



**MIDDLESEX COUNTY MAGNET SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Business/Public Meeting Minutes | March 13, 2025 | 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Jones, Board Vice President called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Dr. Howe, called the roll:

Present: Mr. Jones and Ms. Czarneski, and Mrs. Faustini.

Absent: Mr. Anderson and Mr. Tartara

Also Present: Mr. Diaz, Superintendent, Dr. Howe, Board Secretary/Business Administrator of Operations, Mr. Knehr, Business Administrator of Facilities & Capital Planning, Mr. Bicsko, Assistant Superintendent, 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 February 21, 2025.
- Posted on the Middlesex County Magnet Schools website (www.mcmsnj.net) on February 18, 2025.
- Mailed to the five (5) duly appointed Board Members.

Correspondence

None

Presentations/Announcements

None

MINUTES

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

February 12, 2025

Business-Public Meeting ([Minutes 2.12.2025](#))

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM ITEMS

2. N/A

POLICY ITEMS

3. APPROVE 2nd READING/REVISION OF POLICY & REGULATION

That the Board of Education approves the 2nd reading of the following policies & regulations, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

- [Policy 5701 Academic Integrity](#)

- [Policy 8500 Food Services](#)
- [Policy 9163 Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events](#)
- [Policy 5516 Use of Electronic Communication Devices](#) | [Regulation 5516 Use of Electronic Communication Devices](#)
- [Regulation 5533 Student Smoking](#)
- [Regulation 9320 Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies](#)

PERSONNEL ITEMS

4. 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
Dawn Lystad	Retirement	Director of Adult Education	CO	N/A	N/A	5/1/25	N/A
Michael Martin	Resignation (Retroactive)	Groundskeeper	CO	N/A	N/A	3/11/25	N/A
Jennifer Meagher-Di Ello	Retirement	Teacher of English	PI	N/A	N/A	7/1/25	N/A
Lynda Mesa	Retirement	Teacher of English	PI	N/A	N/A	4/1/25	N/A
Linda Prefach-Rozner	Retirement	Teacher of Family & Consumer Science	PI	N/A	N/A	7/1/25	N/A
Nancy Richter	Retirement	General Administrative Assistant	EB	N/A	N/A	6/1/25	N/A
Travis Wisinski	Resignation	Teacher of Physics/Biology	EB	N/A	N/A	5/2/25	N/A
Alkidamia Ynfante	Resignation (Retroactive)	Custodian	PI	N/A	N/A	2/21/25	N/A

B. Leaves of Absence							
Name	Nature of Action	Position	Loc	Salary	Step	Effective Date	Term Date
Margaret Goolic	FMLA Intermittent (final remaining day)	Administrative Assistant to Guidance	EB	N/A	N/A	3/17/25	N/A
Lamont Lovelace	FMLA (Retroactive)	Custodian	PI	N/A	N/A	2/20/25	3/19/25
Lynda Mesa	FMLA (Retroactive)	Teacher of English	PI	N/A	N/A	2/20/25	3/31/25
Michele Pearl	Intermittent FMLA	Teacher of English	PA	N/A	N/A	4/4/25 4/14/25 5/2/25 5/9/25 5/16/25 5/23/25 6/6/25 6/13/25	N/A
Danielle Silva	FMLA (Retroactive)	Administrative Assistant to Guidance	EA	N/A	N/A	3/11/25	6/11/25

Donna Thomson	Unpaid Maternity Leave (Extended Retroactive)	Teacher of English	EB	N/A	N/A	3/06/25	5/15/25
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C. Appointments/New Hires

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Loc	Salary	Step	Effective Date	Term Date
Nicole Arias	Substitute	Substitute	N/A	\$150/day	N/A	3/14/25	N/A
Adrienne Cardinale	New Hire	Confidential Administrative Assistant to Assistant Superintendent	CO	\$56,000	N/A	3/24/25	6/30/25
Brian Caulfield	New Hire	Teacher of Physics	EB	\$86,317	H-3-14	9/1/25	6/30/26
Charlie Comaianni	Substitute	Substitute	N/A	\$150/day	N/A	3/14/25	N/A
Jennifer S. Hart	New Hire	School Nurse	EB	\$81,317	C-3-14	5/19/25	6/30/25
Michael Kamerman	Substitute	Substitute	N/A	\$150/day	N/A	3/14/25	N/A
Christopher Laffery	New Hire	Custodian	EB	\$44,869	1	4/14/25	6/30/25
Vanessa Stoklosa	Re-hire	Teacher of Spanish	PA	\$84,317	F-3-14	3/7/25	6/30/25
Alyssa Velez	Substitute	Substitute	N/A	\$150/day	N/A	3/14/25	N/A

D. Transfers/Salary Changes

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Loc	Salary	Step	Effective Date	Term Date
Wendy Leonardo	Transfer	Teacher of Cosmetology	PA	\$73,317	B-1-11	9/1/25	6/30/26

E. Extracurricular / Extra Pay - Athletic

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Loc	Salary	Step	Effective Date	Term Date
Michael Buonaguro	Sports - Softball	Volunteer Assistant Coach	EB	N/A	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/25
Daisy Arocho	Sports - Softball	Volunteer Assistant Coach	PA	N/A	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/25
Noel Chipoco	Sports - Baseball	Volunteer Assistant Coach	PI	N/A	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/25
Ryan Corrigan	Sports - Baseball	Volunteer Assistant Coach	PI	N/A	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/25
Varsity	Cross Country	Officials	All	\$83	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/27
Starter	Cross Country	Officials	All	\$7	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/27
Varsity	Soccer	Officials	All	\$104	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/27
Junior Varsity	Soccer	Officials	All	\$73	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/27
3 Officials (Middle Referee)	Soccer	Officials	All	\$10	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/27
Varsity	Basketball	Officials	All	\$104	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/27

Junior Varsity	Basketball	Officials	All	\$70	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/27
Varsity	Baseball	Officials	All	\$110	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/27
Junior Varsity	Baseball	Officials	All	\$77	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/27
Varsity	Softball	Officials	All	\$100	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/27
Junior Varsity	Softball	Officials	All	\$70	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/27

F. Extracurricular / Extra Pay - Non-Athletic

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Loc	Salary	Step	Effective Date	Term Date
Lynda Mesa	Rescind Paid Assignment	Yearbook	PI	N/A	N/A	3/14/25	6/30/25
Roberto Inclan	Paid Assignment	Yearbook	PI	\$2,003	N/A	3/14/25	6/30/25
Melinda Brzozowski	Paid Assignment	Yearbook	PI	\$2,003	N/A	3/14/25	6/30/25
Lauren Pulgarin	Before Hours Work (Catering at EB)	Baking Instructor	EB	\$41/hr. (1.5 hrs.)	N/A	1/15/25	1/15/25
Michael Perpente	Before Hours Work (Automotive Installation at PA)	Automotive Instructor	PA	\$41/hr. (1.5 hrs.)	N/A	2/6/25	2/6/25
Christina Mercogliano	After Hours Work (3:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.)	Culinary Instructor	EB	\$41/hr. (5 hrs.)	N/A	6/5/25	6/5/25
Liam Ryan	Paid Assignment	FFA Advisor	PI	N/A	N/A	9/1/24	6/30/25

G. Adult Education

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Loc	Salary	Step	Effective Date	Term Date
William Gardener	Part-time Employment	LPN Clinical Instructor	PI	\$50/hr.	N/A	3/13/25	6/30/25

A. Paid Internship Program - Grant Funded Program

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Loc	Stipend	Step	Effective Date	Term Date
David Williams	Grant Funded Stipend	Grant Coordinator	CO	\$17,000	N/A	1/2/25	12/31/25
Rebecca Inclan	Grant Funded Stipend	Grant Administrative Assistant	CO	\$2,000	N/A	1/2/25	12/31/25

BUSINESS AND FINANCE ITEMS & REPORT

5. 2025-26 BUDGET - [PRESENTATION](#)

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

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

Leni Hughes	3/4-6/25	DECA Competition	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00
David Johnson	3/17-21/25	National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity Summit	\$1,075.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,026.16	\$310.00	\$345.00	\$0.00
Wendy Leonardo	3/24/25	Hair Extensions Workshop	\$695.00	\$22.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Antonia Mastrella	3/4-6/25	DECA Competition	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00
Estefania McKay	3/19/25	Foreign Language Educators of NJ Conference	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stephen Moir	4/7/25	The Chef Conference	\$325.00	\$27.73	\$39.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cristina Monteiro	5/22/25	NJ Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Conference	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sarah Rubin	3/11/25	NJ Educational Computing Cooperative Conference	\$135.00	\$16.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sarah Rubin	3/27-28/25	National Science Teachers Association National Conference	\$550.00	\$84.36	\$139.00	\$641.18	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$0.00
Joan Thomas-Floyd	3/4-6/25	DECA Competition	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00
Angelica Vega	3/19/25	Foreign Language Educators of NJ Conference	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

12. PROPOSED BUDGET 2025-26

WHEREAS the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education has determined that \$51,831,263 in general funds are required to operate the magnet schools during the 2025-26 school year; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education anticipates receiving Federal and State grant entitlement funds in the amount of \$3,051,800; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education has determined that capital project funds for various facility upgrades in the amount of is needed from the Middlesex County Board of Commissioners, through County Capital Funding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Middlesex Magnet Schools proposed budget for the school year 2025-26, as follows:

General Fund Budget (Fund 10)	\$51,831,263
Special Revenue Fund Budget (Fund 20)	\$ 3,051,800
Capital Project Fund Budget (Fund 30)	\$ 7,000,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve the appropriation of \$473,258 in undesignated fund balance and \$876,742 in excess surplus from the 2023-24 audit as budgeted fund balance for the general fund in the 2025-26 budget statement.

13. PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE – 2025-26 BUDGET

WHEREAS the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education has given careful consideration to the financial needs of the Middlesex County Magnet Schools for the school year 2025-26; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education has determined that \$51,831,263 in general funds will be needed to operate the Middlesex County Magnet Schools during the school year 2025-26; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education has determined that \$7,000,000 in capital project funds (County Capital Funding) are needed to upgrade Middlesex County Magnet Schools facilities, as follows:

	<u>Total Project Cost (Local)</u>
Electrical Switchgear Replacement	\$ 1,500,000
Parking Lot Paving & Curbing	\$ 400,000
Roof & Mechanical Renovations	\$ 1,200,000
HVAC Interior Renovations	\$ 2,050,000
Variable Air Volume (VAV) Box Replacements	\$ 350,000
Fire Alarm System Replacement	\$ 850,000
Telecommunications Systems	\$ 250,000
Equipment	<u>\$ 400,000</u>
Total County Capital Funding	\$ 7,000,000

WHEREAS the Board of Education has determined that \$29,226,930 from County appropriations and \$7,000,000 in capital project funds (County Capital Funding) will be needed in addition to State Aid, Federal Aid, Appropriated Fund Balance, and Miscellaneous Revenues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education requests that the Board of School Estimate fix and determine that the amount of necessary funds from the Board of Commissioners of Middlesex County for the use of the Middlesex County Magnet Schools during the school year 2025-26, is as follows:

General Fund (County Appropriations)	\$29,226,930
Capital Project Funds (County Capital Funding)	\$ 7,000,000

14. MAXIMUM DOLLAR LIMITS – PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2025-26

WHEREAS the New Jersey State Department of Education has issued regulations (Chapter 23A) to promote fiscal accountability and efficiency; and

WHEREAS administrative code 6A:23A-5.2 requires that the Board of Education establish annually a maximum dollar limit for public relations and each type of professional service needed throughout the school year.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve and set the following maximum dollar limit for the 2025-26 school year, as follows:

Legal Services	\$ 175,000
Medical Inspectors	\$ 70,000
Audit Services	\$ 65,000
Architectural Services	\$1,500,000
Environmental Engineering	\$ 750,000
Security	\$ 700,000
Public Relations	\$ 150,000

15. TRAVEL MAXIMUM – BUDGET 2025-26

WHEREAS, the regulations (6A:23A-7.3) require that the Board of Education approve a maximum travel expenditures amount not to exceed for each budget year; and

WHEREAS, the regulations also require the District report on maximum amount established for the current budget year and the amount spent to date; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education establish the 2024-25 budget year travel maximum as \$70,000 and report that of the \$60,500 established for the 2024-25 budget, \$49,788.13 has been expended as of March 1, 2025.

16. SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY (Attachment F)

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education has identified certain surplus property in the attached list which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, it is the Boards intention to sell the surplus property through an online auction as authorized by P.L. 2001, C30 and outlined in Local Finance Notice 2019-15 and will be conducted through Municibid.com pursuant to State Contract 19-GNSV1-00696 in accordance with the terms of that contract.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the sale of the identified surplus property held as an online auction through Municibid.com under State Contract 19-GNSV1-00696; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any identified surplus property shall be sold in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

17. AMENDED APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL TO FEDERAL ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS (Attachment G)

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve the amended appointment of the attached personnel to the District’s Federal Entitlement Programs for the 2024-25 school year.

18. DONATION - RAY CATENA AUTO GROUP

WHEREAS, the Ray Catena Auto Group wishes to donate a 2012 Lexus RX350 to the Automotive Program at the Piscataway campus.

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education accept the donation as listed.

19. USE OF FACILITIES

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education authorize the following use of facilities:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Facility</u>
4/5/25	Saturday	Woodbridge Academy Civic Leaders of America	Woodbridge	Gym/Cafe/Classroom

Outside Organizations

<u>Date</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Facility</u>
3/18/25, 4/15/25, & 5/20/25	Tuesday	Rider Education	Piscataway	Classroom
4/29/25, 5/3/25, & 5/4/25	Tue., Sat., & Sun.	East Brunswick Orchestra Symphony	East Brunswick	Auditorium/Lobby

20. PURCHASE OF CHARTER BUS SERVICE - SPRING FIELD TRIPS – DISTRICT (Attachment H)

Sealed proposals were received February 19, 2025 in response to newspaper advertising in the "Home News Tribune" and the "Courier News" for charter bus service for spring field trips, as attached.

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education purchase charter bus service for spring field trips on the basis of lowest responsible bid as indicated in the attachment.

21. APPLICATION FOR FUNDS – NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – PRE-APPRENTICESHIP IN CAREER EDUCATION (PACE) PROGRAM

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve application for funds from the New Jersey State Department of Labor and Workforce Development, as follow:

<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pre-Apprenticeship in Career Education (PACE) Program	\$120,000
Start: June 1, 2025	
End: December 31, 2026	
Project Manager: Adam Recktenwald	

22. APPROVAL FOR TUITION CONTRACT

Authorize the business and personnel offices to execute a tuition contract with special education teacher Kaitlyn Raido to participate in the New Jersey Center for Teaching and Learning Master of Science in Teaching with K-12 Mathematics Endorsement in order to fulfill District needs.

23. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH DELTA-T GROUP

Approve an agreement with Delta-T Group to provide temporary school nurse staffing as needed at District schools for the remainder of the 2024/2025 School Year.

24. APPROVAL OF GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT SOFTWARE

Approve an evaluation period of April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025 to evaluate the purchase of the School Links guidance platform at no cost to the District. If determined to be successful and subject to appropriation, approve purchase the software for use between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026 to assist with college applications, career, and financial aid tracking at a cost not to exceed \$13,275.00

FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGY ITEMS

25. SECURING OF CHILDREN’S FUTURE BOND ACT (SOCFBA) - BOND ACT CTE GRANT AWARD ACCEPTANCE

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Magnet Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has fully executed a grant agreement to provide \$23,137,500 for the construction of a new magnet school through the SOCFBA.

WHEREAS the NJDOE requires that the Board of Education accepts the award of funding and certifies such acceptance through the states EWEG grant reporting and reimbursement system.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education accepts the award of the Bond Act CTE Grant in the amount of \$23,137,500.

26. PURCHASE OF MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS WORK BOOTS/SHOES

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of maintenance/grounds work boots/shoes to Keyport Army & Navy for \$8,095.68 on the basis of State Contract 16-FOOD-00112.

27. KITCHEN HOOD SUPPRESSION SYSTEM REPAIR SERVICES - APS - EMERGENCY

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of kitchen hood suppression system repair services in the amount of \$26,750 at the East Brunswick, Piscataway, and Woodbridge campuses through Absolute Protective Systems (APS) as an emergency repair for life safety in accordance with 18A:18A-7.

28. SECURITY LOCKDOWN SYSTEM AND PAGING SYSTEM EQUIPMENT - EASTERN DATACOMM

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award the purchase of Lock Down System and Paging System Equipment with installation in the amount of \$8,714.47 to Eastern Datacomm under the ESCNJ Cooperative Purchasing Agreement #18/19-16 as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Perth Amboy	2	Lock dock buttons w/controls	\$2,300.00
Perth Amboy	1	Additional intercom equipment including horns, clocks, speakers, and phones	\$4,964.47
Piscataway	1	Lock dock buttons w/key	<u>\$1,450.00</u>
Total:			\$8,714.47

29. PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES – SHI ([Attachment I](#))

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award the purchase of the attached technology supplies to SHI for \$9,089.24 on the basis of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement NJSBA ACES-CPS #E-8801, as indicated in the attachment.

30. PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES – DELL ([Attachment J](#))

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award the purchase of the attached technology supplies to Dell for \$13,281.02 on the basis of the State Contract #24-TELE-71883, as indicated in the attachment.

31. PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES – MRA INTERNATIONAL ([Attachment K](#))

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award the purchase of the attached technology supplies to MRA International for \$2,570.00 on the basis of the appropriate State Contract/Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, as indicated in the attachment.

32. PURCHASE OF FURNITURE – GLOBAL % H&H

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award the purchase of furniture to Global % H&H for \$467.71 under the ESCNJ Cooperative Purchasing Agreement 22/23-08 as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Woodbridge	2	Metal Bookcases	\$467.71

33. PURCHASE OF FURNITURE – VIRCO

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award the purchase of furniture to Virco for \$1,992.00 under the ESCNJ Cooperative Purchasing Agreement 22/23-08 as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Woodbridge	5	Lab Stools	\$1,992.00

34. SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECT APPLICATION/SPECIFICATIONS

RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education authorizes the submission of a

School Facilities Project Application to the New Jersey Department of Education Office of School Facilities as an other capital project consistent with the long range facility plan for the following projects:

<u>Campus</u>	<u>Project</u>
Perth Amboy	Cosmetology Renovations

35. CAPITAL PROJECT AWARD - SCIENCE LAB RENOVATIONS - EDISON ACADEMY CAMPUS (Attachment L)

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 5, 2025 in response to newspaper advertising in the "Home News Tribune" and "The Courier News" for Science Lab Renovations at the Edison Academy campus as detailed in the attached bid tabulation.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education award Science Lab Renovations Base Bid at the Edison Academy campus to TriForm Construction for a total of \$359,900 on the basis of lowest responsible bidder.

OTHER MOTIONS

36. FIRE DRILLS/SECURITY DRILLS

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

37. STUDENT SAFETY DATA SYSTEM

That the Board of Education accepts the following Student Safety Data System Report which was reported to the New Jersey Department of Education for Period 1 (September 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024), as recommended by the Superintendent.

School	Incident Total	Violence	Vandalism	Substances	Weapons	HIB Confirmed	Other Incidents Leading to Removal	HIB Alleged
Edison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Brunswick	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2
Perth Amboy	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Piscataway	1	0	0	0	0	1	10	1
Woodbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	0	0	1	16	3

38. 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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Sai Shah from the Woodbridge campus described his journey in the allied health field. He is pursuing a career in pre-medicine/neuroscience. There was a student council-led survey recently on school lunches and they received feedback that between 70-100 students were dissatisfied with the current school lunches noting that the portion sizes were small and they weren't nutritious enough. Superintendent Diaz shared with Sai and the Board that the administration is currently reviewing the entire food service operation and is expected to solicit proposals soon from food service management companies.

Adjourn to Executive Session

On a motion by Ms. Faustini and seconded by Ms. Czarneski, the board adjourned into Closed Session at 7:39 p.m.

- Mr. Jones read the closed session notice:

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the Sunshine Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 13, the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education will now meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters.

The aforesaid subjects are within the exemptions permitted to be discussed in closed session in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-13. Information regarding the Board's closed session discussion will be disclosed to the public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the closed session in approximately 30 minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Re-Convene to Public Session

- On a motion by Ms. Czarneski and seconded by Mrs. Faustini, the Board reconvened into the public portion of the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Czarneski and seconded by Mrs. Faustini that the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education approves all items on the consent agenda of the regular public meeting of March 13, 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 Ms. Czarneski and seconded by Mrs. Faustini that there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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