

SUMMIT BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Mission of Summit Public Schools is to prepare all students to thrive in an evolving world.

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
March 26, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Summit H.S. Library/Media Center**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

**II. Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 Announcement
Board Secretary**

In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, I wish to announce that: "The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. Notices announcing the date, time and place for this Special Meeting were sent to all concerned individuals, associations and posted on the district website in accordance with P.L. 2025, c.72."

III. Roll Call

Board Members	Present	Absent
Ms. Melanie Cohn, President		
Ms. Eileen Kelly, Vice President		
Mr. Yon Cho		
Mr. Mark Gundersen		
Mr. Rick Hanley		
Ms. Walidah Justice		
Mr. J. Carlos Mahecha		

Others Present:

Mr. Scott Hough, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Dora E. Zeno, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Ms. Kathy Sarno, Assistant Business Administrator

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**IV. 2026-2027 Annual School Budget**

A. Discussion - Board of Education Members

B. Public Comment on the 2026-2027 Budget

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ (to close following public comment)  
Mahecha Justice Hanley Gundersen Cho Kelly Cohn

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**V. Approval of 2026-2027 School Budget Resolution:**

RESOLVED that the final budget be approved for the 2026-2027 School Year and sent to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the statutory deadline for review and approval:

|                              | GENERAL FUND | SPECIAL REVENUES | DEBT SERVICE | TOTAL        |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2026-2027 Total Expenditures | \$89,672,896 | \$ 838,949       | 0            | \$90,511,845 |
| Less Anticipated Revenues    | 9,799,533    | 838,949          | 0            | 10,638,482   |
| Local Tax Levy to be Raised  | \$79,873,363 | 0                | 0            | \$79,873,363 |

FURTHER RESOLVED that included in the general fund appropriations the Summit City Board of Education authorize the approval of withdrawal from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$850,000 as follows:

- \$600,000 LCJ Summit Middle School new generator
- \$150,000 Summit High School hot water heater
- \$100,000 Architect/engineering fees for district-wide projects;

FURTHER RESOLVED that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) included in the general fund appropriations, the Summit City Board of Education authorize the approval of withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve in the amount of \$50,000 for the LCJ Summit Middle School VCT replacement; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$2,227,161. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

**Approval of Travel & Related Expenditures Reimbursement for 2026-2027**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23:A-7.3 a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq.,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Summit Board of Education approves establishing the maximum expenditure for the 2026-2027 school year, not to exceed \$1,500.00 for regular travel pursuant to Policy #6471, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Summit Board of Education approves establishing a maximum travel expenditure amount of \$200,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.

The maximum travel expenditure for the 2025-2026 school year is \$200,000 of which \$34,392 has been spent and \$5,586 is encumbered to date

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Mahecha Justice Hanley Gundersen Cho Kelly Cohn

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried to adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.  
Mahecha Justice Hanley Gundersen Cho Kelly Cohn