

**DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**COW and REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Luther Lee Emerson School – Media Center**  
**May 19, 2026**  
**7:00 P.M.**

I. OPENING

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Holzberg at 6:30 pm.  
B. Present: Cantatore, Fein, Lee, Zimbard, Holzberg.  
Absent: Brillhart, Choi  
Also present: Dr. Cirillo, Superintendent and Ms. Kelly Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

II. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. The Board determined it will enter into executive session for the following reasons:
- Student Discipline
  - Superintendent Evaluation
  - Personnel
- B. It was moved by Cantatore seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present to approve the following resolution to enter the executive session:

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the personal privacy and to avoid situations wherein the public interest might be disserved, the Open Public Meetings Act permits public bodies to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which certain matters are discussed;

**WHEREAS**, the length of the closed executive session is estimated to be thirty minutes, after which the Regular Public Meeting will reconvene and proceed with business where formal action may or may not be taken;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the Board of Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss items stated above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subjects will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

- C. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present to convene executive session at 7:00 P.M.

III. REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING

- A. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Fein to reopen the Regular Meeting to the public at 7:00 P.M.
- B. President Holzberg read the following announcement:  
The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law 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 discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Demarest Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Borough Hall and at the Middle School and by notifying in writing two newspapers: The Record and The Suburbanite.

IV. FLAG SALUTE

A. President Holzberg led the flag salute.

V. ROLL CALL

Present: Brillhart, Cantatore, Fein, Lee, Zimbard, Holzberg.

Absent: Choi

Also present: Dr. Cirillo, Superintendent and Ms. Kelly Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

A. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Brillhart and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present to approve:

- April 21, 2026 Preliminary Budget and COW Meeting Minutes
- April 21, 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes
- April 28, 2026 Public Budget and Regular Meeting Minutes
- April 28, 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

VIII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Board President Holzberg congratulated the teachers earning tenure and welcomed them to the Demarest family.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cirillo congratulated the teachers earning tenure and thanked the PTO for the successful 5K event.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time.

XI. OTHER REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

None at this time.

XII. REVIEW OF AGENDA

A. Board members reviewed the items.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

A. There were no comments from the public.

XIV. ACTIONS

A. Instruction – Staffing

1. It was moved by Zimbard, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to award tenure to Gie Sue Ahn in the 2026/2027 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.
2. It was moved by Fein, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to award tenure to Kaitlyn Bruno in the 2026/2027 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.
3. It was moved by Brillhart, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to award tenure to Nicole Mascarelli in the 2026/2027 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.
4. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to award tenure to Reena Patel in the 2026/2027 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.
5. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to award tenure to Mary Sanborn in the 2026/2027 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to suspend the normal order of business at 7:10 PM

It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Fein and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to suspend the normal order of business at 7:20 PM

6. It was moved by Zimbard, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the employment of the following substitute teacher(s) for the remainder of the 2025/2026 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

Rosemary Kim

7. It was moved by Zimbard, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the employment of Jessica Strassberg, MA, Step 1, leave replacement teacher at County Road School, for the 2026/2027 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator. Salary and step will be adjusted upon the final settlement of the contract between the Demarest Board of Education and the Demarest Education Association.
8. It was moved by Zimbard, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the employment of Melissa McDonnell, MA, Step 2, leave replacement teacher at County Road School, for the 2026/2027 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator. Salary and step will be adjusted upon the final settlement of the contract between the Demarest Board of Education and the Demarest Education Association.
9. It was moved by Zimbard, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the provisional employment of Brandon Garcia, MA, Step 6, Demarest Middle School Science Teacher, for the 2026/2027 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator. Employment status would become effective upon

candidate's compliance with P.L. 1986, c. 116 (revised 6/30/98) and N.J.S.A. Salary and step will be adjusted upon the final settlement of the contract between the Demarest Board of Education and the Demarest Education Association.

10. It was moved by Zimbard, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the provisional employment of Emily DiGiovanni, MA, Step 1 , Demarest Middle School Guidance Counselor, for the 2026/2027 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator. Employment status would become effective upon candidate's compliance with P.L. 1986, c. 116 (revised 6/30/98) and N.J.S.A. Salary and step will be adjusted upon the final settlement of the contract between the Demarest Board of Education and the Demarest Education Association.
  
11. It was moved by Zimbard, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the appointment of the following tenure teachers for the 2026/2027 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator. Salary and step will be adjusted upon the contract settlement between the Demarest Board of Education and the Demarest Education Association:

Last Name	First Name	Level	Step
Acosta	Elvia	MA	10
Ahn	Gie Su	BA	9
Amaya	Julia	BA	11
Appelblatt	Colleen	MA+60	14
Avillo	Alexandra	MA	11
Bajdechi	Gabriela	MA	14
Baldi	Alyssa	MA	6
Bermudez	Christie	BA	12
Borghini	Loretta	MA	19
Bruno	Kaitlyn	MA+16	9
Calegari	Suzanne	MA	19
Conti	Corinne	BA	14
DiMartini	Bridget	MA+32	19
Dippolito	Sharon	MA	19
Du Bois Spence	Danielle	MA	14
Duby	Deborah	MA	19
Epiphaniou	Dawn	MA+32	15
Erol	Kristen	MA	19
Feifer	Allison	MA+45	19
Ferraro	Laura	MA+16	11
Forma	Kathleen	MA+60	12
Garbatow	Carly	MA+16	13
Geller	Janna	MA+60	19
Glaser	Wendy	MA+32	12
Greenberg	Michelle	MA	19
Guirguis	Janet	MA	19
Harley	Tara	BA	13
Heffler	Wendy	BA	11
Hubener	Katelyn	MA	11
Karrenberg	Denise	BA	19
Kerber	Kristen	MA	11
Kim	Sarah	MA	11
Konight	Kristin	BA+16	19
Larkin	Jessica	MA	11
Lefer	Julia	MA+16	12

Lew	Sunny	BA+32	19
Licameli	Lauren	MA+16	19
Magnifico	Lauren	MA	16
Manente	Jennifer	MA	5
Martinez	Rocio	MA	19
Mascarelli	Nicole	BA	4
McBride	Shannon	BA	9
McDermott	Karleen	MA	19
Mliczek	Nancy	MA+60	15
Mohanram	Hyewon	MA+16	7
Moran	Audrey	MA	7
Murphy	Toby	MA+16	19
Nerkizian	Chris	MA+32	19
O'Hara	Alexandria	MA+32	14
Peditto	Nicole	MA+45	7
Patel	Reena	MA+32	4
Plescia	Alyssa	MA	10
Plunkett	Jennifer	MA	19
Polvere	Joseph	MA+60	15
Porto	Alison	MA (.625)	13
Raccioppi	Jessica	BA	7
Ricciutti	Ellen	MA+60	19
Rilli	Jennifer	MA	19
Rinckhoff	Sherri	MA	19
Sanborn	Mary	MA	9
Scheuring	Danielle	MA+32	11
Schmitt	Kristen	MA+16	10
Stokes	Douglas	MA	19
Stokes	Sara	MA	19
Sullivan	Mary	MA+45	18
Sydoruk	Paige	MA+60	17
Tiscornia	Kelly	MA	11
Trumbetti	Carly	MA	6
Urban	Heather	MA	15
Werner	Joanne	MA+16	19
Woods	Katherine	MA+16	7
Zemba	John	BA	19
Zimmerman	Victoria	BA	19

12. It was moved by Zimbard, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the appointment of the following non-tenure teachers for the 2026/2027 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator. Salary and step will be adjusted upon the contract settlement between the Demarest Board of Education and the Demarest Education Association:

Last Name	First Name	Level	Step
Braunstein	Jodi	MA	4
Call	Jennifer	MA	8
Cole	Andrew	BA	17
Conover	Veronica	MA+60	6
Cutrona	Nicole	MA	16
D'Alessandro	Nicole	MA	2
DiPiazza	Lia	BA	5

Last Name	First Name	Level	Step
Goldmuntz	Jennifer	MA	9
Heckel	Kathleen	BA	9
Liguori	Isabella	BA	2
Rodriguez	Gary	MA	2
Rogan	Jacqueline	MA	5
Romeo+	Vincent	MA	3
Saravia	Jessie	BA	7
Sumereau	Allison	BA	3
Thibodeau	Abigail	MA	6
Toscano	Michelle	MA	8

+effective date of tenure 12/2/26

- It was moved by Zimbard, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the amended request of Staff ID No:10312861 for paid sick leave from October 21, 2025 through December 9, 2025 AM only, unpaid leave from December 9, 2025 PM only through January 29, 2026, FMLA leave from January 30, 2026 through May 8, 2026 and unpaid leave from May 11, 2026 through the end of the school year. Extended unpaid leave for the 2026-2027 school year. Returning for the 2027/2028 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

**B. Instruction – Pupils/Programs**

- It was moved by Fein, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the following field trip(s), as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

Location	Month/Year	Grade/Group
Sunshine Pottery Englewood	June 2026	DMS ERI and LLE LLD and ERI programs
Ramapo College Mahwah	June 2026	Bergen Brain Busters

**C. Support Services – Staffing**

- It was moved by Brillhart, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to accept the retirement of Hrant Mekhsian, custodian, effective August 31, 2026, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.
- It was moved by Brillhart, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the appointment of the following custodial and maintenance staff for the 2026/2027 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator. Salary and step will be adjusted upon the contract settlement between the Demarest Board of Education and the Demarest Education Association:

Last Name	First Name	Step
Bolt	Michael	S17
Cazimoski	Demir	S5
Desic	Izet	S9
Desic	Nusret	S6
Krkuti	Liridon	S10
Kuzmanovski	Vasil	S4
Montuori, Jr.	John	S17
Redzepi**	Fitni	S15

Rosero-Villacres	Eddie	S17
Yakoubian	Aram	S14

\*\* Maintenance

- It was moved by Brillhart, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the appointment of the following secretaries for the 2026/2027 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator. Salary and step will be adjusted upon the contract settlement between the Demarest Board of Education and the Demarest Education Association:

Last Name	First Name	Step
Hefter*	Patricia	S2
Koopalethes	Miriam	S16
Miller	Kari	S18
Piccini	Stephanie	S10
Rraci	Mirlinda	S5
Torre	Jeanne	S11

\*10 month employee

- It was moved by Brillhart, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the employment of the following summer custodial/grounds staff at the hourly rate of \$17.00 effective on about June 1, 2026 through August 31st, 2026 as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

Ben Torres  
Owen Shirey

#### D. Support Services – Board of Education

- It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the following request for facilities use on the following dates, in accordance with policy 7510, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

Event	Date(s) and time	Location
PTO Appreciation Breakfast *modified from 4/24/26	June 12,* 2026 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	DMS cafeteria
Troop 163	June 4, 2026 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	CRS APR
PTO Golf with Romeo (make up sessions)	June 5 and June 12, 2026 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	DMS new gymnasium
PTO iCamp enrichment mini session	5/26/26-6/19/26 (when school is in session) 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	LLE APR, fields, gymnasium
PTO iCamp enrichment mini session	5/26/26-6/19/26 (when school is in session) 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	CRS APR, playground/outdoor

- It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to acknowledge that the board accepts the results of the following HIB cases as reported at the March 17, 2026 meeting, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

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3. This resolution was tabled. ~~Move to approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies and regulations, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:~~

<b>POLICY/REGULATION</b>
0142.1 Nepotism — Bylaw (M)
1220 Employment of Chief School Administrator — Policy (M)
1552 Sexual Harassment — Staff — Policy & Regulation (M) (NEW)
2530 Resource Materials — Policy & Regulation
2535 Library Material — Policy & Regulation (M) (NEW)
3362 Sexual Harassment — Policy (M) (ABOLISHED)
3362 Sexual Harassment of Teaching Staff Members Complaint Procedure — Regulation (ABOLISHED)
4352 Sexual Harassment — Policy (M) (ABOLISHED)
4352 Sexual Harassment of Support Staff Members Complaint Procedure — Regulation (ABOLISHED)
9130 Public Complaints — Policy & Regulation
5410 Promotion and Retention (M)

4. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the following resolution, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:
- Whereas, the Demarest Board of Education intends to make non-salary reduction contributions on behalf of the Business Administrator who retires.
- Whereas, the Board will not permit any individual employee to have an option of receiving the equivalent amount as compensation.
- Whereas, the Board wished to make such contributions as Employer Contributions as permitted under Sections 403(b)(3) or 403(b)(7) and Section 415(c)(1) of the Code for eligible employees;
- Be It Resolved, that the Board hereby authorizes and directs that the Demarest Board of Education implements a policy to make a post-retirement contribution of all accumulated vacation day pay to the 403(b)(3) or 403(b)(7) contract of the Business Administrator commencing in the year of the eligible employee's retirement and shall not continue beyond five years from when the employee retired. These employer contributions shall not exceed the limits of Section 415(c)(1) of the Section 403(b)(3) Code.
5. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the following resolution, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:
- WHEREAS, At a time of continued fiscal uncertainty and mounting challenges, local boards Of education from across the state of New Jersey continue to suffer under the growing crisis posed by the rising cost of health benefits and are desperate for relief; and
- WHEREAS, despite record levels of state investments in public education, these school districts
- are facing fiscal pressures similar to those confronting the state budget, including the unsustainable growth in health-care premiums and the mounting insolvency of the state's public employees health benefits programs; and
- WHEREAS, Both within the School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) and the private market, year-over-year double-digit increases are placing tremendous strain on district budgets and local taxpayers alike; and

WHEREAS, Governor Sherrill and legislative leadership have publicly acknowledged the urgent need to address rising health-care costs and the challenges facing the state's health benefits plans, including both the state and local portions of the State Health Benefits Program and the SEHBP; and

WHEREAS, The seriousness of this issue is underscored by the mid-year SEHBP analysis released by the Treasury Department in March 2026, which concluded that "based on these projected losses and building in future trends, active premium rate increases for 2027 are likely to be in the double digits;" and

WHEREAS, These projected increases would follow the 31.9 percent premium increase that took effect in January 2026, further exacerbating an overall premium increase of nearly 74 percent in the preceding five years; and

WHEREAS, This growth in health-care costs far exceeds inflation, state aid increases and the fiscal capacity of local communities; and

WHEREAS, Rising health-care premiums are consuming an ever-larger portion of already constrained school district budgets, forcing difficult decisions that directly affect students, staff and educational quality; and

WHEREAS, These cost pressures also have significant consequences for taxpayers, as districts are often compelled to utilize the full extent of their available tax levy, even after which many districts remain unable to fully offset these increases due to the constraints of the property tax levy cap, despite the limited health-care exception; and

WHEREAS, For the families and students these districts serve, the downstream consequences— including district deficits, program cuts and school closures — mean the loss of community stability, continuity of services, and in many cases, access to the specialized supports that our most vulnerable students depend on; and

WHEREAS, These are also precisely the conditions that erode student achievement and weaken the family engagement that is central to strengthening New Jersey's public schools; and

WHEREAS, Implementing real, sustainable solutions to the rising cost of health benefits and reforming how benefits are delivered through the SEHBP would demonstrate the Governor's and Legislature's leadership and continued commitment to New Jersey's students, educators and families, which directly advances our shared goal of affordability and effective, efficient government for all New Jerseyans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Demarest Board of Education in the county of Bergen calls upon the Governor and State Legislature to provide immediate, short-term relief from the unsustainable increased health-care costs experienced by school districts in recent years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Demarest Board of Education in the county of Bergen urges the Governor to engage in meaningful engagement with all affected stakeholders to develop and implement practical long-term reforms to the state's system of delivering health care to its public employees in order to generate meaningful, long-term savings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Mikie Sherrill, State Treasurer Aaron Binder, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senator Holly T. Schepisi, Assemblyman Robert Auth, Assemblyman John V. Azzariti, Jr. M.D., and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

6. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the amended calendar for the 2026/2027 school year, [as attached](#), as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.
7. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the following resolution, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator: Be it resolved that the Demarest Board of Education "District" accepts the

Food Service Management proposal from The Pomptonian, Inc. "FSMC" to manage the food service operation for the 2026/2027 school year. The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, a management fee of \$.0537 for each \$1.00 of sales to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The District guarantees the payment of such costs and fees to the FSMC.

E. Support Services—Fiscal Management

1. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to confirm the April payrolls as follows, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

April 10, 2026	\$545,285.05
April 30, 2026	\$525,549.54

2. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the May 19, 2026, bill list as follows, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

<u>Subtotal Per Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11 General Current Expense	\$ 146,970.06
12 Capital Outlay	\$ 3,573.00
20 Special Revenue Fund	\$ 22,996.40
21 Student Activity Fund	\$ 19,407.40
22 Athletic Fund	\$ 1,265.00
30 Capital Projects Fund	\$ 28,000.00
60 Cafeteria Fund	<u>\$ 38,290.07</u>
Total Bills:	\$ 260,501.93

3. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the following resolution, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

Receipt of Certification from Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (d), I, Antoinette Kelly, certify that as of April 30, 2026 no budgetary line item account has obligations or payments (contractual orders) that, in total, exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1.

4. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the following resolution, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

Certification of Board of Education

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (e), we certify that as of April 30, 2026 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district official, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-extended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.13 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

5. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to acknowledge receipt of the April 30, 2026 Report of the Board Secretary, A148 and the Report of the Treasurer, A-149, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

6. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to confirm the following budget transfer for April 2026, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

**To:**

Account Number	Description	Amount
11-000-213-320	Health Services-Contracted Nursing Services	6,159.00
11-000-217-320	Extraordinary Services-Contracted Services	10,000.00
11-000-261-420	Required Maintenance-Repairs and Maintenance	1,000.00
11-000-262-622	Energy-Electricity	50,000.00
<b>Total Transfers In</b>		<b>67,159.00</b>

**From:**

Account Number	Description	Amount
11-000-100-562	Tuition-Other LEAs	6,159.00
11-000-217-106	Extraordinary Services-Other Salaries for Instruction	10,000.00
11-000-261-610	Required Maintenance-General Supplies	1,000.00
11-000-262-610	Custodial Services-General Supplies	50,000.00
<b>Total Transfers Out</b>		<b>67,159.00</b>

7. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the removal and installation of the playground at Luther Lee Emerson School, in the amount of \$399,072.63, with PTO donating \$200,000.00 towards the total, to Ben Schaffer Recreation through Co-op #11-BECCP NJCPA COOP BC-BID-24 35, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.
8. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the replacement of doors at Luther Lee Emerson School, with C&M Doors under cooperative MOESC 24-45 bid 25-26/26-27, in the amount of \$9,469.23 for boiler room doors and \$83,853.84 for classroom doors, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.
9. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the replacement of doors at Demarest Middle School, with C&M Doors under cooperative MOESC 24-45 bid 25-26/26-27, in the amount of \$35,615.00 for cafeteria, gymnasium, and stairwell doors, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.
10. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve payment application #5, in the amount of \$28,000.00, to In-Line Air Conditioning Co., Inc. for the Demarest Middle School UV's and boiler pump replacement, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.
11. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve removal and installation of lockers at Demarest Middle School, with Academy Furniture and Supplies, under cooperative HCESC-CAT-23-01, in the amount of \$49,828.31, as recommended by Chief School Administrator.
12. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the installation of the HVAC system for Luther Lee Emerson School faculty lounge, with Inline Heating and Air Conditioning Company, under cooperative ESCNJ 23/24-23, in the amount of \$49,395.00, as recommended by Chief School Administrator.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT

B. There was no comment from the public.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

- The board discussed the PTO grant submissions for the 2026/2027 school year. They agree with the submissions, and the process will move forward for approval by the PTO board.
- The new agreement with Region III for transportation was discussed.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. There was no motion to enter the executive session.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. It was moved by Brillhart, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Sincerely,



Antoinette Kelly  
Business Administrator and Board Secretary