



MIDDLESEX COUNTY MAGNET SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business/Public Meeting Minutes | July 16, 2025 | 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Jones, Board President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Dr. Howe, called the roll:

Present: Mr. Jones and Mrs. Faustini.
Ms. Czarneski who participated telephonically.

Absent: Mr. Anderson & Mr. Tartara

Also Present: Mr. Diaz, Superintendent, Dr. Howe, Board Secretary/Business Administrator of Operations, and Ms. Noble McDonnell, Board Attorney

Reading of Public Notice

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, the public notice of this meeting which included the time, date and location, was dispensed in the following manner:

- Posted on the bulletin board reserved for announcements in the Board Office, 112 Rues Lane, East Brunswick, NJ.
- Advertised in the Home News Tribune and the Courier News on November 20, 2024.
- Posted on the Middlesex County Magnet Schools website (www.mcmsnj.net) on November 14, 2024.
- Mailed to the five (5) duly appointed Board Members.

Correspondence

None

Presentations/Announcements

- [NJGPA, ACCESS, & AP Results](#)

MINUTES

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

June 25, 2025

Business-Public Meeting ([Minutes 6.25.2025](#))

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM ITEMS

2. APPROVE/SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR - REVISED

That the Board of Education approves the revised School Calendar for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. [School Calendar](#)

3. APPROVE/EMERGENCY VIRTUAL LEARNING PLAN

That the Board of Education approves the Emergency Virtual Learning Plan and authorizes submission to the Commissioner of Education through the County Executive Superintendent, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. ([Attachment](#))

4. TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools adopt the textbook Language of Composition and Ideas in Literature published by Bedford, Freeman, & Worth for use in the English Language Arts Curriculum as recommended by the Department of Curriculum & Instruction.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

5. APPROVE/PERSONNEL ITEMS

That the Board of Education approves the following personnel actions, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A. Resignations and Retirements							
Name	Nature of Action	Position	Loc	Salary	Step	Effective Date	Term Date
Michael Buonaguro	Retirement	Teacher of Social Studies	EB	N/A	N/A	9/1/25	N/A
Kathleen Elko	Retirement	School Counselor	WA	N/A	N/A	9/1/25	N/A
B. Leaves of Absence							
Name	Nature of Action	Position	Loc	Salary	Step	Effective Date	Term Date
Monica Collins	NJFLA unpaid (Baby Bonding) Extended Unpaid Maternity Leave	Teacher of Science	EB	N/A	N/A	9/16/25 12/13/25	12/12/25 2/13/26
Bari Marisa Herman	Extended Unpaid Medical Leave	School Nurse	EB	N/A	N/A	9/1/25	12/31/25
C. Appointments/New Hires							
Name	Nature of Action	Position	Loc	Salary	Step	Effective Date	Term Date
Hailey Belmont	New Hire	Teacher of English	PI	\$60,692	B-3-3	9/1/25	6/30/26
James N. Como	New Hire	Teacher of Biology (Leave Replacement)	EB	\$60,692	B-3-3	9/2/25	2/13/26
Samantha McClelland	New Hire	Teacher of English/TOSD	EB	\$67,792	B-3-8	9/1/25	6/30/26
Joseph Zazzarino	New Hire	Teacher of Culinary Arts (Leave Replacement)	EB	\$60,692	B-3-3	9/2/25	12/23/25
D. Transfers/Salary Changes							
Name	Nature of Action	Position	Loc	Salary	Step	Effective Date	Term Date
N/A							
E. Extracurricular / Extra Pay - Athletic							
Name	Nature of Action	Position	Loc	Salary*	Step	Effective Date	Term Date
N/A							

F. Extracurricular / Extra Pay - Non-Athletic

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Loc	Salary	Step	Effective Date	Term Date
Laura Kufra	Summer Employment	Summer Accuplacer Remediation	CO	\$42/hr. (14 hrs.)	N/A	8/4/25	8/7/25
Jonathan Sagar	Summer Employment	Summer Accuplacer Remediation	CO	\$42/hr. (14 hrs.)	N/A	8/4/25	8/7/25
Deanna Petersen	Summer Employment	Summer Accuplacer Remediation	CO	\$42/hr. (14 hrs.)	N/A	8/4/25	8/7/25

G. Perkins Grant - Federal Funds FY26

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Loc	Salary	Step	Effective Date	Term Date
Antonia Mastrella	Culinary Curriculum	Culinary Teacher	PI	\$42/hr. (100 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	6/30/26
Glen Foli	Welding Curriculum	Welding Teacher	PI	\$42/hr. (100 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	6/30/26
Joseph Kapcsos	Carpentry Curriculum	Carpentry Teacher	EB	\$42/hr. (10 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	9/30/25
John Harrison	Carpentry Curriculum	Carpentry Teacher	PI	\$42/hr. (10 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	9/30/25
Brian Vuurens	Carpentry Curriculum	Carpentry Teacher	PA	\$42/hr. (10 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	9/30/25
Liam Ryan	CASE Plant Science Course	Agriscience Teacher	PI	\$42/hr. (40 hrs.)	N/A	7/14/25	7/18/25
Revised - Christine Portuesi	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	EB	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Brien Wiseman	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	EB	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Cleo Mack	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	EB	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Jennifer Rastelli	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	EB	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Kenneth Colavito	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	EB	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Lauren Pulgarin	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	EB	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Leo Malave	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	EB	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Louis Libitz	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	EB	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Robert Drudy	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	EB	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - James Rand	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	EB	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Stephen McGowan	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	EB	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Debra Ciesielski	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	PI	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Frank Minnella	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	PI	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Helen Baez	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	PI	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25

Revised - Robert Araujo	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	PI	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Valerie Gardner	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	PI	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Antonia Mastrella	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	PI	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Liam Ryan	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	PI	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Kevin Diemer	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	PI	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Christian Rios	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	PI	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25
Revised - Nadia Guzman	Summer Employment	Early Career Exploration Institute	PI	\$42/hr. (54 hrs.)	N/A	7/1/25	7/31/25

H. Elevate Career and Technical Education (CTE) Innovation Grant - Federal Funds FY25

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Loc	Salary	Step	Effective Date	Term Date
Liam Ryan	Case IAB Field Test	Agriscience Teacher	PI	\$42/hr. (40 hrs.)	N/A	7/21/25	7/24/25

6. APPROVE ADULT EDUCATION EVENING SCHOOL RATES OF PAY

That the Board of Education approves the following adult education hourly rates of pay for the 2025-2026 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

- Principal - \$50.00
- Staff Person on Duty - \$42.00
- Adult Education Instructor - \$42.00
- Clerks - \$19.00
- Tool Crib Attendants - \$15.49

7. REVISION OF HOURLY SALARIES & STIPENDS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the hourly salaries and stipends previously approved by the Board for work performed by Middlesex County Vocational Education Association (MCVEA) employees commencing on or after July 1, 2025 be revised to conform with the negotiated agreement previously approved by the Board on June 25, 2025 without further action by the Board.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE ITEMS & REPORT

8. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS ([Attachment A](#))

BE IT RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve the attached transfers in the 2024-25 and 2025-26 budget.

9. ACCEPT THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT ([Attachment B](#))

BE IT RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, does hereby certify that as of the date of the reports, May 31, 2025 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-1.10 (a); the monthly financial reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer; and further recommends, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 4, that the Board of Education certifies that no major account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (b), and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

10. BILLS AND PAYROLL (Attachment C)

The Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approves the bills that are presented for payment in the amount of \$5,189,517.87, the June 27, 2025 payroll presented for payment in the amount of \$1,505,736.06 and the July 15, 2025 payroll presented for payment in the amount of \$594,707.58.

11. ADDITIONAL FIELD TRIP REQUESTS (Attachment D on file in the BOE Office)

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve the attached additional field trip requests for the 2025-2026 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

12. FIELD TRIP AMENDMENTS – HIGH SCHOOL 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR (Attachment E on file in the BOE Office)

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve the attached field trip amendments.

13. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, TRAVEL, AND REIMBURSEMENT

The Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approves the following professional development, travel, and related expenses particular to attendance at listed functions for mileage, registration fees, and other travel expenses according to the cost schedule. Reimbursement is subject to contractual provisions or is in accordance with the travel guidelines for school districts (18A:11-12 and 6A:23A-7) and state travel guidelines established by the Department of Treasury in NJOMB circular letter.

Staff/Board Member	Date	Workshop / Conference	Reg. Fee	Funding Source	Estimated Expenses					
					Mileage / Transport	Parking / Tolls	Lodging	Airfare / Train	Per Deim	Other
Daniel Gallant	7/30-31/25	LinkIt! Data Forward Summer Institute	\$350.00	Title II	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Isaiah Gomez	7/19-23/25	National School Public Relations Seminar	\$0.00	District	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$980.94	\$294.00	\$414.00	\$0.00
Kelly Nakielny	7/30-31/25	LinkIt! Data Forward Summer Institute	\$350.00	Title II	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liam Ryan	7/14-18/25	CASE Plant Science Course	\$2,250.00	Perkins	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

14. ROCHKIND WAGNER FOUNDATION - STUDENT PERFORMANCE AWARDS

WHEREAS the Rochkind Wagner Foundation wishes to continue the program that provides \$200 individual student performance awards for each grade level in the Automotive, Carpentry, and HVAC programs at the East Brunswick campus.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education accept the award donations in the amount of \$2,400 per semester for the 2025-26 school year and agree to administer the program on behalf of the Rochkind Wagner Foundation.

15. ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Middlesex County Magnet Schools assures that each education program or activity operated by the Board of Education will be operated by the Board of Education in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Board of Education of the Middlesex County Magnet Schools also commits itself to take whatever remedial action is necessary to eliminate existing discrimination on the basis of a particular race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, sex preference, religion, marital or veteran status or to eliminate the effects of past discrimination whether occurring prior or subsequent to the submission of this resolution to the Director of Civil Rights of such assurance in accordance with Section 80.4 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

16. ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Middlesex County Magnet Schools assures that each education program or activity operated by the Board of Education will be operated by the Board of Education in compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The Board of Education of the Middlesex County Magnet Schools also commits itself to take whatever reasonable action necessary to eliminate existing discrimination on the basis of sex or to eliminate the effects of past discrimination whether occurring prior or subsequent to the submission of this resolution to the Director of Civil Rights of such assurance in accordance with Section 86.3(a) of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972.

17. ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Middlesex County Magnet Schools assures that each education program or activity operated by the Board of Education will be operated by the Board of Education in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Board of Education of the Middlesex County Magnet Schools also commits itself to take whatever reasonable action necessary to eliminate existing discrimination on the basis of handicap or to eliminate the effects of past discrimination whether occurring prior or subsequent to the submission to the Director of Civil Rights of such assurance in accordance with Section 84.5 of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

18. TITLE I - AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the Superintendent as the LEA authorized representative for the Board of Education in the application for acceptance of, and use of Title I funds for the Middlesex County Magnet Schools for the 2025-26 school year.

19. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS - 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve the following administrative appointments for the 2025-2026 school year:

ADA Officer	David Johnson
Affirmative Action/Chief Equity Officer	David Johnson
Asbestos Management and PEOSA Officer	Satchell Haughton
District Anti-Bullying Coordinator	Jorge E. Diaz
District Web Administrator	Arismendy Almonte
Indoor Air Quality Coordinator	Satchell Haughton
IPM Coordinator	Satchell Haughton
Open Public Records Administrator	Joseph Howe
Public Agency Compliance Officer	Joseph Howe
Right to Know Officer	Satchell Haughton
Title IX Coordinator	David Johnson
504 Civil Rights Facility Coordinator	Satchell Haughton
504 Civil Rights Program Coordinator	Jorge E. Diaz

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following Right to Know Departmental Emergency Contacts for the 2025-2026 school year:

Central Office	Satchell Haughton
Academy for Allied Health and Biomedical Sciences	Robert Fuller
Academy for Science, Mathematics & Engineering Tech.	Amro Mosaad
East Brunswick School	Michael Cappiello
Perth Amboy School	Brian Bilal
Piscataway School	Nicole Slade

20. BUDGET TRANSFERS CRITERIA

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve that for the 2025-26 school year, all budget transfers will take place at the minimum uniform chart of accounts level; (i.e. the 11 digit code) as shown below:

Fund	Program	Function	Object
xx	xxx	xxx	xxx

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education designate the Superintendent to approve transfers as necessary between meetings of the Board.

21. **ACCEPTANCE OF EXISTING CHART OF ACCOUNTS (G.A.A.P.) GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must be in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (G.A.A.P.) as required by the State of New Jersey, Department of Education;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the existing chart of accounts in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (G.A.A.P.).

22. **BID THRESHOLD AND APPOINTING A QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT IN A BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a)**

RESOLVED, that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education hereby approves Joseph Howe as the qualified purchasing agent and approves the bid and quotation threshold as follows for the school year 2025-2026 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a):

	Bid Threshold	Quotation Threshold
Qualified Purchasing Agent	\$53,000	\$7,950

23. **AUTHORIZATION FOR WARRANTS ISSUED PRIOR TO BOARD MEETING**

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education authorized the Board Secretary/Business Administrator to pay demands (bills) as necessary prior to presentation to the Board. Any bills paid prior to the Board meeting will be presented at the next Board meeting for ratification.

24. **STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING**

WHEREAS, current New Jersey State statutes (18A:18A-10) allows a Board of Education to purchase goods or services pursuant to contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, Middlesex County Magnet Schools intends to use State contract for purchasing throughout the 2025-26 school year at times where it is advantageous to the District.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the use of State contract purchasing as a method of effective procurement throughout the 2025-26 school year.

25. **COOPERATIVE SYSTEM AGREEMENT - MCESC**

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to continue participation in the Educational Data Cooperative Pricing System in accordance with the original Agreement with the Educational Service Commission of Morris County acting as the Lead Agency pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency shall advertise for and receive bids from vendors who will make school supplies, equipment and other related goods and services available to participating members of the said Cooperative Pricing System at the agreed upon price; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency entering into contracts on behalf of Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education shall be responsible for complying with the 54 provisions of the Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

26. COOPERATIVE SYSTEM AGREEMENT - ESCNJ

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to continue participation in the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Pricing System in accordance with the original Agreement with ESCNJ acting as the Lead Agency pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency shall advertise for and receive bids from vendors who will make school supplies, equipment and other related goods and services available to participating members of the said Cooperative Pricing System at the agreed upon price; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency entering into contracts on behalf of Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education shall be responsible for complying with the 54 provisions of the Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

27. COOPERATIVE SYSTEM AGREEMENT - HCESC

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to continue participation in the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (HCESC) Cooperative Pricing System in accordance with the original Agreement with HCESC acting as the Lead Agency pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency shall advertise for and receive bids from vendors who will make school supplies, equipment and other related goods and services available to participating members of the said Cooperative Pricing System at the agreed upon price; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency entering into contracts on behalf of Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education shall be responsible for complying with the 54 provisions of the Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

28. COOPERATIVE SYSTEM AGREEMENT – BERGEN COUNTY

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to continue participation in the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System in accordance with the original Agreement with Bergen County acting as the Lead Agency pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency shall advertise for and receive bids from vendors who will make school supplies, equipment and other related goods and services available to participating members of the said Cooperative Pricing System at the agreed upon price; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency entering into contracts on behalf of Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education shall be responsible for complying with the 54 provisions of the Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

29. COOPERATIVE SYSTEM AGREEMENT – ACES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 and 40A:11-10 authorizes local district boards of education to enter into

cooperative pricing agreements with local government units, i.e. municipalities and counties, (hereinafter local units"); and

WHEREAS, NJSBA has offered voluntary participation in a cooperative pricing system for the group purchase of electrical generation and/or natural gas for consumption by the local units; any ancillary or administrative services related to the purchase of electrical generation and/or natural gas; and related energy services; and digital and electronic products and services and other technology products and programs to be purchased by local units; and services and such other items or services as two or more participating local units in the system agree can be purchased on a cooperative basis; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Magnet Schools in the county of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, desires to participate in NJSBA's Cooperative Pricing System;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on July 16, 2025 the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approves the participation in the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into NJSBA's ACES Cooperative Pricing System Agreement pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 and 40A:11-10.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The New Jersey School Boards Association shall be responsible for complying with the "Public School Contracts Law," N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. all other applicable laws in connection with the preparation, bidding, negotiation and execution of contracts in connection with NJSBA's ACES Cooperative Pricing System.

30. NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools in East Brunswick, Perth Amboy, Piscataway, Woodbridge, and Edison, New Jersey, County of Middlesex, are hereby authorized by the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education to:

- a. Enroll as a member of the Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, a non-profit association of the public and parochial high schools of the State of New Jersey; and to
- b. Participate in the approved interschool athletic activities sponsored by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association.

31. NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION DUES 2025-2026

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve dues for the New Jersey School Boards Association for 2025-26 for the Middlesex County Magnet Schools as follows:

2025-26 Membership Dues	\$18,551.19
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32. NEW JERSEY COUNCIL OF COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS DUES 2025-2026

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve dues for the New Jersey Council of County Vocational Schools for 2025-2026 for the Middlesex County Magnet Schools, as follows:

2025-26 Membership Dues	\$19,903.00
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33. INSURANCE COVERAGE – NJSIG 2025-2026

WHEREAS, the district as a member (3 year term - 7/1/24-6/30/27) of the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (NJSIG) which was created to provide insurance coverage for New Jersey school districts as part of a non-for-profit insurance pool to make insurance expense more cost effective; and

WHEREAS, Brown & Brown Metro, Inc. (broker of record) has provided the 2025-2026 renewal rates through the NJSIG for various district insurance coverages including casualty/property, and school board legal liability as follows:

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
Total Property and General Liability Package	\$442,607
School Board Legal Liability	\$ 65,051
Workers' Compensation	\$293,622
Supplemental Workers' Compensation	<u>\$ 14,616</u>
Total Premium Cost: \$815,896	

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve the insurance renewal cost, as received from Brown & Brown Metro, Inc. for one (1) year insurance coverage (premium) provided by NJSIG for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract be awarded as an extraordinary unspecifiable service (EUS), as the law considers contracts regarding insurance to be treated as an EUS.

34. INSURANCE COVERAGE – VARIOUS POLICIES 2025-2026

WHEREAS, the following proposal for various insurance coverage, was received from Brown & Brown Metro, Inc. for one (1) year insurance coverage for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as follows:

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Student Accident	Monarch	\$40,347.00
Bonds for Business Administrator and Treasurer	CNA	\$ 2,794.25
Environmental	Philadelphia Indemnity	\$12,197.00
Nurses Professional Liability	Evanston Insurance	<u>\$ 5,465.00</u>
Total Premium Cost: \$60,803.25		

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve the insurance coverages and their premiums as indicated above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract be awarded as an extraordinary unspecifiable service (EUS), as the law considers contracts regarding insurance to be treated as an EUS.

35. PRACTICAL NURSING CLINICAL AGREEMENTS ([Attachment F](#))

WHEREAS, offsite clinical student assignment is an integral part of the Licensed Practical Nursing Program; and

WHEREAS, the following community health care providers have agreed to accept our students for the purposes of providing a required clinical experience:

Preferred Care in Old Bridge

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve and authorize the Chief School Administrator to execute these clinical agreements with each healthcare agency.

36. PURCHASE OF ATHLETIC TEAM TRANSPORTATION ([Attachment G](#))

WHEREAS sealed bids were received on July 15, 2025 in response to newspaper advertising in the "Home News Tribune" and "The Courier News" for Athletic Team Transportation as detailed in the attached bid tabulation.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award Athletic Team Transportation to Road to Success as outlined in the attachment. The bid for Piscataway Soccer from Coach USA is rejected for being over budget. The purchasing agent is directed to obtain quotes or rebid the fall Piscataway soccer athletic transportation as needed.

37. PURCHASE OF ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES ([Attachment H](#))

WHEREAS sealed bids were received on July 15, 2025 in response to newspaper advertising in the "Home News Tribune" and "The Courier News" for Athletic Trainer Services to cover all District athletic events including soccer, cross country, basketball, baseball, and softball.

WHEREAS only one bid was received in good order from 21st Century Physiques & Athletic Training Services in the amount of \$74 per hour.

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award the athletic training services to 21st Century Physiques & Athletic Training Services at the East Brunswick, Edison, Perth Amboy, Piscataway, and Woodbridge Campuses for \$74 per hour.

38. PURCHASE OF COSMETOLOGY SUPPLIES – BURMAX ([Attachment I](#))

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award the purchase of cosmetology supplies for the new cosmetology class at Perth Amboy to Burmax for \$25,309.45 on the basis of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement ESCNJ 24/258-12, as indicated in the attachment.

39. ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS – NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - ELEVATE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) INNOVATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve acceptance of funds from the New Jersey State Department of Education, as follow:

<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Elevate Career and Technical Education (CTE) Innovation	\$50,780
Start: July 1, 2025	
End: June 30, 2026	
Project Manager: Lee Neamand	

40. APPLICATION FOR FUNDS – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT, PART B (IDEA-B) FY2026

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve application for funds for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part B (IDEA-B), as follows:

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B (IDEA-B)	\$648,515

FY2025

Start: July 1, 2025

End: September 30, 2026

Project Manager: Renee Davis

FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGY ITEMS**41. ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES - REMEDIATION OF IMPACTED GROUNDWATER AND OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION AND AIR SPARGING SYSTEM**

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award a professional service contract for environmental engineering services in connection with the remediation of impacted groundwater and operation and maintenance of a soil vapor extraction and air sparging system at the Perth Amboy Campus to the TRC Environmental Corporation as follows:

PFAS OM&M & SVE Systems	\$ 86,000
Investigation and Remediation Derived Waste	\$ 31,000
Special Maintenance	\$115,000
Routine Groundwater and Air Quality Monitoring	\$ 77,000
Install Off-Site PFAS Wells/Recovery Buried Wells	\$ 60,000
Off-Site VI Investigation	\$ 33,000
Off-Site Access Agreements and Public Notification	\$ 30,000
LSRP Support and Reporting	\$ 97,000
Project Management	<u>\$ 36,000</u>
Total:	\$565,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract was awarded using a deliberative process, including and considering, prior performance, experience, and market cost surveys, as a professional service exempt from public bid under 18A:18A-5.

42. GYM FLOOR REFINISHING - CLASSIC SPORT FLOORS

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award gym floor refinishing to Classic Sport Floors in the amount of \$15,567.34 under the ESCNJ Cooperative Purchasing Agreement 22/23-44 as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Woodbridge	\$ 1,385.56
Perth Amboy	\$ 3,959.28
Piscataway	\$ 6,045.14
East Brunswick	<u>\$ 4,177.36</u>
Total:	\$15,567.34

43. PURCHASE OF WORK BOOTS – KEYPORT ARMY NAVY

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award the purchase of work boots for the custodial staff to Keyport Army Navy for \$14,646.93 on the basis of New Jersey State Contract #16-FOOD-001112.

44. PURCHASE OF CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT – PURESAN ([Attachment J](#))

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award the purchase of custodial supplies and equipment to Puresan for \$39,794.76 on the basis of the appropriate cooperative purchasing agreement, as indicated in the attachment.

45. PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES – SHI ([Attachment K](#))

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award the purchase of the attached technology supplies to SHI for \$3,005.67 on the basis of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement NJSBA ACES-CPS #E-8801, as indicated in the attachment.

46. PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES – MRA INTERNATIONAL ([Attachment L](#))

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award the purchase of the attached technology supplies to MRA International for \$153,954.00 on the basis of the appropriate State Contract/Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, as indicated in the attachment.

47. NETWORK SUPPORT– MILLENNIUM COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC. ([Attachment M](#))

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award the purchase of Network support to Millennium Communications Group, Inc. for \$287,589.76 on the basis of New Jersey State Contract, as indicated in the attachment.

48. TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION – IMMEDIATE TECHNICAL SERVICES INC. ([Attachment N](#))

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award the purchase of technology equipment installation to Immediate Technical Services, Inc. for \$22,990.00 on the basis of New Jersey State Contract #23-TELE-45465 as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Piscataway & Edison	Technology Installation Services related to Perkins projects	\$ 3,920.00
Piscataway, Perth Amboy, East Brunswick, & Edison	Technology Installation Services	\$12,180.00
Piscataway, Perth Amboy, & Edison	Technology Installation Services	<u>\$ 6,890.00</u>
Total:		\$22,990.00

49. LAWN MAINTENANCE PROGRAM - NATURAL GREEN LAWN CARE

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award the lawn maintenance program to Natural Green Lawn Care for \$66,908.77 under the ESCNJ Cooperative Purchasing Agreement 20/21-49 as follows:

Application of fertilizer, weed control, and spray pre-emergent during the 2025-26 school year on the East Brunswick, Piscataway, Perth Amboy, and Woodbridge general grounds and non-irrigated sports fields (6 applications) \$41,739.75

Application of fertilizer, weed control, insecticide, and pre-emergent during the 2025-26 school year on the East Brunswick, Piscataway, and Perth Amboy irrigated fields (9 applications) \$25,169.02

Total: \$66,908.77

50. CHANGE ORDERS - CAPITAL PROJECTS ([Attachment O](#))

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve the attached list of Change Orders for various Capital Projects previously awarded and currently under construction.

OTHER MOTIONS

51. FIRE DRILLS/SECURITY DRILLS

That the Board of Education accepts the following fire/security drills, as recommended by the Superintendent. ([Attachment](#))

52. ACCEPT HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING (HIB) INCIDENT REPORT & AFFIRM PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CASES

That the Board of Education accepts the HIB Incident Report and affirms the HIB cases previously reported to the Board of Education. ([Attachment](#))

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT (Satchell Haughton)
[Attached Report](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MOTIONS OR OTHER ITEMS

None

APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Faustini and seconded by Ms. Czarneski, that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approves all items on the consent agenda of the regular public meeting of July 16, 2025, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

On a Roll Call Vote:

On a roll call vote, Mr. Jones, Ms. Czarneski, and Mrs. Faustini voted "aye," and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Faustini that there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Howe

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Board Secretary