

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

**RESOLUTION        4920A**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:            FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

1. January 2026 Board Secretary's Report
2. January 2026 Treasurer Report
3. January 2026 Transfer Report
4. January 2026 Expense Account Adjustment Analyses
5. Check Register 428136 in the amount of \$798.00
6. Check Register#428137-428741 in the amount of \$7,318,010.50
7. Check Register#200943-200947 in the amount of \$3,397,713.82
8. January 2025 Payroll Register in the amount of \$7,980,669.37

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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 January 31, 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      4920C**

**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:

<b>EMPLOYEE</b>	<b>WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COSTS</b>
Tunde Adedoyin Central Office	NJASPA 2026 Spring Summit – HR at Crossroads	3/12/26	Union, NJ	\$100.00
Henry Bottiglierie Central Office	NJSBGA 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	3/22/26- 3/25/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$986.10 Price increase
Cassandra Bragg Central Office	NJASPA 2026 Spring Summit – HR at Crossroads	3/12/26	Union, NJ	\$100.00
Zoila Correa Central Office	Enjoy Thinking: The Power of Math Fluency	2/9/26	Middletown, NJ	\$0.00
Jennifer De Los Angeles Central Office	NJASPA 2026 Spring Summit – HR at Crossroads	3/12/26	Union, NJ	\$100.00
Susan Ellis Central Office	Spring 2026 Careers in Education Job Fair	2/20/26	Union, NJ	\$204.40
Kathleen Gesumaria Central Office	Strauss Esmay School Law & Policy Symposium	3/10/26	Toms River, NJ	\$0.00
Dennis James Central Office	NJSBGA 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	3/22/26- 3/25/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$986.10 Price increase
Peter Kassalow Maplewood MS	2026 Education Fair & Interview Day	3/11/26	Wayne, NJ	227.40
Michael Loupis Columbia HS	ASAP NJ 39 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	3/5/26- 3/6/26	Princeton, NJ	677.72
James Manno Columbia HS	The Jewish Federation Study Tour	4/26/26- 4/30/26	Tel Aviv, Israel	\$0.00

Jaclyn Marrese Columbia HS	Strengthening Your Students' MATH Learning and English	3/31/26	Virtual	\$295.00
Philip McCormick Columbia HS	The Jewish Federation Study Tour	4/26/26- 4/30/26	Tel Aviv, Israel	\$0.00
Chris Preston Columbia HS	Annual Conference Nat'l Council for History Education	3/26/26- 3/29/26	Montgomery, AL	\$2, 551.20
Alyssa Schlatmann Maplewood MS	2026 Education Fair & Interview Day	3/11/26	Wayne, NJ	27.40
Katie Simpson Columbia HS	Engaging Secondary Newcomers in Content Area Literacy	3/10/26	Trenton, NJ	\$0.00
Aaliyah Suarez Seth Boyden	Enjoy Thinking: The Power of Math Fluency	2/9/26	Middletown, NJ	\$0.00
Kerri Waibel Central Office	Strauss Esmay School Law & Policy Symposium	3/10/26	Toms River, NJ	\$0.00
Lavonne Wallace Central Office	Legal One: Student Use of Internet Enabled Devices	2/19/26	Virtual	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$6,255.32</b>

### 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      4920D**

**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:

<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>PRODUCT</b>	<b>TYPE OF VENDOR</b>
Automated Logic Contracting Services, Inc.	HVAC Automation Maintenance	Co-op
BradyPlus Company	Facilities, Maintenance Equipment	Co-op
Kencor	Elevator Inspection and Maintenance	Co-op
Murray Contracting, LLC	General Contracting	Co-op
NJ Principal & Supvrs Assoc.	Professional Association	Other
Public Sewer	Wasteline, Grease Trap, Sewerjet Inspection, Maintenance	Co-op
Storr Tractor	Facilities Grounds Equipment	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        4920E**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:            APPROVE CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH TEACHERS  
COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Teachers College, Columbia University for the purposes of providing field/clinical experience for university students enrolled in the Psychological Counseling program. The agreement is effective for one year beginning on January 15, 2026.

**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        4920F**

**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 #\*\*891 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 rates were 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        4920G**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:            ACCEPT DONATION TO SOUTH ORANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation to South Orange Middle School in the amount of \$1,202.74.

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

20-005-200-890-SO-5900-    South Orange Middle School            \$1,202.74

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**

Community Members Thomas and Carolina MacWright generously donated these funds to cover transportation costs associated with the Youth STEM Conference.

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**RESOLUTION        4920H**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:            AUTHORIZE THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO  
AN AGREEMENT WITH CAMP RIVERBEND**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator to enter into an agreement with Camp Riverbend of Warren, New Jersey to park buses in the Columbia High School parking lot June 25, 2026 – August 14, 2026 at a rate of \$100 per bus per week.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Camp Riverbend will use the Columbia High School lot to park up to 10 buses.

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**RESOLUTION      4920I**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:            PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS  
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

Whereas, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education seeks to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools to focus attention and efforts on matters of sustainability and pursue initiatives that will lead to Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification.

Whereas, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education and District Superintendent seek to support and work with school staff and administrators, students, and parents to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students by encouraging our school community to implement sustainable, energy-smart, eco-friendly, and cost-effective solutions.

Whereas, extensive opportunities exist to teach students about ecological, economic and social sustainability, environmental health, and nutrition; to integrate sustainability education into classroom learning; and to support students in becoming leaders in making their schools healthier and more sustainable places.

Whereas, many options and choices exist for schools to use resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse, and recycle; to follow Green Building Standards for construction and major renovations; to form school partnerships; to eliminate toxic chemicals; to purchase (or produce) clean energy; and to purchase recycled paper, energy-efficient equipment and other green products to protect our global environment.

Whereas, Sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money, and reducing our impact on the environment, all of which will ensure the future health, safety, and prosperity of our children.

Whereas, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education commits to the formation of at least one Sustainability Leadership Team (also referred to as “Green Team”), based on the guidance of Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

Whereas, Green Team members help schools adopt policies and practices addressing areas such as sustainability education and professional training, green purchasing, waste reduction, indoor air quality, energy-saving initiatives, and community partnerships.

Whereas, The South Orange Maplewood Board of Education will encourage Green Teams at all district schools by providing networking and educational opportunities.

THEREFORE, BE IT IS RESOLVED that the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education agrees to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools, and it is the Board's intention to pursue certification for schools in the district.

We hereby appoint Jason Bing to be the district's liaison to Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

We do hereby recognize South Orange Maplewood Public Schools Clinton Elementary, Delia Bolden Elementary, Marshall Elementary, Montrose Early Childhood Center, Seth Boyden Elementary School, South Mountain Elementary, South Mountain Annex and Tuscan Elementary School as the agent(s) to carry out our commitment to building a sustainable school district through the implementation of Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions.

We agree to complete district actions and to support the district's schools in completing their actions.

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**RESOLUTION      4920J**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:            APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE NJDOE WATER  
                             INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

Whereas, the South Orange Maplewood School District, desires to submit the New Jersey Department of Education Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant to carry our facility improvements.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That

- 1) The South Orange Maplewood Board of Education does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and
- 2) Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount, and therefore upon receipt of the grant agreement, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between South Orange Maplewood School District and NJ Department of Education; and
- 3) The sustainability plan for filtration or flushing solutions has been shared with the Board of Education.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Jason Bing, Superintendent of Schools