 Expense Account Adjustment Analyses
5. Check Registers 427420-427423 in the amount of \$113,934.51
6. Check Register 427424-427624 in the amount of \$5,674,290.76
7. Check Register 200928-200929 in the amount of \$456,365.23
8. September 2025 Payroll Register in the amount of \$10,889,162.06
9. October 2025 Payroll Register in the amount of \$11,928,195.16

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RESOLUTION 4881B

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 September 30, 2025 and October 31, 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 4881C

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
Keith Bonds Central Office	NJASA Techspo 2026 PENDING COUNTY APPROVAL	1/28/26- 1/30/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,289.87
Nathaniel Butler Central Office	NJASA Techspo 2026 PENDING COUNTY APPROVAL	1/28/26- 1/30/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,289.87
Claudio DaSilva Central Office	NJASA Techspo 2026 PENDING COUNTY APPROVAL	1/28/26- 1/30/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,302.56
Carey Guido Maplewood Middle	NJASPERD Annual Convention	2/23/26- 2/24/26	Princeton, NJ	\$489.17
Olivia Cruz Montrose ECC	Community of Practice for Experience for Experienced PIRS Additional dates at no additional cost	11/21/25 12/19/25 01/16/26 02/20/26 03/20/26 04/17/26 05/15/26	Virtual	\$0.00
Katerina Karis Columbia High School	NJCHE Annual Conference	12/5/25	Princeton, NJ	\$95.00
Jennifer Latimer Clinton School	NJLA/NJASL Joint Conference	2/17/26- 2/19/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$809.91
Christina Luzzi Columbia High School	National Council of the Social Studies (NCSS) Annual Conference	12/4/25- 12/6/25	Washington, DC	\$439.00

Rebecca Milligan Montrose	12 th Annual Culture of Health Conference	12/9/25	Somerset, NJ	\$0.00
Rebecca Milligan Montrose ECC	Community of Practice for Experience for Experienced PIRS Additional dates at no additional cost	11/21/25 12/19/25 01/16/26 02/20/26 03/20/26 04/17/26 05/15/26	Virtual	\$0.00
Imani Moody Central Office	NJ League of Municipalities	11/18/25 11/20/25	Atlantic City, NJ	\$789.80
Imani Moody Central Office	NJASBO Annual Conference	06/03/26- 06/05/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,300.00
Benjamin Myers Central Office	NJASA Techspo 2026 PENDING COUNTY APPROVAL	1/28/26- 1/30/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,313.57
James Nugent Columbia High School	Phenomena Based Classrooms	1/15/26	Jersey City, NJ	\$189.76
Chelsea Pasquale South Orange Middle	Effective Rehearsal Strategies	11/24/25	Mt. Olive, NJ	\$0.00
Jorge Perez Columbia High School	Design Thinking Math Classrooms	11/20/25	New Brunswick, NJ	\$149.00
Elizabeth Pociask Columbia High School	NCTM	3/16/26- 3/19/26	New Orleans, LA	\$2,482.77
Chris Preston Columbia High School	National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference	12/5/25- 12/7/25	Washington, DC	\$1,859.60
Chasity Tedeschi Columbia High School	Phenomena Based Classrooms	1/15/26	Jersey City, NJ	\$189.76
Tiffani Reneau Central Office	NJASBO Annual Conference	06/03/26- 06/05/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,300.00
Claire Wilson South Orange Middle	Effective Rehearsal Strategies	11/24/25	Mt. Olive, NJ	\$0.00
Total				\$15,289.64

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: APPROVE RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following provider(s) for the 2025-2026 school year for the service indicated:

Provider Name	Service	Rate
Integrated Neuropsychology Westfield, NJ	Neuropsychological Evaluation	\$260/hour \$6,240/IEE
In Health Staffing, LLC Dover, DE	Speech Language Pathologist	\$95.00/hour
	Speech Evaluation	\$425.00
	Speech Language Pathologist – Bilingual	\$105.00/hour
	Speech Evaluation – Bilingual	\$550.00
	Occupational Therapist	\$95.00/hour
	OT Evaluation	\$425.00/hour
	Physical Therapist	\$95.00/hour
	Physical Therapy Evaluation	\$425.00
	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	\$77.00/hour
	School Social Worker	\$65.00/hour
	School Psychologist	\$95.00/hour
	Psychological Evaluation	\$425.00/hour

	Psychological Evaluation	\$425.00
	Psychological Evaluation – Bilingual	\$550.00
	Board Certified Behavior Analyst	\$120.00/hour
	Registered Behavior Technician	\$42.00/hour
	Paraprofessional	\$30.00/hour
Summit Speech New Providence, NJ	Audiological Consultation	\$250.00/hour
	Diagnostic Report Review and Recommendation	\$250.00
	Acoustic Evaluation K-5 6-12	\$550.00 \$750.00
	Educational Audiological Evaluation	\$400.00
	Comprehensive Audiological Evaluation (performed at Summit Speech School)	\$475.00
	Equipment Troubleshooting (virtually)	\$250.00/hour

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The providers will perform services and/or evaluations for students as needed. Pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 18A:4-1, et seq., the Board is permitted to enter into professional service contracts without the necessity of public bidding.

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RESOLUTION 4881E

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
LBJ Flooring	Flooring	Co-op

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 4881F

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH SOMERSET COUNTY
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION FOR COORDINATED
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL
YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves an agreement with Somerset County Educational Services Commission to provide coordinated transportation services for the 2025-2026 school year. The South Orange Maplewood Board of Education will pay prorated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 5.5%, as calculated by the billing formula adopted by SCESC.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Services will be provided for district students attending Out of District placements serviced by SCESC.

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RESOLUTION 4881G

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION STUDENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education hereby authorizes the enrollment of Student #6070500346 for the 2025-2026 school year through June 30, 2026, on the basis of tuition, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the tuition contract.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The tuition rate for this student was approved/established at the May 29, 2025 public meeting. The rate is determined by using the state formula as per N.J.A.C. 6:20-3.1.

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RESOLUTION 4881H

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: RESCIND RESOLUTION #4853Q AND APPROVE
NEW AGREEMENT WITH PROXIMITY LEARNING

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education rescinds resolution #4853P approved on September 25, 2025 and approves new agreements with Proximity Learning of Austin Texas to provide Live Virtual Instruction for the following courses:

Spanish

3 Sections - 5 days per week up to 60 minutes of standard live Instruction \$3,402.00/month

2 Sections - A day up to 60 Minutes of Standard Live Instruction \$1,818.00/month

2 Sections - B day up to 60 minutes of Standard Live Instruction \$1,818.00/month

One-time Setup, Maintenance and Support Fee \$2,799.93

Algebra

1 Section 5 days per week up to 60 minutes of standard live Instruction \$1,260.00/month

One-time Setup, Maintenance and Support Fee \$399.99

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

Resolution4853P detailed expenses associated with incorrect courses.

Proximity Learning helps schools fill vacancies with certified, livestreamed teachers. The agreements cover the purchase of necessary course setup, user licenses, facilitator onboarding, technical support, customer support, and instruction costs.

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RESOLUTION 4881I

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.	6	\$53,233.60 (contract increase)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Change order #6 will address:

- Additional Metal Shelving in rooms 389a, 389b, and 391
- Steam Leak Repairs at rooms 114, and 210
- Locker room Door (143a) replacement
- Little Theater Paint

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RESOLUTION 4881J

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT DONATION SOUTH MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY
 SCHOOL PTA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation from the South Mountain Elementary School PTA in the amount of \$3,482.20.

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

20-006-200-890	Education Foundation	\$3,482.20
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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

The funds were raised by the 2024/2025 Student Council, organized by Physical Education teacher Jeff Kaesshaefer and will be used to cover the costs of tree removal, tetherball equipment, installation and supplies.

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RESOLUTION 4881K

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 Sally Allen Chew to support the Parenting Center.