

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY**

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025

**MEETING AGENDA
of the Metuchen Board of Education**

Metuchen High School
400 Grove Avenue
Metuchen, NJ 08840

1. Call to Order

2. Flag Salute

3. Notice of Meeting

I hereby make this statement to indicate compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act known as Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of New Jersey, 1975, which became effective 90 days after enactment, January 19, 1976.

Notice of this meeting was given by providing the location, time and date of this meeting, and posting of the same on the front door of the Board of Education offices, by delivering copies to the Borough Hall and the Metuchen Public Library, The Home News and Tribune and by filing a copy with the Borough Clerk as prescribed by this law.

4. Roll Call

Mr. Bhatt		Ms. Killean	
Ms. Cheatham		Mr. Lifton	
Mr. Derflinger		Ms. Shrestha	
Mr. Glassberg		Dr. Spigner	
Dr. Johnson-Marcus		Mr. Suss	

5. Showcase of Success

❖ Edgar Middle School Art Display

Under the guidance of Mrs. Jennifer Gumbrecht, Ms. Margo Banner, and Mr. Nicholas Tay, the Edgar Middle School Art and Industrial Arts classes are excited to present a preview of the upcoming Edgar Middle School Arts Festival. This evening offers a glimpse into the creativity and talent of our students across various grade levels. We invite you to explore these displays and celebrate the artistic achievements of our students on Thursday June 5th between 7:00-9:00 pm. The Edgar Middle School gymnasium will be transformed into a vibrant gallery featuring a diverse array of student artwork. Each piece reflects the unique perspectives and skills developed in our art programs.

Visual Arts Feature:
5th Grade: Tempera paintings and oil pastel creations.
6th Grade: Drip drawings, Sculpey clay sculptures, and Tim Burton-inspired self-portraits.
7th Grade: Ceramic food sculptures, cartoon enlargements, and neurographic art.
8th Grade: Micrography, watercolor paintings, and handcrafted clay containers.

Industrial Arts Feature:
Shelves
Cutting boards
Chessboards
Additionally, larger projects such as chairs, benches, and tables are on display, showcasing the advanced craftsmanship and creativity of our students.

- ❖ Student Advisory Board Presentation

6. Meeting Open to the Public *(for any topic)*

7. Presentations

8. Reports

- ❖ President's Report
- ❖ Superintendent's Report
- ❖ Committee Reports
- ❖ Student Board Member Report

9. Old Business

10. New Business

11. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings

May 13, 2025	Special Business Meeting (1)
May 13, 2025	Special Business Meeting (2)
May 13, 2025	Board Meeting

12. Meeting Open to the Public *(for any topic)*

13. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

(at this time the Board will take formal action on the following items – see attachments)

Oftentimes it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases a unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter with the Superintendent of Schools. If the Superintendent is satisfied that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, it is then referred to the appropriate board committee. The members of the board committee work with administration and the Superintendent to assure that the members fully understand the matter. When the committee is satisfied with the matter, it is presented to the Board of Education for discussion before any final action is taken. Only then, is it placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting.

A. PERSONNEL

Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call

1. Coaches – Metuchen High School and Edgar Middle School Fall 2025

Move to approve the following Metuchen High School and Edgar Middle School coaches for the Fall 2025 school sports season as shown on the attached list.

2. Coaches – Metuchen High School and Edgar Middles School Winter 2025- 2026

Move to approve the following Metuchen High School and Edgar Middle School coaches for the Winter 2025-2026 school sports season as shown on the attached list.

3. Coaches – Metuchen High School and Edgar Middle School Spring 2026

Move to approve the following Metuchen High School and Edgar Middle School coaches for the Spring 2026 school sports season as shown on the attached list.

4. MHS Weight Room Supervisors

Move to approve the following as weight room supervisors for the 2025-2026 school year, effective July 1, 2025, at the rate of \$30/hour, as needed:

Bob Ulmer	Billy Ortman	Mike Knoth	Julie Youngman	Joe Migacz
Beth Abbott	Joe Keagle	Jordan Leitner	Lonnie Rawles	Joe Cardillo
Christina Dybas	Sydney Rudin	Leo Danik	Michelle Huff	Tracey Orcutt
Kelli Holleran	Marty Holleran	Dave Allen		

5. Leave of Absence - Extension

Move to extend the leave of absence of Megan Shapiro, Teacher at Campbell School, through approximately January 2, 2026 (Agenda 3/11/25, Section 13, A1).

6. Leave of Absence - Certificated Staff

Move to approve the leave of absence of Isabella Massaro, Behaviorist at Campbell School, effective approximately November 10, 2025 through approximately April 6, 2026.

7. Salary Adjustment - Certificated Staff

Move to approve a change in base salary for Jennifer Korpon, 0.6 Teacher at Moss School, from Step 2D, \$36,392/year, to Step 3D, \$37,280/year, as a result of her earning her Master's Degree, effective June 1, 2025.

8. Appointment – Re-registration Support Staff

Move to approve the following support staff to work the Re-registration session for incoming 5th and 9th grade families, effective July 1, 2025, at their hourly rates, not to exceed 28 hours per support staff member:

Laura Chiusano	Kate Eosso	Pam Hatzlhoffer	Carolyn Taylor
Teri Coleman	Patricia Hallas	Allison Sullivan	

9. Resignation - Certificated Staff

Move to accept the resignation of Samanta Jackson, Teacher at Campbell School, effective June 30, 2025.

10. Paraprofessional as a Substitute

Move to approve the paraprofessional, Rhonda Silverman, to serve as a substitute, as needed and assigned, for an additional stipend of \$50/day (Agenda 10/15/24, Section 13, A12).

11. Summer STAR Program

Move to approve Kristina Bormann to facilitate the Summer STAR Parent Academy program for up to 9 hours at the following rates:

School year:	Number of hours	Rate
2024-2025	5	\$50 per hour
Summer 2025	4	\$51 per hour

12. Leave Replacement - Certificated Staff

Move to approve the appointment of Camille Ortega, Leave Replacement for Lauren Spanier, Teacher at Edgar School, effective August 25, 2025 through approximately December 9, 2025, at a per diem rate of \$329.73/day.

13. Leave of Absence - Paraprofessional

Move to approve the leave of absence of Debra Oliver, Paraprofessional at Metuchen High School, effective May 6, 2025 through approximately June 2, 2025.

14. Retirement - Paraprofessional

Move to accept, with regret, the retirement of Rhonda Silverman, Paraprofessional at Metuchen High School, effective June 30, 2025.

-----end of personnel section-----

B. FINANCE

Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call

1. Treasurer of School Monies and Board Secretary's Reports

Move to approve the Treasurer of School Monies' Report, and Board Secretary's Report as of March 31, 2025.

2. Payment of Bills

a) Board Secretary's Certification

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10(d), the Board Secretary has certified that as of May 27, 2025 no budgetary line item accounts have obligations and payments which exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education.

Michael A. Harvier, Board Secretary

Date

b) Approve the Following Items Submitted by the Board Secretary

Payment of bills and claims, as shown on the attached list(s) that have been certified by the Board of Education and filed in the Business Office.

3. Budget Transfers

Move to approve budget transfers effective March 31, 2025.

4. Appointment- Clinical, Therapeutic, Counseling and Behavioral Services

Move to approve the appointment of the following to provide therapeutic mental health services for the 2025-2026 school year: Wellspring to provide Therapeutic Mental Health Services for an annual contract of \$99,878/year.

5. Student Agreement

Move to approve the settlement agreement for student # 2030057.

6. Student Agreement

Move to approve the settlement agreement for student # 2028029.

7. Appointment - Educational Services

Move to approve Gemm Learning to provide educational services during the 2024-2025/2025-2026 school year, not to exceed \$1,875.

8. Professional Development

Move to approve the following professional development activities as shown on the following chart:

Start Date	End Date	Activity Title	Name	Building	Approved	Payment	FFPI Proposal #
5/19/2025	5/20/2025	AED/CPR Training	Bandola, Drew Yelencsics, Molly	MHS	\$425 per person	Other	
5/30/2025	5/30/2025	New Jersey Math Supervisors Group Meeting	Lemerich, Kathryn	Central Office	\$24.82	Other	
6/2/2025	6/6/2025	Morphology Plus Virtual Training	Dybas, Christina	MHS	\$1,500	IDEA granted funded	
6/3/2025	6/3/2025	Riverside Woodcock Johnson V Assessment Training	Moss: Donatelli, Dana, Calantoni, Karen, MHS: Benfatti, Nicole, Edgar: Crawford, Courtney, Siesputowski, Tara, Edgar/MHS: Christina Theiss, Campbell: Riera, Karla, Bindra, Amy	District	\$200 per person	\$1600 total, IDEA granted funded	
6/3/2025	6/5/2025	Writing Revolution	Omark, Lindsey	Central Office	\$1,050	Other	
6/3/2025	6/5/2025	The Hochman Method 3-12	Leghorn-Ora pallo, Ann	Edgar/MHS	\$1,050	IDEA granted funded	
6/23/2025	6/23/2025	101 Best Strategies for Teaching Social Studies (Grades 6-12)	Manziano, Lou	Central Office	\$295	Other	
6/26/2025	6/26/2025	Let's Take a Deeper Dive	Rentenberg, Elizabeth	Campbell	\$60	FFPI	25-149

		into-Morphology					
7/9/2025	7/9/2025	Progress Monitoring for Orton Gillingham Instruction	Rentenberg, Elizabeth	Campbell	\$75	FFPI	26-003
7/21/2025	7/25/2025	AP Statistics for the New AP Teacher	Stevens, Jonathan	MHS	\$900	FFPI	26-002

9. Change Order M&M Construction

Move to approve the change order as listed below:

Change Order #	Description	Amount
17	Additional trenching by sitework contractor for the additional conduit feeders for the Musco Lighting at the field.	\$10,358.19
18	Winter protection for the concrete and masonry work at the high school. Disposal of the railroad ties	\$16,635.80

10. Professional Services

Move to approve the proposal for professional services from Penn Jersey for \$72,640.

-----end of finance section-----

C. POLICY

Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call

1. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

Move to affirm the findings of the previously reported case.

- EMS042125001
- EMS042325001

2. Suspensions

The Board hereby acknowledges receipt of the suspension report summary for May 12, 2025 - May 23, 2025.

3. District Calendar

Move to approve the revised district calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

-----end of policy section-----

D. CURRICULUM

Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call

1. NJDOE Focus Grant

Move to approve the application and acceptance, if granted, of the NJDOE FOCUS grant in the amount of \$6,020 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year and for the 2025-2026 school year.

2. Student Intern

Move to approve the placement of the following student intern from Seton Hall University in the Metuchen Public School District during the 2025-2026 ESY summer program for an undergraduate psychology experiential learning requirement:

Name	School	Supervisor
Avery Anderson	Campbell	Patricia Lewis

-----end of curriculum section-----

14. Meeting Open to Public *(for any topic)*

15. Announcements

16. Motion to Go Into Executive Session *(when applicable)*

Resolution to Close Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the Sunshine Act, N.J.S. 10:4-12 and 13, that the Board of Education will now meet in executive session to discuss _____ and that matters discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as the reason for confidentiality no longer exist.

17. Adjournment

FALL COACHES		Stipends are paid 9/30 &11/14			
		Step	25 - 26 Stipend	Sept/Nov payment	Agenda
Cross Country					
Head Coach (Boys)	David Allen*	3	\$ 8,576.00	\$ 4,288.00	
Head Coach (Girls)	Kelli Holleran	3	\$ 8,576.00	\$ 4,288.00	
Assistant Coach	Sydney Rudin	3	\$ 7,087.00	\$ 3,543.50	
Field Hockey					
Head Coach	Beth Abbott	3	\$ 10,466.00	\$ 5,233.00	
Assistant/Junior Varsity	Christina Dybas	3	\$ 7,434.00	\$ 3,717.00	
Assistant/Freshman					
Football					
Head Coach	Jordan Leitner	3	\$ 13,049.00	\$ 6,524.50	
First Assistant	Marcus Farris	3	\$ 8,775.00	\$ 4,387.50	
Assistant	Scott Leitner*	3	\$ 8,377.00	\$ 4,188.50	
Assistant	Lonnie Rawles*	3	\$ 8,377.00	\$ 4,188.50	
Assistant					
Volunteer					
Soccer					
Head Coach (Boys)	Joseph Migacz*	3	\$ 10,268.00	\$ 5,134.00	
Assistant/Junior Varsity	Mark Mooney	3	\$ 7,136.00	\$ 3,568.00	
Assistant/Freshman	Nick Zaneto	3	\$ 6,640.00	\$ 3,320.00	
Head Coach (Girls)	Robert Knoth*	3	\$ 10,268.00	\$ 5,134.00	
Assistant/Junior Varsity	Tom Herd*	3	\$ 7,136.00	\$ 3,568.00	
Assistant/Freshman	Julie Youngman	3	\$ 6,640.00	\$ 3,320.00	
Tennis					
Head Coach (Girls)	Jim Thomas	3	\$ 8,181.00	\$ 4,090.50	
Assistant	Ryan Clapp	3	\$ 5,563.00	\$ 2,781.50	
Cheerleader (Head Coach)					
Assistant	Sara Yocum*	3	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 2,025.00	
	McKenzie Serrano*	2	\$ 3,574.00	\$ 1,787.00	
MHS Fall Coaches			\$ 150,173.00	\$ 75,086.50	
MIDDLE SCHOOL					
Field Hockey	Julia Vaughn	MS	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 1,887.00	
Soccer-Boys	John Butler	MS	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 1,887.00	
Soccer-Girls	Drew Bandola	MS	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 1,887.00	
Cross Country - Girls	Veronica Araneo	MS	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 1,887.00	
Cross Country-Boys	Ed Ronk	MS	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 1,887.00	
Middle School Fall Coaches			\$ 18,870.00	\$ 9,435.00	
TOTAL FALL COACHES			\$ 169,043.00	\$ 84,521.50	
*Represents adjunct coach					

2025 -2026
COACHES SALARIES

<u>WINTER COACHES</u>		stipends paid 1/15 & 3/13			
		Step	25-26 Stipend	Jan/Mar payment	Agenda
Basketball					
Head Coach (Boys)	James Cardillo*	3	\$ 10,914.00	\$ 5,457.00	
Assistant/Junior Varsity	Michael Guidetti*	3	\$ 7,683.00	\$ 3,841.50	
Assistant/Freshman	Rory Perner*	3	\$ 7,635.00	\$ 3,817.50	
Volunteer Assistant	William Kilduff*				
Head Coach (Girls)	Kathy Glutz*	3	\$ 10,914.00	\$ 5,457.00	
Assistant/Junior Varsity	Robert Capra*	3	\$ 7,683.00	\$ 3,841.50	
Assistant/Freshman	Rebecca Dwyer	1	\$ 7,234.00	\$ 3,617.00	
Volunteer	Panos Tzetzos				
Volunteer					
Swimming					
Head Coach (Boys & Girls)	James Thomas	3	\$ 9,323.00	\$ 4,661.50	
Assistant	Julie Youngman	3	\$ 7,334.00	\$ 3,667.00	
Winter Track					
Head Coach (Boys)	Joe DiMeglio	3	\$ 8,975.00	\$ 4,487.50	
Head Coach (Girls)	Kelli Holleran	3	\$ 8,975.00	\$ 4,487.50	
Assistant Coach	Martin Holleran* (.5)	3	\$ 3,543.50	\$ 1,771.75	
Assistant Coach	Jordan Leitner (.5)	3	\$ 3,543.50	\$ 1,771.75	
Wrestling					
Head Coach	Joseph Keagle	3	\$ 10,664.00	\$ 5,332.00	
Assistant	Nick Zaneto	3	\$ 7,334.00	\$ 3,667.00	
Assistant	Joseph Montuoro* (.5)	2	\$ 3,568.00	\$ 1,784.00	
Assistant	Kevin Coleman* (.5)	3	\$ 3,667.00	\$ 1,833.50	
Volunteer	Ted Poulos*				
Cheerleader Head Coach	McKenzie Serrano*	3	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 2,025.00	
Volunteer					
MHS Winter Coaches			\$ 123,040.00	\$ 61,520.00	
MIDDLE SCHOOL					
Head Coach - Boys Basketball	Marcus Farris	MS	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 1,887.00	
Head Coach - Girls Basketball	Drew Bandola	MS	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 1,887.00	
Head Coach-Swimming	Karen Logan	MS	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 1,887.00	
Head Coach - Wrestling	Trey Jaworski	MS	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 1,887.00	
Middle School Winter Coaches			\$ 15,096.00	\$ 7,548.00	
TOTAL WINTER COACHES			\$ 138,136.00	\$ 69,068.00	
*Represents adjunct coach					

2025 -2026
COACHES SALARIES

<u>SPRING COACHES</u>			Stipends are paid 4/15 & 5/29		
		Step	25 - 26 Stipend	Apr/May payment	Agenda
Baseball					
Head Coach	Leo Danik*	3	\$ 10,366.00	\$ 5,183.00	
Assistant/Junior Varsity	Robert Dougherty*	3	\$ 7,186.00	\$ 3,593.00	
Assistant Coach	Joseph Corrigan*	3	\$ 7,186.00	\$ 3,593.00	
Volunteer	James Maggio*				
Volunteer	Ed Occhi*				
Golf					
Girls Head Coach	Christina Dybas	3	\$ 6,353.00	\$ 3,176.50	
Boys Head Coach	Carolyn Taylor	3	\$ 6,353.00	\$ 3,176.50	
Volunteer	Susan Williams*				
Softball					
Head Coach	Michelle Huff	3	\$ 10,366.00	\$ 5,183.00	
Assistant/Junior Varsity	Mark Mooney	3	\$ 7,186.00	\$ 3,593.00	
Assistant/Freshman	Tracey Orcutt	2	\$ 6,441.00	\$ 3,220.50	
Volunteer					
Tennis					
Head Coach	James Thomas	3	\$ 8,181.00	\$ 4,090.50	
Assistant/Junior Varsity	Nick Zaneto	3	\$ 5,563.00	\$ 2,781.50	
Track					
Head Coach (Boys)	Joe DiMeglio	3	\$ 10,366.00	\$ 5,183.00	
Assistant	Lonnie Rawles*	3	\$ 7,087.00	\$ 3,543.50	
Head Coach (Girls)	Kelli Holleran	3	\$ 10,366.00	\$ 5,183.00	
Assistant	David Allen*	3	\$ 7,087.00	\$ 3,543.50	
Assistant	Marty Holleran*	3	\$ 7,087.00	\$ 3,543.50	
Volunteer					
MHS Spring Coaches			\$ 117,174.00	\$ 58,587.00	
MIDDLE SCHOOL					
Baseball	John Butler	MS	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 1,887.00	
Softball	Paul Mruczinski	MS	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 1,887.00	
Track	Veronica Araneo	MS	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 1,887.00	
Track	Sydney Rudin	MS	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 1,887.00	
Track	Ed Ronk	MS	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 1,887.00	
Middle School Spring Coaches			\$ 18,870.00	\$ 9,435.00	
TOTAL SPRING COACHES			\$ 136,044.00	\$ 68,022.00	
*Represents adjunct coach					