

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
April 23, 2026

RESOLUTION 4954A

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

1. March 2026 Board Secretary's Report
2. March 2026 Treasurer Report
3. March 2026 Transfer Report
4. March 2026 Expense Account Adjustment Analyses
5. April 2026 Lease Payments in the amount of \$654,977.20
6. Check Register#429016-429241 in the amount of \$5,306,814.44
7. Check Register#200957-200972 in the amount of \$5,611,036.79
8. March 2026 Payroll Register in the amount of \$7,887,879.86

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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 March 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 4954C

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
Michael Calissi Tuscan School	Legal One – School Law: Year in Review	6/16/26	Virtual	\$170.00
Kathleen Gesumaria Central Office	NJSBA School Law Forum	6/11/26	Monroe, NJ	\$299.00
Corrina Parsio Columbia HS	The leaders Compass	11/18/25 1/26/26 3/27/26 5/19/26	Monroe, NJ	\$670.08
Jesse Pierre Tuscan School	Group Practice Conference 2026	5/4/26- 5/5/26	Traverse, MI	\$0.00
Lavonne Wallace Clinton School	FEA Leadership 2.0 for Aspiring Leaders	5/13/26	Virtual	\$0.00
Total				\$ 1,139.08

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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SUBJECT: APPROVE SERVICE PROVIDER(S)

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
Elizabeth Wolter Maplewood, NJ	ASL/English Interpreter (sign language)	\$200 flat rate (2-hour minimum, plus travel)
Silver Hill Hospital New Canaan, CT	Educational Services Residential	\$100/hour

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The provider(s) 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 4954E

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
Lowes	Building Supplies	State Contract
F.W. Webb	Industrial & Hardware Supplies	Co-op
Dynamic Security (Minuteman)	Security Systems	Co-op
SHI International Corp.	Licenses	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 contracts are exempt from public bidding.

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RESOLUTION 4954F

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT NJ STATE LIBRARY GRANT FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts NJ State Library grant funds on behalf of Clinton Elementary School in the amount of \$1,000.00

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

20-019-200-890-CL	Clinton School	\$1,000.00
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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 grant was awarded to Clinton School Librarian Jennifer Latimer for her participation in the Institute for Museum and Library Services evaluation of museum/library programming. The grant supports the purchase of books and supplies for the Clinton School Library.

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RESOLUTION 4954G

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH SUSSEX COUNTY REGIONAL
COOPERATIVE FOR TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION
SERVICES FOR THE 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 school year. The South Orange Maplewood Board of Education shall pay to the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative a percentage of the actual transportation costs, as set forth below.

- Special Education Routes: 3.5%
- Public Routes: 2.0%
- Non-Public Routes: 2.0%
- Field Trips/Athletic Trips 5.0%

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Cooperative has coordinated services between South Orange and Maplewood and other Essex County school districts since 1998. Actual coordinated routes for 2026-2027 will not be determined until transportation applications have been received.

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RESOLUTION 4954H

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: Preschool Program – Partnership with Private Providers 2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the establishment of a partnership with the following private child care providers in the 2026-2027 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 412 general education students who are eligible to participate in the District’s Pre-School Program in 2026-2027.

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 a dual service delivery system that calls for a partnership with local private child care providers.

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RESOLUTION 4954I

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: APPROVE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR 26-27 SY PEEA
GRANT FUNDS**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the submission of an application for 2026-2027 Preschool Expansion Aid (PEEA) Discretionary Grant funds in the amount of \$10,483,795.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The PEEA grant is designed to increase access to high-quality preschool programs for three and four year old children during the 2026-2027 school year.

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RESOLUTION 4954J

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT WITH
 MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY (MSU)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves memorandums of agreement with Montclair State University, Department of Psychology, for the purpose of providing internship opportunities for university students enrolled in the School Psychology Program, effective March 26, 2026, and a practicum environment for students, effective April 24, 2026.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of these agreements is to establish the terms and conditions between Montclair State University, the student, and the District.

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RESOLUTION 4954L

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: ADOPT DISTRICT EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN AND SUMMARY
PLAN DESCRIPTION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education adopts the South Orange Maplewood School District Employee Benefit Plan Document and Summary Plan Description established by Meritain Health, effective January 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of this plan is to set forth the terms and provisions of the Plan that provide for the payment or reimbursement of all or a portion of certain health care expenses. This plan is maintained by the Plan Administrator.

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RESOLUTION 4954M

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE PARENTAL TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves parental transportation agreements #25/26-P1 in the amount of \$7,800.00 for the period April 13, 2026 - June 30, 2026, and agreement #26/27-1 in the amount of \$3,450.00 for extended school year programming, July 1, 2026, through August 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

State law allows districts to compensate parents for transportation in lieu of a contracted bus route.

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RESOLUTION 4954N

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZE THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO
FACILITY USE AGREEMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into an agreement with the below vendors for Facility Usage at Columbia High School. The agreements are to include the waiver of facility use fees unless there is a cost to the district.

- MASPO Basketball (Spring basketball training sessions for high school boys and girls in grades 9-12)
- Jacob Sumner (Spring basketball training sessions for girls in grades 4-6)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Athletic Director arranged for these vendors to offer free or reduced rate services to SOMSD student athletes.

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RESOLUTION 49540

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: ACCEPT NJSBA EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION
GRANT FUNDS**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts NJSBA Educational Leadership Foundation grant funds on behalf of Maplewood Middle School in the amount of \$2,500.00

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

20-019-200-890-MM	Maplewood Middle School	\$1,000.00
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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

These funds were awarded to Maplewood Middle School STEAM tank team for winning the NJSBA STEAM Tank challenge. A team of MMS students recognized a recurring safety issue—cars parking in restricted areas near the school and engineered a solution: an automated traffic-gate system. At the statewide competition, they presented their working prototype designed to be weatherproof, secure, and activated by staff to a panel of engineers and innovation experts.