

Board NOTES

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Next Month's Meetings

Agenda Planning Meeting
June 9, 2025

General Purpose Meeting
June 16, 2025

School District of Borough of Brentwood May 12 & 19, 2025

The information listed below is a *summary* of action taken at the May 12, 2025, Agenda Planning Meeting, and the May 19, 2025, General Purpose Meeting. The official minutes of these meetings should be consulted if more detail is sought on any item.

May 12, 2025 – Agenda Planning Meeting

- Mrs. Melissa Hughes Senior Managing Consultant from PFM Financial Advisors, LLC presented options for financing the last round of borrowing for the New Elementary School.
 - Mr. Ted Ulmer, Assistant MS/HS Principal, provided an update on student attendance and discipline data.
 - Mrs. Jennifer Pesanka, Business Manager presented the 2025-2026 Proposed Final Budget.
1. The Board discussed and approved adopting the proposed final budget for the 2025-2026 school year and authorize public display on the required PDE-2028 beginning May 13, 2025

2. Discussed the second and final reading of the following revised and new policies:

Policy #	Status	Title	Section
103	Revised	Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students	Programs
103.1	Review	Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students with Disabilities	Programs
104	Revised	Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff	Programs
234	Revised	Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students	Programs
336 436 536	Revised	Personal Necessity Leave	Administrative Employees Professional Employees Support Employees
339 439 539	Revised	Uncompensated Leave	Administrative Employees Professional Employees Support Employees
824	New	Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries	Operations

3. A transportation contract for one student to Community Schools West at a cost of \$245/day with Professional Limousine Services beginning May 2, 2025 through June 5, 2025 was ratified.
4. The Board approved a stipulated adjudication for one high school student.
5. Mrs. Rebecca Hagerty, Mr. Ted Ulmer, and Mrs. Katy Rodriguez were approved to attend the Project Zero Conference to be held at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts from June 23, 2025- June 27, 2025. The tuition cost will be split between grants from the Grable Foundation and Harvard University. The remainder of expenses will be addressed through policies 331 and 431 Job Related Expenses.

May 19, 2025 – General Purpose Meeting

- Dr. Betler provided an update on the transition of English Language Learners to Moore Elementary.
 - Mrs. Nancy Rounsely provided an update on the New Elementary Project.
 - Ms. Lily Briggs presented a food service update.
1. The minutes from April 14, 2025, Agenda Planning Meeting, and April 28, 2025, General Purpose Meeting were approved.

2. The Board approved the General Fund 10 Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Cash Balances for the period ending April 30, 2025; approved bill payments for the period April 30, 2025, through May 20, 2025; and the Board acknowledged receipt of the bank letter.

3. The Board adopted the following revised and new policies:

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4. The Board authorized the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed twelve million five hundred thousand and no/100 dollars (\$12,500,000.00); covenanting to pay, and pledging all available taxing power for the payment of, the bonds; establishing a sinking fund and appointing a sinking fund depository; fixing the form, maximum interest rates, maturity dates, redemption and other provisions for the payment thereof; covenanting to accept a proposal for the purchase of the bonds; authorizing a filing of required documents with the department of community and economic development; ratifying and directing certain actions of officers; and making certain other covenants and provisions in respect of the bonds.
5. The transportation contracts for extended school year students as per the transportation bid. Additional transportation runs, if needed, will be ratified at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.
6. The Board approved participation in Catalyst Connection's IMT Pre-Apprenticeship program.
7. Effective at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year, Board authorization allowing current volunteers to work with any sport and/or extracurricular activity. Any individual desiring to volunteer for the 2025-2026 school year should submit that request in writing to the Athletic/Activities Director.
8. Four summer custodians, at \$15.00/hour/rate, as presented.
9. Three summer technology interns at a rate of \$15/hour 3 days a week, as presented.
10. The Board hired the following staff for the Districtwide kindercamp to be paid for with Title 1 Funding: Mrs. Lindsay Vinay, Mrs. Christie O'Neil, Ms. Rachael Maiden, Mrs. Christina Dietz, Mrs. Amy Ferkett, Mrs. Jacelyn Pulleo.
11. The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Galen McKinney from the Elementary Band sponsor.
12. Mrs. Alexandra Rendulic was hired as the Director of Special Education effective August 1, 2025.
13. First National Bank was approved as school treasurer for the District for the 2025-2026 school year.
14. The AIU Services Agreement and Special Education pricing for the 2025-2026 school year was approved.
15. A School-Based Access Program Support Services Agreement with the AIU effective July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, was approved.
16. The following Steel Center Budgets were approved:
- General Operating Budget in the amount of \$8,083,760.00. The estimated cost per pupil is \$5,948.36.
 - Administrative Budget in the amount of \$220,782.00. The District is responsible for an estimated \$8,681.44 of the total administrative budget.
 - Southeastern Area Special School administrative budget in the amount of \$373,858.00. The District is responsible for an estimated \$4,677.89 of the total administrative budget.

17. A Memorandum of Understanding with the Allegheny County Intermediate Unit for the District to be part of the Title III Consortium was approved.
18. The following contracts were approved:
 - A three-year technology services agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.
 - The Waterfront Learning Contract with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit
19. The 2024-2025 school calendar was revised.
20. Mrs. Donna Werner and Ms. Antonia Focer-Brown were appointed as the Brentwood Borough School District Legislative Delegates to PSBA.
21. Mrs. Michelle Fusco was appointed as the Recording Secretary for the 2025-2026 school year.
22. The Board reappointed Mrs. Jennifer Pesanka as District Business Manager for a 5-year term.

The June Board meeting dates are as follows:

Agenda Planning Meeting
General Purpose Meeting

June 9, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Board Room
June 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Board Room

