

# AGENDA

## PATERSON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

*June 25, 2025*  
*Remote*

*6:00 p.m. (Special)*  
*90 Delaware Ave.*

- I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG
- IV. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONDUCT A DONALDSON HEARING
- V. RECONVENE
- VI. RESOLUTIONS FOR A VOTE:
  1. Approve submission of the 2025-2026 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan to the New Jersey Department of Education, for the 2025-2026 school year. **APPROVED**
  2. Approve adoption and implementation of the 9-12 revised CTE/CCR curricula and courses of studies for Culinary I-IV, Public Safety Capstone, and Public Speaking and Debate, for the 2025-2026 school year. **APPROVED**
  3. Approve acceptance of the Learning Ally Literacy Opportunity Grants Program for 16 schools, for students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), 504s, and those identified as dyslexic or being at risk, reading below grade level, to assist in improving classroom engagement and interaction, for the 2025-2026 school year, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**
  4. Approve the extension in the instructional schedule for School No. 10, to dismiss students at 1:00 p.m. each Friday, while teachers remain until 3:10 p.m. to provide teachers with targeted professional development and dedicated common planning time to deliver high quality, data-driven instruction, aligning curriculum and plan interventions that will address student learning gaps and accelerate academic growth, beginning September 5, 2025, and continuing through the 2025-2026 school year. **APPROVED**
  5. Approve the purchase of Brisk AI to provide teaching tools to assist teachers in the creation of materials, differentiation of instruction, inclusive of text leveling and translation access to over 40 languages, assist in the creation of family communication and provide standard aligned resources, for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$80,500.00. **APPROVED**
  6. Approve continuation of the contract for a Multisubject Digital Learning Platform for Grades K-8 (RFP-488-23) with BrainPOP LLC, for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$109,000.00. **APPROVED**

7. Approve award of a contract for College and Career Readiness Online Platform – Grades 6-8 (RFP-498-25) to PowerSchool Group LLC, for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, with an option to renew for the 2027-2028 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 annually. **APPROVED**
8. Approve the partnership between the Paterson Public Schools and Newark Mentor for the Race Car Project, to allow students the opportunity to create and promote a 1974 Ford Capri Perana Rally Car, to reflect social mechanisms and cultural resilience employed by persons of color in America, for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$5,600.00. **APPROVED**
9. Approve entering into an agreement with Defined Learning to provide the Science and Engineering Instructional Resources for Grades 3-8 students, for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00. **APPROVED**
10. Approve continuation of the contract for Cross Curricular Digital Platform (RFP-431-22) with Newsela, Inc., for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$49,820.00. **APPROVED**
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12. Approve out of district placement/educational services for students. **APPROVED**
13. Approve a field trip for students and staff of John F. Kennedy High School to Lake Bryn Mawr Invitational Cheer Camp in Honesdale, P.A., to learn leadership skills, personal development, and collegiate cheerleading expectations, from August 12-25, 2025, at an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. **APPROVED**
14. Approve entering into an agreement with Activate Learning to provide professional development to teachers for the implementation of OpenSciEd high school units and a middle school pilot of one unit, for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$15,600.39. **APPROVED**
15. Approve entering into a partnership agreement with Montclair State University (MSU) for its Educational Leadership Offsite Program for Bilingual Educators, to permit MSU to assign their faculty to teach Montclair course curriculum specifically designed for certified bilingual educators, as well as staff who are multilingual or bilingual (but not certified) who want to become administrators and leaders, for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**
16. Approve renewal of transportation contracts for Paterson pupils to district schools and to various out-of-district schools, for the 2025-2026 school year, at 0% increase, at an amount not to exceed \$315,543.00. **APPROVED**
17. Approve award of quoted transportation contracts to various schools for in-district and out-of-district students, for the 2025-2026 extended school year, in the amount of \$60,883.00. **APPROVED**
18. Approve ratification of the addendum to transportation contracts for additional days and additional aides for routes providing transportation for students outside of Paterson, for the 2024-2025 school year, in the amount of \$17,468.92. **APPROVED**

19. Approve award of quoted transportation contracts to various schools for in-district and out-of-district students, for the 2024-2025 school year, in the amount of \$10,930.00. **APPROVED**
20. Approve award of a quoted transportation contract for students attending the IBM Internship, for the 2025 extended school year, in the amount of \$5,976.00. **APPROVED**
21. Approve award of a contract for Student Transportation (PPS-566-26), to Centaur Trans, for the 2025 extended school year, in the amount of \$2,399.88. **APPROVED**
22. Approve attendance for thirteen (13) board and staff members to attend conferences/workshops, in the amount of \$12,238.83. **APPROVED**
23. Approve payment of bills and claims through June 25, 2025, beginning with check number 248852 and ending with check number 248860 along with the direct deposit numbers beginning with 2494 and ending with 2503, in the amount of \$7,441,722.50, and wire payments in the amount of \$4,545,459.47, for a total of \$11,987,181.97. **APPROVED**
24. Authorize the completion of an application and receipt of a safety grant through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (NJSIG), to provide members the necessary resources to complete risk reduction projects and improve the safety of the population NJSIG members serve, for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, in the amount of \$16,500.00. **APPROVED**
25. Approve acceptance of a donation from Pinebrook Jewish Center of a scholarship check for three high school seniors for the 2025 cohort who are pursuing a 4-year college, in the amount of \$3,600.00. **APPROVED**
26. Approve acceptance of a donation from Stop & Shop School Food Pantry Program to provide food pantry items and flu vaccinations for School No. 16, for the 2025-2026 school year, in the amount of \$7,500.00 in gift cards. **APPROVED**
27. Approve entering into a consultancy contract with Garden State Environmental for chemical hygiene program services, for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$33,430.00. **APPROVED**
28. Authorize the Department of Facilities to utilize a cooperative pricing agreement with Academy Construction under Educational Data Services for the purchase of general contracting services, for the 2025-2026 school year, not to exceed \$750,000.00. **APPROVED**
29. Authorize the Department of Facilities to utilize a cooperative pricing agreement with Bogush dba Public Sewer Service under Educational Data Services for the purchase of hazardous waste disposal services, for the 2025-2026 school year, not to exceed \$200,000.00. **APPROVED**
30. Authorize the Department of Facilities to utilize a cooperative pricing agreement with Brightly Software under Omnia Partners Cooperative for the purchase of software and related services, for the 2025-2026 school year, not to exceed \$100,000.00. **APPROVED**

31. Approve extension of the contract for HVAC Services Districtwide (PPS-241-23) with Envirocon, for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000.00. **APPROVED**
32. Authorize the Department of Facilities to utilize a cooperative pricing agreement with Haig Service Corporation under Educational Data Services for the purchase fire alarm monitoring/maintenance and related services, for the 2025-2026 school year, not to exceed \$750,000.00. **APPROVED**
33. Authorize the Department of Facilities to utilize a cooperative pricing agreement with Glass Tech under Educational Data Services for the purchase of glass repair services, for the 2025-2026 school year, not to exceed \$500,000.00. **APPROVED**
34. Authorize the Department of Facilities to utilize a cooperative pricing agreement with Liberty Mechanical under Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of HVAC rentals and repair services, for the 2025-2026 school year, not to exceed \$500,000.00. **APPROVED**
35. Authorize the Department of Facilities to utilize a cooperative pricing agreement with Murray Paving & Concrete under Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of paving and masonry services, for the 2025-2026 school year, not to exceed \$1,000,000.00. **APPROVED**
36. Authorize the Department of Facilities to utilize a cooperative pricing agreement with Northeastern Interiors under Hunterdon County Educational Services Cooperative for the purchase of general contracting and related services, for the 2025-2026 school year, not to exceed \$1,000,000.00. **APPROVED**
37. Authorize the Department of Facilities to utilize a cooperative pricing agreement with Pravco under Bergen County Cooperative for the purchase of general contracting services, for the 2025-2026 school year, not to exceed \$1,000,000.00. **APPROVED**
38. Authorize the Department of Facilities to utilize a cooperative pricing agreement with R.D. Sales under Educational Data Services for the purchase of door repair and related services, for the 2025-2026 school year, not to exceed \$350,000.00. **APPROVED**
39. Authorize the Department of Facilities to utilize a cooperative pricing agreement with TTI Environmental under Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of environmental remediation services, for the 2025-2026 school year, not to exceed \$300,000.00. **APPROVED**
40. Authorize the Department of Facilities to utilize a cooperative pricing agreement with Trane U.S. under Omnia Partners Cooperative for the purchase of proprietary hardware/software and related services, for the 2025-2026 school year, not to exceed \$1,500,000.00. **APPROVED**
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42. Approve payment of public utility services to Public Service Electric & Gas, City of Paterson, Paterson Solar, SSI-NELNET, and Passaic Valley Water Commission, for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. **APPROVED**

43. Approve extension of the contract for Auditorium Seating Repairs (PPS-210-24) with Nickerson NY, LLC, for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00. **APPROVED**
44. Approve award of a contract for Fencing Services (PPS-226-26) to Fox Fence Enterprises, Inc., for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 annually. **APPROVED**
45. Approve award of contracts for Intercom/PA/Clock System Repairs (PPS-265-26) to Bingham Communications (primary vendor) and Sal Electric Co., Inc., for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 annually. **APPROVED**
46. Approve award of contracts for Wood Gymnasium Floor Services & Related (PPS-273-26) Mathusek, Inc. (primary vendor) and Classic Floor Finishing, Inc., for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 annually. **APPROVED**
47. Approve award of a contract for Pest Control Services/Management (PPS-292-26) to Alliance Pest Services, for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 annually. **APPROVED**
48. Approve award of a contract for Bathroom Renovations at Eastside High School (PPS-298-25) Salazar & Associates, Inc., for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$1,025,500.00. **APPROVED**
49. Approve award of a contract to PowerSchool Group, LLC, for the purchase of Applicant Tracking software and Employee Records software, for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$60,637.37. **APPROVED**
50. Approve award of a contract for Telecommunication Services—SIP/TRUNK (RFP-475-26) to NET2PHONE, for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 annually. **APPROVED**
51. Approve entering into a contract with Verizon to purchase Verizon Telephone Lines, for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. **APPROVED**
52. Approve personnel recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools for adoption at the June 25, 2025, board meeting. **APPROVED**
53. Approve renewal of the district's membership with New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (NJSIG) as a way to secure protection, services, and savings relating to insurance and self-insurance, for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$4,568,714.00. **APPROVED**
54. Approve the annual software maintenance agreement with SHI International Corp. for Kronos Workforce Ready and UKG Ready, for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$108,450.00. **APPROVED**
55. Approve research studies request through Liberty University – Jarius Thompson: Recommendations to Solve the Problem of High School Suspension Rates at John F. Kennedy High School in New Jersey, during the 2024-2025 school year, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Three minutes per person)

- VIII. Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss issues that warrant confidentiality, as consistent with NJSA 10:4-12 for matters of Attorney/Client Privilege, Contracts, Legal, Litigation, Negotiations, Personnel (Summary Conference) and Student Matters. The minutes will be made available to the public upon request, when the confidentiality of the subject is no longer warranted.
- IX. RECONVENE
- X. ADJOURNMENT