

GUTTENBERG BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2025

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Town of Guttenberg, in the County of Hudson, N.J., held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. local time for the Anna L. Klein School, 301 69th Street, Guttenberg Board of Education.

MEETING OPENING

1.01 Call to Order

President Rogers called the meeting to order at 5.20 pm.

1.02 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rogers led everyone in the salute to the American Flag and recited the pledge of allegiance.

1.03 Members Present Roll Call

Mrs. Karen Huebsch conducted the roll call.

Upon roll call the following members were present, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Gonzalez, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski, Travelli and President Rogers. Trustee Vazallo was absent.

Board Attorney John Schettino was present.

1.04 OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Mrs. Karen Huebsch announced that this meeting is being called in conformance with the "Open Public Meeting Act," notices were mailed to newspapers, Town Clerk, and all members' two days prior to this meeting.

1.05 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2025

President Rogers asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 9, 2025. Motioned by Trustee Garcia-Popiel and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Gonzalez, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski, Travelli and President Rogers. Nays, none.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION- END OF MEETING

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.01 President Rogers asked if any committee members had anything to report.

Trustee Montanez presented her report for the month. The following events were discussed:

Free Rabies Shots- May 14, 2025 at the Guttenberg Town Hall from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

ALS Awareness Day- May 17, 2025 at the Guttenberg Town Hall

Registrations at the Gerald Drasheff Community Center for the Swim Club at the Secaucus Pool

Memorial Day Ceremony by Monument Park, Monday, May 26, 2025

Spring Pet Festival by Guttenberg/North Bergen Waterfront Park, Saturday, May 31, 2025 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

3.02 Requisitions to Purchase-Workshops/Inservice Workshops/Supplies

Vice President Sosnowski stated she was recommending all requisitions.

Vice President Sosnowski requested a motion to approve all April requisitions to purchase.

Motioned by Trustee Garcia-Popiel and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Gonzalez, Montanez, Rodriguez, Travelli, Sosnowski and President Rogers Nays, none.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.01 Business Administrator's Report, Secretary's Report, and Budget and Operations Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is necessary to formally approve the Secretary's report for the month of April 2025; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Secretary Mantineo stated the Secretary's report is on file and in agreement and certified for the month of April 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the formal adoption of the Secretary's report for April 2025.

Secretary Mantineo discussed the QSAC monitoring that took place concerning the financial items. She stated we were given a grade of 92 out of 100 and thanked everyone for a job well done.

4.02 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rosenberg presented her report for the month. Dr. Rosenberg discussed the HIB report and the QSAC review. She continued to state she had nothing additional to report.

4.03 HIB Reports

4.03 Approval of HIB Actions and Decisions that the Board of Education Affirms the Superintendent's Decision Regarding the Previous and Current Month's HIB Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is necessary to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of the current and prior month's HIB reports and findings, in accordance with In 18A:37-14 and 6A:16-1.3.

4.04 Student Representative Announcements- None

4.05 Other Board of Education Announcements (If Applicable)-None

5. HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

5.01 APPROVAL OF THE HEARING TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET STATEMENT

Secretary Mantineo presented her presentation of the 2025-2026 School District Budget Statement to the public. She discussed that the state aid was cut in half of the funding. A full day pre k will be established and has been budgeted for the next school year. Secretary Mantineo stated she was very proud of the accomplishment to have local taxes remain the same since 2018. Various improvements such as complete bathroom renovations, facility locker replacements as well as replacing the stair treads were being completed. Secretary Mantineo asked Dr. Rosenberg if she had anything to add.

Dr. Rosenberg the district wasn't aware that Spanish needed to be taught in the lower grades as well. Spanish supplemental materials had to be figured in the budget too.

A motion was made to open the hearing of the 2025-2026 School District Budget Statement to the public by Trustee Montanez and seconded by Vice President Sosnowski. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Gonzalez, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski, Travelli and President Rogers. Naves, none.

No citizens addressed the Board.

5.02 APPROVAL TO CLOSE THE HEARING TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET STATEMENT

A motion was made to close the hearing of the 2025-2026 School District Budget Statement to the public by Vice President Sosnowski and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Gonzalez, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski, Travelli and President Rogers. Naves, none.

5.03 APPROVAL OF OPENING OF THE HEARING OF THE CITIZENS TO THE PUBLIC

President Rogers stated that each citizen will be granted three (3) minutes if they wish to address the Board. He asked that each citizen state their name and address prior to their comment.

President Rogers requested a motion to Open the Hearing of the Citizens

5.04 A motion was made to open the hearing of the citizens to the public by Trustee Vice President Sosnowski and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Gonzalez, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski, Travelli and President Rogers. Naves, none.

No citizens addressed the Board.

A motion was made to close the hearing of the citizens to the public by Vice President Sosnowski and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Gonzalez, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski, Travelli and President Rogers. Nays, none.

6. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

6.01 Approval of the Claims List for May 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves of the Claims List for May 2025.

6.02 Contracts/Agreements for the 2025-2026 School Year- Industrial Appraisals

BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to enter into the following vendor contract agreements for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

Industrial Appraisal Company- Annual proposal for the fixed asset reporting for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 in the amount of insurance update fee \$185 and property record update fee \$310

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approves of the above mentioned vendor contract agreements for the 2025-2026 school year.

6.03 Fundraising Events-None

6.04 Acceptance of Donations for the 2024-2025 School Year-None

6.05 Approval of the Special Education Tuition Contracts Agreements for the 2024-2025 School Year and the 2025-2026 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is necessary to enter into a Special Education Contract/Agreements for the 2024-2025 and the 2025-2026 school year:

Learn Well Hospital Agreement- Two students commencing April 18, 2025 through May 9, 2025 for one student at the hourly rate of \$59.75 per hour and the other student commencing April 23, 2025 through May 1, 2025 for the 2024-2025 school year

Bergen County Special Services Educational Enterprises- Bilingual Evaluation- for 2 students at \$790 each (1,580) for the 2024-2025 school year

Batul S. Ladak- Neurodevelopmental Evaluations- \$850 per evaluation for the 2025-2026 school year

The Children's Specialized Hospital for OT/PT/ and Speech Services-\$89.99 for the 2025-2026 school year

Miriam Skydell and Associates- for the 2025-2026 school year for speech therapy services at the hourly rate of \$120 for a minimum of 3 days per week and \$450 per evaluation

The Phoenix Center- One special education student from July 7, 2025 through June 30, 2026, \$91,874.32

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approves of entering into a Special Education contract agreement with the above mentioned vendors.

6.06 Approval to Request the Tax Levy from the Town of Guttenberg for the Months of April and May 2025 in the amount of \$1,924,709.66

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, of the Town of Guttenberg, Approves the Request of Tax Levy for April and May 2025, in the amount of **\$1,924,709.66**.

6.07 Approval of the Adoption of the 2025-2026 Annual School District Budget Statement

BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to approve the 2025-2026 budget that has been completed and reviewed;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the amount of moneys estimated to be necessary for the operation of the public school of the Town of Guttenberg, for the year beginning July 1, 2025, exclusive of State, County, Federal, or other funds, Eleven Million Three Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars as per itemized budget attached hereto and summarized as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to approve a 2025-2026 school district budget for submission to the voters is as follows:

Operating Budget-	\$32,281,501.00
Special Revenue Budget-	\$ 1,507,506.00
Debt Service Fund-	0
Total Base Budget-	\$33,789,007.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board acknowledges that the 2025-2026 budget as described above results in a general fund tax levy of \$11,321,822.00.

6.08 Approval of Awarding Auditing Services for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 (Second Year)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Guttenberg Board of Education received approval to advertise for a Request for Qualifications for Auditing Services for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Wielkotz & Company, LLC had responded to the Board's Request for Qualifications issued and at the Board meeting of May 8, 2024, the Board determined that Wielkotz & Company, LLC have qualified pursuant to the fair and open process for

the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the said Request for Qualifications it was agreed the contract could be effective for an additional two year period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board wishes to engage the services of Wielkotz & Company, LLC to provide auditing services which are vital and necessary for the operation of the Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the second year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Guttenberg Board of Education and Wielkotz & Company, LLC wish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement setting forth the auditing services to be rendered by the Auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board has agreed to pay Wielkotz & Company, LLC the sum of \$42,000 for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, for the audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Wielkotz & Company, LLC shall be compensated in the amount of \$42,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution together with the professional services agreement to Wielkotz & Company, LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of said executed contract be kept in the files of the Board office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this is a true copy of May7-25-6.08 adopted by the Guttenberg Board of Education upon a roll call of all members eligible to vote at a regular meeting held on May 7, 2025.

6.09 Approval of Awarding General Counsel for the 2025-2026 School Year (Second Year)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Guttenberg Board of Education received approval to advertise for an Request for Qualifications for Board Attorney for the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and

BE IT RESOLVED, John L. Schettino, Esq. and the Law of John L. Schettino, LLC had responded to the Board's Request for Qualifications issued and at the board meeting of May 8, 2024 the Board

determined that John Schettino, Esq. and the Law Offices of John L. Schettino, LLC has qualified pursuant to the fair and open process for the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the said Request for Qualifications it was agreed the contract could be effective for an additional two year period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Guttenberg Board of Education and John L. Schettino, Esq. and the Law Offices of John L. Schettino, LLC wish to enter into an additional year Professional Services Agreement setting forth the legal services to be rendered by John L. Schettino, Esq. and the Law Offices of John L. Schettino, LLC as General Counsel for the Board for the extension term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board has agreed to pay John L. Schettino, Esq., an annual retainer of \$51,000.00 payable in twelve (12) equal monthly installments of \$4,250.00 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, inclusive of all legal work performed for the district including, but not limited to attendance at meetings, preparation of resolutions, legal opinions and litigation matters; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, Business Administrator has reviewed the Request for Qualifications submitted by John L. Schettino together with the Professional Services Agreement between the Board and the Attorney attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and hereby recommend his appointment as Board Attorney.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Town of Guttenberg, County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, that John L. Schettino be and is hereby appointed Board Attorney for the Guttenberg Board of Education for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that John L. Schettino shall be compensated at an annual retainer of \$51,000.00 payable in twelve (12) equal monthly installments of \$4,250.00 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, which includes all legal work performed for the district including but not limited to, attendance at meetings, preparation of resolutions, legal opinions and litigation matters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to John L. Schettino; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said executed contract be kept in the files of the Board Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this is a true copy of May7-25-6.09 adopted by the Guttenberg Board of Education upon a roll call of all members eligible to vote at the regular meeting held on May 7, 2025.

6.10 Approval of the Submission of a New Jersey Department of Education Waiver Application for the Preschool Square Footage (League of Extraordinary Children-Two Classrooms)

BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to approve the submission of a New Jersey Department of Education waiver application for the preschool square footage for two classrooms within the League of Extraordinary Children daycare;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the submission of a New Jersey Department of Education waiver application for the preschool footage for two classrooms within the League of Extraordinary Children daycare.

6.11 Approval of the Submission of a New Jersey Department of Education Waiver Application for the Preschool Restroom Facilities (League of Extraordinary Children-Two Classrooms)

BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to approve the submission of a New Jersey Department of Education waiver application for the preschool restroom facilities for two classrooms within the League of Extraordinary Children daycare;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the submission of a New Jersey Department of Education waiver application for the preschool restroom facilities for two classrooms within the League of Extraordinary Children daycare.

6.12 Approval to Withdraw Capital Reserve Funds for the HVAC Project

WHEREAS, on Monday, March 31, 2025, the Guttenberg School District received an email from Laura Console, Chief of Staff at the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), stating that as of 5:03 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025, the NJDOE had been notified by the U.S. Department of Education of a modification to the liquidation period for all Education Stabilization Fund programs funded by the CRRSA and ARP Acts, ending said period at 5:00 p.m. ET on March 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Guttenberg School District's late liquidation request in the amount of \$2,500,000 was approved by the NJDOE on July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the original ARP ESSER project, as included in the grant application, was intended to upgrade the outdated HVAC system at the Anna L. Klein School—specifically the 1909, 1926, and 1995 sections—in order to provide a consistent and efficient heating and cooling system throughout the building and ensure a safe, clean, and comfortable learning environment; and

WHEREAS, the extension request was necessitated by the need to procure a new architect of record due to the lack of service and responsiveness from the previously contracted architect; and

WHEREAS, the project is currently scheduled for completion in June 2025; and

WHEREAS, the district is now facing an emergency situation due to the loss of ARP ESSER funds that were originally designated solely for the HVAC project; and

WHEREAS, abandoning the project at this stage would leave the school without a functioning heating system for the upcoming school year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Guttenberg Board of Education formally acknowledges the urgent and unforeseen circumstances arising from the premature closure of the liquidation period by the U.S. Department of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Guttenberg Board of Education urges the New Jersey Department of Education to advocate to the U.S. Department of Education for reconsideration of this decision and reinstatement of the approved ARP ESSER late liquidation request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and Business Administrator have explored all available funding options and determined that the withdrawal of capital reserve funds offers a prompt and fiscally responsible solution to ensure the timely completion of the HVAC project at the Anna L. Klein School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board reaffirms its commitment to providing a safe, healthy, and climate-controlled learning environment for all students and staff, and will take all necessary steps to prevent disruption to the educational program due to a loss of heating or cooling systems; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board requests approval from the Executive County Superintendent for the withdrawal of capital reserve funds in the amount of \$1,981,662.90, currently owed to the project contractor.

7. CURRICULUM ADOPTIONS, REVISIONS, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

7.01 Approval of Curriculum Adoptions, Revisions, Programs and Events-None

7.02 Professional Development

BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to retain the services of Up the Bar Educational Achievement for a four days summer (August 4th through 7th) personalized SIOP professional development training for the staff at the cost of \$10,000 (\$2,500 per day);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approves of retaining the services of Up the Bar Educational Achievement for the 2025 summer.

7.03 Approval of Field Trip Requests for the 2024-2025 School Year-None

7.04 Programs and Events-None

8. POLICY AND LEGISLATION

8.01 Updates and Revisions-None

8.02 Approval of State and Federal Legislation: Mandatory Reporting of State Assessments- None

9. BUILDING AND GROUNDS

9.01 Approval of Building Maintenance Services

BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to approve the Emergency and Non Emergency Maintenance Services List for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school year:

F&G Mechanical-Compressor replacement in classroom 013 and 235 for the 2025-2026 school year, \$6,930.56 and \$6,954.02 for the 2025-2026 school year

CFI Furniture- Two special needs classroom panels- \$18,253.04 for the 2024-2025 school year

Elite Lock Service- Closer for bathroom doors- \$255, Replacement of screws on closer doors- \$115 for the 2024-2025 school year

William J. Guarini/Gordian- Four bathroom renovation project- \$259,892.13 for the 2025-2026 school year

William J Guarini, Inc Payment Application #3 for the HVAC Project-\$300,000 for the 2024-2025 school year

William J. Guarini, Inc Boys Bathroom 2nd Floor, \$682.20, Emergency water leaking in storage room, \$220.66, Classroom 308 valve not working, \$420.99, Classroom 111 toilet keeps running, \$1085.23, Various leaks and unclogging of toilets, \$2065.28, Steam leaks in basement bathroom, \$3,657.04

Louis Gargiulo Company, Inc- Exterior stairs installation- \$15,680 for the 2025-2026 school year, Installation of a vented vinyl base in the gym- \$1,865

Malachy Parts & Service- Oven hot service ignitor replacement-\$669.66 for the 2024-2025 school year

McHugh Furnishings LLC-State Contract-Fully welded metal corridor lockers- \$54,000 for the 2025-2026 school year

Telworx Communications- Replacement of Interlogix Keypad- \$859 for the 2024-2025 school year

Trico Electric LLC- Room 302 Loss of power to receptacles- \$607.50, Repair and re-support light fixtures in gym- \$1,005 for the 2024-2025 school year

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approves of the above mentioned Emergency and Non Emergency Maintenance Services for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school year.

9.02 Permission to Advertise for RFP's and Bids for Custodial Service Company, Electrical Services and Plumbing Services for the 2025-2026 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to request permission to advertise for a custodial service company RFP, an electrician bid and a plumbing bid for the 2025-2026 school year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board grants permission to advertise for the above mentioned bids and RFP's for the 2025-2026 school.

10. PERSONNEL/HUMAN RESOURCES

10.01 Approval of Staff Hirings for the 2025-2026 School Year (A. Blair, G. Argueta)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent is recommending the hiring of the following individuals for the 2025-2026 school year; and

Ms. Ashley Blair- 8th Grade ELA Instructor- commencing September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 at the salary of \$72,681 MA Step 11-12

Ms. Genesis Argueta- Kindergarten Instructor- commencing September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 at the salary of \$60,331 BA Step 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the hiring of Ms. Blair and Ms. Argueta for the 2025-2026 school year.

10.02 Extra Pay Positions (Math Curriculum Update, ESY Program and Staff)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent is recommending the following individuals for extra pay positions for the 2025-2026 school year:

Math Curriculum Update- Summer 2025 July 1, 2025 through August 1, 2025

Mrs. Diana Merse and Mrs. Julianne Medina, \$55 (20 hours) per hour not to exceed \$1,100 each

ESY Special Education Program- July 7, 2025 through August 7, 2025, Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Instructors- 102 hours at \$55 per hour

Mrs. Clarissa Lauer, Mrs. Colleen Tamburo, Mrs. Leigh Ann Petry, Mrs. Karla Fonseca, Mrs. Erica Santangelo- Substitutes, Mrs. Stephanie Spivey, Mrs. Rosanna Flores

Behaviorist/Coordinator- 100 hours at \$60 per hour, Mrs. Dawn Di Paolo

Special Education Aides- 100 hours at \$18.85 per hour

Ms. Luz Volquez, Ms. Lenny Hernandez, Ms. Maura De Leon, Ms. Vilma Cordova, Ms. Hiba Harb, Ms. Andrea Ortiz, Ms. Elvira Diaz, Mrs. Patricia Ahern, Ms. Paola Sanchez

Nurse- Ms. Christine Martinez- 100 hours at \$55 per hour

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the above mentioned individuals for the extra pay positions.

10.03 Step Increment-None

10.04 Student Teachers and Interns (M. Spindel)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent and the Principal are recommending the following individual for a junior field experience occupational therapy student for the 2024-2025 school year; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Max (Emily) Spindel is being recommended to complete their undergraduate degree to shadow 40 hours to assist an Occupational Therapist commencing May 8, 2025 through June 24, 2025 pending proper return of fingerprint criminal background check.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the junior field experience occupational therapy placement for Max (Emily) Spindel for the 2024-2025 school year.

10.05 Approval of a Teacher Maternity Leave Request and Personal Leave Requests (K. Verdon-Dwyer, H. Harb)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent is recommending the following maternity leave request and personal leave request for the 2024--2025 and the 2025-2026 school year:

Mrs. Kathleen Verdon-Dwyer- September 1, 2025 through January 4, 2026 with a tentative return date of January 5, 2026

Ms. Hiba Harb-May 28, 2025 through June 13, 2025 with a tentative return date of June 16, 2025

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approves of the maternity leave request for Mrs. Kathleen Verdon-Dwyer and the personal leave request for Ms. Hiba Harb.

10.06 Teacher Course Enrollment/Tuition Reimbursements- None

10.07 Resignations/Terminations/Retirements- None

10.08 Approval of the Rehiring of the 12 Month Non Union Staff Members for the 2025-2026 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent is recommending the rehiring of the following 12 Month Non Union Staff Members for the 2025-2026 school year:

ALVEAR CORTES, EDWAR J	Technology Manager
CORALES, ALEJANDRA M	Assistant to Superintendent
HENRIQUEZ, JOEL	Lead Custodian
LUGO, VALERIE F	Confidential Secretary
RODRIGUEZ, FRANCHESCO W	Technology Assistant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the above mentioned 12 Month Non Union Staff Members for the 2025-2026 school year:

11. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

11.01 Approval of Resolutions on Consent Agenda (Items 4.01 through 10.08)

President Rogers requested a motion to approve.
 Motioned by Vice President Sosnowski and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Gonzalez, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski, Travelli and President Rogers. Nays, none.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the Consent Agenda Resolution Items 4.01 through 10.08.

12. CONFLICTED MATTERS

12.01 Approval of the Rehiring of the GEA 10 Month Union Certified Staff Members for the 2025-2026 School Year

ABDELAZIZ, NOOR	ICS 4
AMADOR, COLLEEN	G&T
ANTOMARCHI YEARWOOD, TAMARA	RTI
ARGUETA, GENESIS	Kindergarten
BARLAAM, DINO	ELA RTI
BARTUCK, MELODY L	Kindergarten
BENITEZ, ASAEL	ELA 6
BLAIR, ASHLEY	ELA 8
BORGHI, MICHAELANGELO	Guidance
BROWNE, JENNIFER A	MA 8
CAMACHO, CHRISTINE	ELA 8
CANTELMO, ADRIANA M	Bilingual/ESL 7
CAPURSO,ANAGA BRIELLA	ICS Grade 2
CASTILLO, SUE-ELLEN F	Bilingual/ESL Push-I N 4
CERABONA, PANAMA	2nd Grade
CHRISTIAN-ZHOU, MARQUITA	Dance

CLARKE, MICHELLE E	4th Grade
CLARKE, RYAN	RTI
COLLAZO, EVELYN C	SAC
DANNUNZIO, GLORIA	RTI
DELACRUZ, CARMEN	5-8 ELA/BL
DIMAULO-MILK, SARAH	3rd Grade
ENCARNACION, BARBARA	Kindergarten
FASANO, JULIA R	MA 7
FLORES, ROSANNA	Resource/ICS 5
FONSECA, KARLA	Autistic 1
GALVEZ, BELKYS M	3rd Grade
GEISLER JR, RICHARD E	Social Studies 8
GIANFORCARO, KATIE	2nd Grade
GIORDANO, LAURYN	MA 6
GIRALDO, JOHN	PE/Health
GOMEZ, ERNESTO	Bilingual Push-In 6
GORDON, ABIGAIL	4th Grade
GRIGGS, JONATHAN	MA 6th
HAINES, MICHAEL V	5th ELA/SS
HALLIWELL, RYAN B	Music
HECHT, IVAN F	RTI
JALOUDI, ALIA	3rd Grade
JIMENEZ, BRIANA C	4th Grade
JOYCE, SHANNON	Sci/MA 5

JURISIC, DANIELA	RTI Coordinator
KAMINSKY, ELYSE	2nd Grade
VERDON-DWYER, KATHLEEN	SPEECH /Mat leave
KOHAUT, CARA A	Special Ed./T.B.D.
LARA, LAUREN	2nd Grade
LAUER, CLARISSA	MD
LOPRESTI, TIMOTHY	Social Studies 6
LUNDQUIST, ISABELLA	3rd Grade
MABEL, CAITLIN	5th Grade ELA/SS
MASTRANGELO, ALLYSON L	ICS K/TBD
MATARAS, COURTNEY	1st Grade
MCCARTIN, KELSEY	Speech
MEDINA, JULIANNE	MA/SCI 5
MERSE, DIANA M	Math Coach
MINERVINI, STEPHEN	PE/Health
MOODY, KATHRYN	ICS 6-8 MA
MOONEY, ERIN	Social Studies Electives
MORAN, KELLY	SP ED/Res
MORAN, KERI L	LDTC
NELSON, CLAUDIA J	Coding/RTI
NELSON, THOMAS	SCI 8
OROZCO, MELISSA C	Kindergarten Bilingual
OSTROWSKI, KHARLEEN A	Special Ed./T.B.D.
PAYANO, GUTHRIE	1st Grade Bilingual

PENTON-BAMERT, ROSA	RTI Bilingual
PEREZ, MIRTHA	Spanish K-8
PEREZ, YVETTE A	3rd Grade
PERINI, MELISSA L	2nd Grade
PERRY, MARISA	ELA 7
PETRY, LEIGH ANN	Autistic 2
RACHELSKI, ELIZABETH	1st Grade
REYES, ANGELY	4th Grade Bilingual
RIOS, FLAVIA	MA 8
RIVERA, MATTHEW O	Social Studies 7
ROTONDA, JENNIFER	4th ELA/Social Studies
ROTUNDO, SHARON	Coach ELA
RUIZ, YASMIN	1st Grade
SAIDI, GINA (Maternity)	Maternity Leave/ Placement determined upon return
SANCHEZ, BEATRIZ	Social Worker
SANCHEZ, JOVITA	MA/Sci 5
SANCI, CARMELINA	SCI 7
SANTANGELO, ERICA	TBD/Special Ed.
SCHNELL, EMILY	ESL 1/3
SEMRAU, FREDERICK	MA 7
SPINDEL, SARA	Kindergarten
SPIVEY, STEPHANIE M	ICS ELA 6-8
TAMBURO, COLLEEN P	Special Ed./T.B.D.

TECKWANI, HEMAN	Bi/ESL 2/3
TEHFE, MERVAT	Bi ELA/Social Studies 5
TOOMEY, JOHANNA	Placement determined upon return (Maternity)
VANDERBILT, ANGELICA	ELA 6
VASQUEZ, GLENIS	Art
VERDON, KATHLEEN (Maternity)	Speech
VERGATA, JENELLE M	PE/Health
VIZCAINO, MARIA	ELA 7
VOLZE, TIFFANY	Special Ed./T.B.D.
WALIS, TRACY E	1st Grade

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the above mentioned GEA Union 10 Month Certified staff members for the 2025-2026 school year.

12.02 Approval of the Rehiring of the GEA Union 12 Month Certified and Non Certified Staff Members for the 2025-2026 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent is recommending the rehiring of the following GEA Union 12 Month Certified and Non Certified staff members for the 2025-2026 school year:

12 Month Union	Position
BERISTAIN, STEPHANIE	Guidance (Certified)
HERNANDEZ, MARIA M	Custodial
MONTILLA, YADIRA	Secretary
BAUZA, CAROLINE	Secretary

CEPEDA, CAROLIN MERCEDES	Secretary
RODRIGUEZ, JOCELYN E	Secretary
MARTINEZ, CHRISTINE F	Nurse (Certified)
PEREZ, MADELINE S	Secretary
SINNING, MARVY	Guidance (Certified)
KELLY, MEGAN	Secretary

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the above mentioned GEA Union Certified and Non Certified 12 Month staff members for the 2025-2026 school year.

12.03 Approval of the Rehiring of the Administrators for the 2025-2026 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent is recommending the rehiring of the following Administrators for the 2025-2026 school year:

Administrators	Position
CRUZ, ILVEA	Director
MAGENHEIMER REHFELD, JILL	Director
PEREZ, JOSIE	Director
DIMAULO, LUCY	Supervisor of Special Education
PETRY, KEITH V	Principal

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the above mentioned Administrators for the 2025-2026 school year.

12.04 Approval of the Use of Facilities for the Spring Arts Concert for the 2024-2025 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent is recommending the following request for the use of facilities for the 2024-2025 school year:

Spring Arts Concert sponsored by Mr. Ryan Halliwell and Ms. Marquita Christian-Zhou to be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 in the New Gym and Cafeteria between 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approves of the request for the use of facilities for the 2024-2025 school year.

12.05 Approval of the Presence of Law Enforcement for the Spring Arts Concert for the 2024-2025 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mr. Ryan Halliwell and Ms. Marquita Christian-Zhou are requesting the presence of law enforcement for the Spring Arts Concert to be held on May 21, 2025 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approves of requesting the presence of law enforcement for the Spring Arts Concert to be held on May 21, 2025.

12.06 Approval of the Superintendent's Unused Vacation Time Accumulated Payout (Dr. Michelle Rosenberg)

BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with Dr. Michelle Rosenberg's 2020-2025 employment contract, Article IV, section F(4) "The Superintendent shall be paid for all unused vacation time at the daily rate of pay upon her 260 day work year following her last day of employment; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Dr. Rosenberg is requesting to receive her unused vacation payout as a separate paycheck of 34 days in the amount of \$28,172.14 (\$828.59 x 34 days) and in the event additional days are taken, the payout amount will be adjusted accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Superintendent's unused vacation time accumulated payout as mentioned above.

12.07 Approval of the Submission of the Acting Superintendent and Business Administrator Contract to the Executive County Superintendent (J. Mantineo)

BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to approve of the Acting Superintendent and Business Administrator contract to the Executive County Superintendent Ms. Jolene Mantineo for approval;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the Acting Superintendent and Business Administrator contract to the Executive County Superintendent Ms. Jolene Mantineo for approval.

12.08 Approval of the Rescinding Dec11-24-13.01 Retirement of the Business Administrator/Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary (J. Mantineo)

BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to rescind the resolution Dec11-24-13.01 retirement letter for Ms. Jolene Mantineo, Business Administrator/Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of rescinding resolution Dec11-24-13.01 retirement letter for Ms. Jolene Mantineo, Business Administrator/Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary.

Vice President Sosnowski requested a motion to approve.

Motioned by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Gonzalez, Montanez, Rodriguez, Travelli and Vice President Sosnowski. Recusal vote, President Rogers. Nays, none.

13. NEW BUSINESS-NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval for the Board to Enter into an Executive Session

A motion was made to enter into an Executive Session by Vice President Sosnowski and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Gonzalez, Montanez, Rodriguez, Travelli and Vice President Sosnowski. Recusal vote, President Rogers. Nays, none.

At this time, President Rogers left the meeting.

A motion was made to close the Executive Session with no further action but to adjourn the meeting.

Motion unanimously approved by voice roll call vote.

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.01 Motion to Adjourn by Vice President Sosnowski and seconded by Trustee Montanez.

Motion unanimously approved by voice roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Mantineo
Board Secretary