

**WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 28, 2025**

For the Regular Meeting of the White Township Board of Education  
Monday, April 28, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the White Township Consolidated School Media Center.

*“White Township Consolidated School is committed to inspire, engage and educate our students by providing innovative, personalized opportunities for growth and learning. With a foundation based on academic excellence and a focus on social emotional learning, our students will achieve their full potential and become productive, responsible, resilient members of the community and contributing members of society.”*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Panetta called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is either discussed or acted upon. In accordance with this provision of the act, the White Township Board of Education has sent notice of this meeting to the New Jersey Herald and the Express Times stating date, time, and place and posted the same in the White Township School and Municipal Building.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Robyn Gardella	<i>Present</i>	Mrs. Catherine Lensi	<i>Present</i>	Mr. Frank Panetta	<i>Present</i>
Mr. Tim Havlusch	<i>Absent</i>	Mr. Kevin Murray	<i>Absent</i>	Mrs. Natalie Pinkerton	<i>Absent</i>
Mr. George Jonkoski	<i>Present</i>	Ms. Michelle Nusser-Meany	<i>Present</i>	Mrs. Elizabeth Vesper	<i>Present</i>

Also present, Mr. William Thompson and Mrs. Lori Tirone.

**V. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING ON THE 2025-2026 BUDGET**

**MOTION** to open the public hearing on the 2025/2026 budget by Ms. Nusser-Meany, seconded by Mrs. Lensi.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

**PRESENTATION** by Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Tirone

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President Panetta opened the public budget hearing for public comment. No one from the public made any comments.

**MOTION** to close the public hearing on the 2025/2026 budget by Mrs. Lensi, seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

**VI. APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 BUDGET**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lensi, seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to approve the Budget for the 2025-2026 school year.

**APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the White Township Board of Education approved the tentative 2025/2026 budget at its March 17, 2025 board meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the White Township Board of Education forwarded the tentative 2025/2026 budget on March 18, 2025 to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for their review and approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the tentative 2025/2026 budget was constructed not utilizing the full amount of banked cap leaving a balance in the amount of \$333,102 which will not be used in the 2025/2026 budget and will be eligible in the next budget year (2026/2027) as banked cap; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025-2026 budget was approved for advertising by the Executive County Superintendent on March 19, 2025 and published in the NJ Herald on April 8, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing to present and accept comments from the public on the 2025/2026 budget was held prior to the passing of this resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, that the White Township Board of Education adopts the budget for the 2025/2026 school year using the 2025/2026 state aid figures; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent of Schools hereby certifies that the 2025/2026 budget submitted does present a balanced budget with an adequate amount of funds to provide for a thorough and efficient education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the White Township Board of Education affixes/determines that the amount of money necessary to be appropriated for the use of the public schools for the 2025/2026 school year shall be submitted at \$10,697,602 for the General Fund which the General Fund local tax levy shall be submitted at \$8,532,560; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the following diagram provides a breakdown of the 2025/2026 budget:

**REVENUE**

***Fund 10: Operating Budget***

Local Tax Levy	\$ 8,532,560
W/D Capital Reserve	806,538
W/D Maintenance Reserve	60,000
State Aid	562,362
Extraordinary Aid	70,000
Fund Balance	598,667
Tuition and Miscellaneous	67,475

***Fund 20: Special Funds***

Grant Entitlements (Est)	\$ 133,000
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**TOTAL REVENUE: \$10,830,602**

**APPROPRIATIONS**

***Fund 10: Operation Budget***

Current Expense	\$ 9,802,739
Capital Outlay*	894,863

***Fund 20: Special Funds***

ESEA/IDEA Grants	\$ 133,000
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**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$10,830,602**

(\*Capital Outlay includes the State Assessment for Debt Service on SDA Grant Funding.)

**ADJUSTMENT FOR ENROLLMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$91,165. The full amount of the enrollment adjustment was \$115,910. The district will use a portion of the enrollment adjustment. The district had an increase in enrollment of 3.08%. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

**HEALTH CARE ADJUSTMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education did not use the adjustment for health care in the 2025-2026 budget in the amount of \$144,747. The district intends to bank the full amount to use in future years.

**TRAVEL, MAXIMUM TRAVEL, AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., and

**WHEREAS**, White Township 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 Subchapter 7 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 Chief School Administrator 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 \$200 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**, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, but deemed by the board of education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved White Township Board of Education out-of-district travel and reimbursement forms;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the White Township Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of \$8,000.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2024-2025 school year is \$8,000.00, which, \$5,368.00 has been spent and \$2,000.00 is encumbered to date; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the White Township Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved White Township Board of Education out of district travel and reimbursement forms; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the White Township Board of Education includes in the tentative budget travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of \$12,000.00 for all staff and board members for the 2025-2026 school year; and

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

#### **APPROVAL CAPITAL RESERVE WITHDRAWAL**

**WHEREAS**, the White Township Board of Education (the "Board") has established a capital reserve account pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:21-2 and N.J.S.A.18A:7G-31 in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, which is subject to an annual audit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board may use the capital reserve account to implement a capital project in the White Township School District's ("District") Long Range Facility Plan ("LRFP") as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-4(a) and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1, the Board may, by resolution, transfer funds from the capital reserve account to the line items in the capital outlay major account/fund to fund the total costs, less any excess costs, of a school facilities project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Roof Project is planned for in the 2025-2026 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board directs the Business Administrator and architect of record to submit all projects listed above to the State of New Jersey for amendment and inclusion in the District's LRFP; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board intends to transfer \$806,538.00 from its capital reserve account to its capital outlay/major account to fund the total cost of the Project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of capital reserve to fund this Project.
2. The Board hereby approves the total transfer of \$806,538.00 from the capital reserve account to the capital outlay/major account/fund to fund the total costs, less any excess costs, of the Project.

**APPROVAL OF MAINTENANCE RESERVE WITHDRAWAL**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education includes in the budget a maintenance reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the purpose of removing attic insulation, replacing insulation, providing repairs, and replacing ceilings in older parts of building.

**APPROVAL OF TAX LEVY PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE 2025-2026 BUDGET YEAR**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the White Township Board of Education approve the following tax levy payment schedule to be presented to the Township of White for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
July 11, 2025	\$711,046.00	January 16, 2026	\$711,050.00
August 15, 2025	\$711,046.00	February 13, 2026	\$711,046.00
September 12, 2025	\$711,046.00	March 13, 2026	\$711,046.00
October 10, 2025	\$711,046.00	April 10, 2026	\$711,046.00
November 14, 2025	\$711,046.00	May 15, 2026	\$711,046.00
December 12, 2025	\$711,050.00	June 12, 2026	\$711,046.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,532,560.00</b>		

The Board discussed the tax impact on taxpayers.

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

**VII. CSA REPORT**

- **Presentation of Student of the Month for April - Ruslan Ibrohimov**

Mr. Thompson reported:

- **Budget Highlights**

- Hope 6th through 8th grade attending White approval 4/29.
- Open House and Student Orientation for 25/26 6th-8th grades
- Strategic Plan proposed plan draft in May 2025.
- Book Fair
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 6th - May 9th
- May 22nd Spring Concert and Art Show
- Testing in May

### **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Privilege of the Floor**

President Panetta opened the public hearing for public comment. No one from the public made any comments.

### **IX. MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Ms. Nusser-Meany, seconded by Mr. Panetta to approve the following meeting minutes.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Board of Education meeting, held on the dates indicated as transcribed, be approved and filed.

March 17, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2025 - Executive Meeting Minutes

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

### **X. PERSONNEL - Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Robyn Gardella, Mr. Havlusch, Mr. Murray**

Mr. Panetta provided a committee update.

**MOTION** by Ms. Nusser-Meany, seconded by Mrs. Vesper to approve Personnel items 1 through 3.

#### **1. Renewal of Tenured Staff for the 2025-2026 school year**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the letters of intent to hire the following Instructional Tenured Staff Members for the 2025-2026 school year.

LAST	FIRST	DEGREE	STEP**	SALARY**	FTE
Baker	Cassandra	MA	12	\$75,400	1
Barofski	Kelsey	BA	7	\$64,300	1
Bellfy	Sherry	BA + 15	27	\$86,765	1
Bill	Alexis	BA	6	\$62,600	1
Bolen	Stephanie	MA	15	\$78,800	1
DeCesare	Anthony	BA + 15	24	\$83,345	1

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Dionne	Rebecca	MA	12	\$75,400	1
Evans	Allyson	MA	20	\$83,925	1
Fraunfelter	Eric	MA + 30	27	\$94,765	1
Garvey	Crystal	MA	21	\$83,925	1
Gerkhardt	Cathleen	BA	16	\$74,505	1
Hawk	Erik	MA + 30	24	\$91,345	1
Hutchison	Gary	MA + 30	27	\$94,765	1
Kline	Melinda	MA	11	\$30,160	0.4
LaBar	Tadgh	MA + 30	23	\$89,635	1
Laubach	Michele	MA	23	\$85,635	1
Mahon	Justine	BA + 30	8	\$70,000	1
Marinelli	Anthony	MA + 30	11	\$79,400	1
Mulligan	Deirdre	MA + 30	23	\$89,635	1
Puskas	Erika	MA + 30	15	\$82,800	1
Quinn	Stephanie	MA + 30	27	\$94,765	1
Quinn	Stewart	MA	8	\$72,000	1
Rosano	Lisa	MA	19	\$82,215	1
Schaarschmidt	Krista	BA	16	\$74,505	1
Sheneman	Margaret	MA + 30	17	\$84,505	1
Sissick	Bernadette	BA + 15	13	\$73,100	1
Stumpe	Amy	MA + 30	17	\$84,505	1
Werkheiser	Dawn	MA + 30	27	\$94,765	1
Williams	Katherine	BA	16	\$74,505	1

\*\* Step and Salary remain at the 2024-2025 rate until settlement of the WTEA contract agreement.

## 2. Renewal of Non-Tenured Teaching Staff for the 2025-2026 school year

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve to renew the following non-tenured teaching staff for the 2025-2026 school year.

LAST	FIRST	DEGREE	STEP**	SALARY**	FTE
Magyar	Rosie	BA	10	\$67,700	1
Rebimbas	Jacqueline	BA	13	\$71,100	1
Rochelle	Dana	BA	13	\$71,100	1
Rosano	Kimberly	BA + 15	5	\$62,900	1
Sinclair	Shawnee	MA	11	\$75,400	1

\*\* Step and Salary remain at the 2024-2025 rate until settlement of the WTEA contract agreement.

### **3. Approve Substitute**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve Annmarie Wilcox as a teaching substitute at a rate of \$115.00 daily for the 2024-2025 school year, pending background check.

Mr. Panetta discussed the statues of the WTEA Contract.

On a roll vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

## **XI. CURRICULUM** - Ms. Nusser-Meany, Mr. Jonkoski, Mrs. Pinkerton, Mrs. Vesper

Ms. Nusser-Meany provided a committee update.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lensi, seconded by Mr. Panetta to approve Curriculum items 1 through 14.

### **1. Approve Field Trip**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a field trip for the Kindergarten to visit Fosterfields Living Historical Farms on May 13, 2025. Cost per pupil is \$9.00 and cost for transportation is \$400.00.

### **2. Approve Field Trip**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a field trip for the 8th grade to visit the Warren County Courthouse in Belvidere on May 13, 2025. Cost per pupil is \$0 and cost for transportation is \$200.00.

### **3. Approve Field Trip**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a field trip for the 1st grade to visit Lehigh Valley Zoo on May 23, 2025. Cost per pupil is \$19.00 and cost for transportation is \$435.00.

### **4. Approve Field Trip**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a field trip for the 4th grade to visit The Sterling Hill Mining Museum on May 27, 2025. Cost per pupil is \$15.00 and cost for transportation is \$475.00.

### **5. Approve Field Trip**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a field trip for the 7th grade to visit SkyZone in Bethlehem on May 28, 2025. Cost per pupil is \$24.00 and cost for transportation is \$425.00.

### **6. Approve Field Trip**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a field trip for GEM grades 6th and 7th to attend enrichment opportunities at Harmony Township Firehouse and Harmony Township School on May 29, 2025. Cost per pupil is \$0.00 and cost for transportation is \$285.00.



**7. Approve Field Trip**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a field trip for the Preschool to visit Donaldson Farms on June 4, 2025. Cost per pupil is \$14.00 and cost for transportation is \$175.00.

**8. Approve Field Trip**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a field trip for the Student Council to visit Funplex in East Hanover on June 4, 2025. Cost per pupil is \$30.00 and cost for transportation is \$900.00.

**9. Approve the Revised 2024- 2025 School Calendar**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the 2024 - 2025 Revised School Calendar.

**10. Approve the 2025- 2026 School Calendar**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the 2025 - 2026 School Calendar.

September 2 - First Day of School  
September 11 - Back to School Night 5th-8th  
September 18 - Back to School Night PK-4th  
November 3 & 5 - Fall Conferences  
November 6 & 7 - NJEA Convention  
November 27 & 28 - Thanksgiving Recess

December 24- January 2 - Winter Recess  
January 19 - MLK Jr. Day  
February 16 - Presidents Day  
March 5 & 6 - Spring Conferences  
April 3 - 7 Spring Recess  
May 25 - Memorial Day

**11. Tuition Contract - Regular High School**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve a Tuition Contract Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year between the White Township Board of Education (sending) and Belvidere High School (receiving) for tuition charges of \$1,822,800. The cost per pupil of \$19,600 multiplied by an estimated daily enrollment of 93 students. (11.000.100.561.000.000)

**12. Tuition Contract - High School Resource Program**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve a High School Resource Room Tuition Contract Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year between the White Township Board of Education (sending) and Belvidere High School (receiving) for tuition charges of \$125,000. (11.000.100.562.000.000)

**13. Tuition Contract - High School Multiple Disabilities Program**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year between the White Township Board of Education (sending) and Belvidere High School (receiving) for Student ID #8257029848 at \$30,000 for tuition. (11.000.100.562.000.000)

**14. Tuition Contract - High School Multiple Disabilities Program**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year between the White Township Board of Education (sending) and

Belvidere High School (receiving) for Student ID #8829502233 at \$30,000 for tuition.  
(11,000.100.562.000.000)

On a roll vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

**XII. OPERATIONS** - Mrs. Gardella, Mr. Havlusch, Mr. Murray, Mr. Panetta

Mrs. Gardella provided a committee update.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lensi, seconded by Mrs. Vesper to approve Operations items 1 through 5.

**1. Acceptance of the Financial Report March 2025**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 requires the Board Secretary and the White Township Board of Education to certify that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that the sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10 further requires the White Township Board of Education receive and accept the monthly financial statements, the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's reports; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for the month ending March 31, 2025 is presented for the Board to accept and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the White Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of and accepts the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board Secretary and White Township Board of Education certify that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet the district's financial obligation.

**2. Approval of Budget Transfers for March 2025**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10-(c)1 states that a report shall be presented to the Board showing all transfers between line-item accounts for each line-item account shown on the budget prepared in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:22-8; and

**WHEREAS**, transfers in the report "Budget Transfers" for the time period of March 2025 were necessary to maintain the needs of the district and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, that White Township Board of Education ratifies and approves the transfers in the report "Budget Transfers" for March in fiscal year 2024-2025, approved by the Chief School Administrator, so that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds would be available to meet the district's financial obligations.

### **3. Approval of March and April Bill Lists**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:19, Expenditure of Funds; Audit and Payment of Claims, provides Boards of Education to make payments on claims for goods received and services rendered payable to the order of the person entitled to receive the amount after approval by the board; or in accordance with payrolls duly certified; or debt service or when provided by resolution approval by a person designated by the board; and

**WHEREAS**, a list of bills for the months of March 2025 and April 2025 are being presented to the board with the recommendation that they be ratified, approved and paid; and

**WHEREAS**, each claim or demand has been fully itemized, verified and audited as required by law in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the White Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, ratifies and approves the list of bills for payment in the sum of \$174,769.26 for March and \$940,534.17 for April 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the list of bills is on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the White Township Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay bills if it is determined that a need arises prior to the next board meeting.

### **4. Approve Preschool Tuition Rates**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the following tuition rates for Preschool:

\$300.00 a Month for Half Day Session

\$525.00 a Month for Full Day Session

### **5. New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (NJSIG) - Renew Membership**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., enables boards of education to join with other boards of education in school board insurance trusts for the purpose of forming self-insurance pools;

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group ("NJSIG") is a joint insurance fund authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage and risk management services for its members;

**WHEREAS**, the White Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "Educational Institution," has resolved to renew its membership with NJSIG;

**WHEREAS**, the Educational Institution certifies that it has not defaulted on a claim, and has not been canceled for non-payment of insurance premium for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the date of its application to NJSIG;

**WHEREAS**, the Educational Institution desires to secure protection, services, and savings relating to insurance and self-insurance for itself and its departments and employees; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Educational Institution finds that the best and most efficient way of securing this protection and services is by cooperating with other boards of education in the State of New Jersey.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:**

1. This agreement is made by between NJSIG and the Educational Institution;
2. The Educational Institution joins with other boards of education in organizing and becoming members of NJSIG pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a), for a period of three years, beginning on July 1, 2023, and ending July 1, 2026 at 12:01 a.m.;
3. In consideration of membership in NJSIG, the Educational Institution agrees that those types of coverage in which it participates, the Educational Institution shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liabilities of each and every member of NJSIG to such agreement arising from their participation in NJSIG. By execution hereof the full faith and credit of the Educational Institution is pledged to punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to NJSIG in accordance with the bylaws thereof, the plan of risk management, the Agreement and any applicable statute or regulation;
4. The Educational Institution and NJSIG agree that NJSIG shall hold all monies paid by the Educational Institution to NJSIG as fiduciaries for the benefit of NJSIG claimants all in accordance with applicable statutes and/or regulations;
5. NJSIG shall establish and maintain Trust Accounts in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq. and such other statutes and regulations as may be applicable;
6. By adoption and signing of this resolution, the Educational Institution is hereby joining NJSIG in accordance with the terms of this Indemnity and Trust Agreement and Resolution to Renew Member, effective the date indicated below, for the types of insurance as indicated in the Insurance Binder issued by NJSIG;
7. The Education Institution hereby ratifies and affirms the bylaws and other organizational and operational documents of NJSIG, and as from time to time amended by NJSIG and/or the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking and Insurance, in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations as if each and every one of said documents were re-executed contemporaneously herewith;
8. The Educational Institution agrees to be a participating member of NJSIG for the period herein provided for and to comply with all of the rules and regulations and obligations associated with said membership including, but not limited to, the NJSIG's Plan of Risk Management;
9. The Educational Institution under its obligations as member of NJSIG agrees to allow for safety inspections of its properties, to pay contributions in a timely fashion, and to comply with the bylaws and standards of participation of NJSIG including the plan of risk management;
10. If NJSIG, in the enforcement of any part of this agreement, shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the Educational Institution agrees to reimburse NJSIG for all such reasonable expenses, fees, and costs on demand;
11. The Business Administrator is hereby authorized in accordance with the Public Schools Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., to execute such contracts and documentation with NJSIG as is necessary to effectuate this resolution; and,
12. The Business Administrator is directed to send a certified copy of this Indemnity and Trust Agreement and Resolution to Renew Membership to NJSIG.

On a roll vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

**XIII. GOVERNANCE** - Mrs. Vesper, Mr. Jonkoski, Ms. Nusser-Meany, Mrs. Pinkerton

Mrs. Vesper provided a committee update.

The Board requested Mr. Thompson to obtain documentation from Belvidere, cancelling shared CST services with White Township.

**XIV. BHS BOARD MEMBER UPDATE - Mrs. Gardella**

Mrs. Gardella reported on:

- Bowling State Champs
- CST Ad Hoc Committee
- Belvidere Superintendent Retiring
- Spring Sports

**XV. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

**XVI. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**XVII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Privilege of the Floor**

President Panetta opened the public hearing for public comment. No one from the public made any comments.

**XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lensi, seconded by Mrs. Vesper for the Board to enter into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the Board of Education discusses topics falling within certain specified exceptions to the requirement for public meetings;(N.J.S.A. 10:4-13) and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education wishes to discuss matters that fall within statutory exceptions to open public meetings

**BE IT RESOLVED** pursuant to Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act(N.J.S.A. 10:4-12), that the Board adjourn from public session and enter into executive session at this time to discuss confidential matters pertaining to legal matters and personnel.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the matters discussed in executive session should be made public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer exists, but it is not known at this time when that may be. The Board expects to reconvene into public session in approximately 60 minutes. Action may be taken.

**BE IT RESOLVED** to return to Open Public Session at 9:12 p.m.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lensi, seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany for the Board to reconvene a public session.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

**XIX. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lensi, seconded by Mrs. Vesper to acknowledge receipt of no HIB investigations.

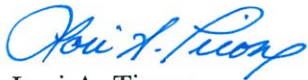
On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

**XX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Mr. Panetta, seconded by Mrs. Vesper.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori A. Tirone  
Board Secretary