

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY**  
**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**  
**May 28, 2026**

**RESOLUTION        4982A**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:            RESOLUTION TO AWARD EXTENDED  
                          CONTRACT—PARAPROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2026, the Board of Education received two (2) bids in response to its advertisement for a Paraprofessional Services contract, Bid #02-202627; and

WHEREAS, the District is currently evaluating the bids received; and

WHEREAS, the contract with the current vendor, ESS Northeast LLC, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, expires on June 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, services must be provided beginning July 1, 2026, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Board of Education to extend the current contract with ESS Northeast LLC, of Cherry Hill, for the services to be provided until the evaluation process has been completed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42, the Board of Education and ESS Northeast LLC, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, mutually agree to have the contract for Paraprofessional Services extended from July 1, 2026, through July 31, 2026, at the same terms and conditions of the current contract.

The cost of the one-month contract is estimated not to exceed \$250,000.

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**SUBJECT:                APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
PARETTE SOMJEN ARCHITECTS**

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Architectural Service Agreement between Parette Somjen Architects and the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education.

**WHEREAS**, Parette Somjen Architects submitted a proposal whereby Parette Somjen Architects is to provide Professional Services for Drainage Improvements at Seth Boyden Elementary School at the request of the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education.

**WHEREAS**, Parette Somjen Architects is desirous of entering into an Agreement, commencing on May 29, 2026, under the provisions set forth below;

<b>Fee</b>	<b>Phase</b>
\$13,500.00	2.1 Information Gathering & Documentation of Existing Conditions
\$22,500.00	2.2 Schematic Design, 2.3 Preliminary Budgeting, 2.4 Applications, Submissions, 2.5 Design Development
N/A	2.6 Presentation Materials
\$36,400.00	2.7 Construction Documents
\$ 4,500.00	2.8 Procurement Phase Services
\$13,500.00	2.9 Contract Phase Services
\$ 5,900.00	3.1 Reimbursable Expenses
<b>\$96,300.00</b>	<b>Total Flat Fee + Expenses (P.O. Amount)</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, between both parties, all terms and conditions of the agreement are incorporated herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the agreement with Parette Somjen Architects be approved and that the Board Secretary or designee be authorized to sign said agreement.