



TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – BOARD OF EDUCATION JOINT MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING **6:00PM** **SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**
MAPLE SHADE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. NOTICE OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

- a. The notice requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act have been satisfied with respect to this Special Joint meeting of the Township Council and Board of Education being held in the cafeteria of Maple Shade High School. Notice of this Special Meeting was published in the August 7, 2025 edition of the Courier Post. The agenda, along with written notice giving the time and date was posted in the Municipal Building and Maple Shade Board of Education and sent to the official newspapers of the Township at least 48 hours preceding the start time of this meeting. The agenda can be viewed online at www.mapleshade.com. A public comment period will be held in the order it is listed on the meeting agenda. The Public Comment period is available only for attending in-person.

D. ROLL CALL – Also present: Township Manager Danson, Township Clerk McVeigh, and Township Attorney Lozuke.

Township Council

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman			x				
Nunes			x				
Simonsick			x				
Zahradnick			x				
Talarico			x				

Board of Education –

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
Ms. Kathleen Motter - President		x		Ms. Karen Tilton	x		
Mr. Michael McClure - Vice President		x		Ms. Margaret Long	x		
Ms. Emily Talavera	x			Mr. Craig Schaal		x	
Mrs. Lynda Lotierzo	x			Ms. Regina Capate	x		
Mr. Jason Richek	x						
Superintendent Norcia	x			Admin. Blake	x		

Prior to the business at hand and for the benefit of the two boards and the public, an introduction was conducted by the members and the professionals.

PUBLIC COMMENT: no participation

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update from each Board as to current status of projects and ongoing initiatives which included for the Board of Education; the pre-school project at Yocum, the Pathway program at the high school and the turf project. Ongoing initiatives on the township side included the various road projects and how they will affect school children transportation and the loss of the Volunteer of America program. The township is looking for a replacement program.
2. Cooperation between the School District and Township in distributing important information through both entities mass communication systems – the group discussed the school’s robo call system and the township’s nixle system and what other measure can be taken to improve communication.

Mr. Simonsick stated that he proposed this forum to share his vision of the uses for the potential property acquisition and wanted everyone’s vision to be discussed. It was concluded that the issue is an executive session issue.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 2025-R-169 Authorizing the Governing Body of the Township of Maple Shade to Meet in Executive Session.

Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds

Resolution Authorizing the Maple Shade Board of Education to Meet in Executive Session

Motion to Close (6:22 pm): Mr. Zahradnick Second: Mr. Kauffman Comments: none
All in Favor: yes
Motion to Open (6:45pm): Ms. Nunes Second: Mayor Talarico Comments: none
All in Favor: yes

No further business
Adjournment Motion: Mr. Kauffman Second: Ms. Nunes
All in Favor: yes