

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Budget Meeting

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT &
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Budget Meeting

Salem County Workforce Development Building

205 East Broadway, Salem NJ 08079

4:30 p.m.

A. OPENING OF MEETING

Subject : 1. Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting : Mar 18, 2026 - Budget Meeting
Category : A. OPENING OF MEETING
Access : Public
Type : Procedural

Public Content

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Subject : 2. Call to Order
Meeting : Mar 18, 2026 - Budget Meeting
Category : A. OPENING OF MEETING
Access : Public
Type : Procedural

Public Content

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights 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 provisions of this Act, the Salem County Special Services and Vocational Technical School Districts Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the South Jersey Times and Elmer Times, and at the entrances of 404 Daretown Road, Elmer; 13 Ramah Road, Bridgeton; 45 Cheney Road, Woodstown; and 880 Route 45, Woodstown.

Subject : 3. Roll Call
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Access : Public
Type : Procedural

Public Content

Mrs. Patricia Bomba

Mr. James Davis

Mr. Linwood Donelson III

Mr. Daryl Halter

Mr. Earl Ransome

Mrs. Julie Smith

Mrs. Judith DeStefano-Anen

B. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Subject :	1. Audience Participation 1
Meeting :	Mar 18, 2026 - Budget Meeting
Category :	B. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
Access :	Public
Type :	Procedural

Public Content

Audience members attending Board of Education Meetings are permitted to voice their opinions on school related topics at specified times during the regular meeting. These times are included in the printed agenda for the meeting.

Members of the public are encouraged to speak during this public portion of the meeting to comment on any agenda or agenda addendum items. Complaints stated, or actions requested by the public, will be taken under consideration at a later time/date. All comments shall be directed to the President of the Board of Education. Opportunity will be provided later in the agenda for general comments on non-agenda items. When addressing the Board of Education, please respect the following procedure:

1. Be recognized by the Board President.
2. State your full name and address before commenting.
3. Identify the resolution on which you will be commenting.
4. Wait to be recognized before making your comments.
5. Limit your comments to the specific resolution.
6. Time will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Another speaker may transfer their time to a speaker to increase the total time to 6 minutes. However, the person transferring time loses their time to comment.
7. Comments from the public will not have a response from the Board of Education.

C. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATORS REPORT- VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Subject : 1. Request and Recommendation by the Business Administrator for Board of Education for the Approval of the 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget for Salem County Vocational Technical School subject to Revision and Approval of the County Office or NJ Department of Education.

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Category : C. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATORS REPORT- VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Access : Public

Type : Procedural

Public Content

It is recommended by the Business Administrator that the Board of Education approve the **2026-27 preliminary budget** for Salem County Vocational Technical School subject to revision and approval of the County Office or NJ Department of Education. **Board presentation is attached.**

Salem County Vocational-Technical School

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
General Fund	\$16,852,819	\$1,865,280
Special Revenue Fund	\$1,380,970	
Total Base Budget	\$18,233,789	

Subject : 2. Request and Recommendation by the Business Administrator for Board of Education for the Approval of the Maximum Travel Budget for Salem County Vocational Technical School

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Category : C. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATORS REPORT- VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Access : Public

Type : Procedural

Public Content

WHEREAS, the Salem County Vocational Technical Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Salem County Vocational Technical Board of Education established \$14,068.04 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$ 4,179.56 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$13,500.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

D. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - SALEM COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT

Subject :	1. Request and Recommendation by the Business Administrator for Board of Education for the Approval of the Maximum Travel Budget for Salem County Special Services Schools
Meeting :	Mar 18, 2026 - Budget Meeting
Category :	D. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - SALEM COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Access :	Public
Type :	Procedural

Public Content

WHEREAS, the Salem County Special Services Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Salem County Special Services Board of Education established \$25,300 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$5,868.91 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$29,080.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION II

Subject : 1. Audience Participation 2
Meeting : Mar 18, 2026 - Budget Meeting
Category : E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION II
Access : Public
Type : Information

Public Content

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F. ADJOURNMENT

Subject : 1. Adjourn the Meeting
Meeting : Mar 18, 2026 - Budget Meeting
Category : F. ADJOURNMENT
Access : Public
Type : Action
Recommended Action : It is recommended that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.