

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 10, 2025

1. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT (6:30 P.M.)

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, adequate public notice of this meeting has been given by the Business Administrator in the following manner:

- A. Posted written notice on the official bulletin board at the Eastampton Community School on January 8, 2025.
- B. Mailed written notice to the *Burlington County Times* and *Courier Post* on January 12, 2025.
- C. Filed written notice with the Clerk of Eastampton Township on January 8, 2025.
- D. Posted official notice on the district’s website.
- E. Mailed written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule and who has prepaid any charges fixed for such service.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Late Arrival Time
Kerry Douglas, Board President	X		
Florencia Norton, Vice President	X		
Edward Besko	X		
Edward Hill	X		
Walter Maluchnik	X		
Stephanie McHugh	X		
Jamie Smith	X		

- Lianne Kane, Superintendent of Schools
- Joseph A. Firetto, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

4. FIRE EXITS

5. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Kerry Douglas	Edward Hill	X	

- Motion Carries
- Motion Fails

Eastampton Township Board of Education
Resolution 2024-2025
Authorizing Executive Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a public meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Eastampton Township School District has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of closed session, at approximately 7:00 this evening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Eastampton Township School District will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

_____Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public;

_____Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

_____Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

_____Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (Specify contract: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026);

_____Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

_____Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

_____Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

 X Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer. Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the Board's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact);

_____Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective employee or employee employed or appointed by the Board, unless all individual

employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting;

_____Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eastampton Township Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eastampton Township Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

6. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 7:00 pm:

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Kerry Douglas	Edward Hill	X	

- Motion Carries
- Motion Fails

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

The Board, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, is providing an opportunity for the Board to hear the public’s concerns. The Board will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting. If appropriate, the Superintendent will respond to your questions and concerns at a future time. We take your concerns and questions very seriously and want to have sufficient time to allow our administration to process and research issues, if need be.

This meeting will now be open to the public; however, if your questions or comments pertain to litigation, students, personnel or negotiations, we ask that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since we do not discuss these items in public.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (24-25-135)

- April 29, 2025 (Executive Session)
- May 13, 2025 (Regular Session)

Roll Call

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kerry Douglas, Board President	X		X			
Florencia Norton, Vice President			X			
Edward Besko		X	X			
Edward Hill			X			
Walter Maluchnik			X			
Stephanie McHugh			X 4/29/25		X 5/13/25	
Jamie Smith			X			

- Motion Carries
- Motion Fails

9. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Student Recognitions – Mrs. Kane, Superintendent/Principal

May

- K- Luke Lazor
- 1st- Lucia Danley
- 2nd- Zariah Hightower
- 3rd- Kezia Searyoh
- 4th- Analisia Nelson
- 5th- Diamante Muse
- 6th- Sumayya Razak
- 7th- Blake Aaronson
- 8th- Kearahe Graeper

June

- K- Samantha Dickinson
- 1st-
- 2nd- Olivia Tyndall
- 3rd- Finley Littleford
- 4th- Evan Compart
- 5th- Lucy Taylor
- 6th- Taylor Rech
- 7th- Leila Pimentel
- 8th- Aubrey Mejia

B. Retirement Recognitions – Mrs. Christine Glenn and Mr. Larry Foglia

C. National Honor Society Induction Ceremony – Mr. Shoukry

- Blake Aaronson
- Cassidy Apgar
- Nikola Bartlett
- Abigail Bencivengo
- Eleanor Cox
- Juliet Kreig
- Abigail Maluchnik
- Inaaya Razak

Arianna Richardson
 Hopelynn Schwab
 Ella Taylor
 Sophia Tilghman

10. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: (Lianne M. Kane, Superintendent/Principal)

A. Information Item(s):

- 1) HIB Report dated June 6, 2025. (24-25-136)
- 2) Department Reports
- 3) Liaison Reports
- 4) 2025-2026 School Calendar – Amended (24-25-137)
 - Mr. Besko gave an update on the township bond

B. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented. (24-25-137)
- 2) Recommend the Board approve the 2024-2025 Lead Testing Program Statement of Assurance on file in the Superintendent’s office.
- 3) Recommend the Board approve the School Security Drill Statement of Assurance on file in the Superintendent’s office.
- 4) Recommend the Board approve the NJDOE Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs for the 2025-2026 School Year and related checklist. (24-25-138)

Roll Call

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kerry Douglas, Board President	X		X on 2 -4	X on #1		
Florencia Norton, Vice President			X on 2 -4	X #1		
Edward Besko			X on 2 -4	X #1		
Edward Hill			X on 2 -4	X #1		
Walter Maluchnik		X	X on 2 -4	X #1		
Stephanie McHugh			X on 2 -4	X #1		
Jamie Smith			X on 2 -4	X #1		

- Motion Carries for items 2 to 4
- Motion Fails for item 1 (2025/2026 school calendar)

- Mrs. Kane confirmed the calendar change would mean there would be no half days on Fridays for teachers or students
- Mrs. Kane confirmed the calendar change would mean our teachers would not be able to participate in regional RV professional development with the rest of the sending districts
- Mrs. Douglas talked about what a disservice it would be to the students if the teachers couldn’t participate in the regional professional development and she feels it even goes against the oath we take as board members. Kerry referenced a line from our oath of office.
- Mrs. Kane confirmed that we would be the only sending district not participating in the RV regional professional development.

11. PERSONNEL: (Edward Hill, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the Board authorize the Superintendent to fill vacancies, accept resignations, and the Business Administrator to approve transfers/payments for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year and in July/August 2025 with Board ratification at the August 2025 meeting.
- 2) Recommend the Board approve to amend the 2025-2026 contract with staff member #4660 in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Article XI-D.
- 3) Recommend the Board approve Audrey Sutherland to serve on the School Culture and Climate Team for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 4) Recommend the Board approve Brian Leibowitz to serve on the Affirmative Action Team for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 5) Recommend the Board approve Nicole McGann to serve on the Behavioral Threat Assessment Team for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, as well as the 2025-2026 school year.
- 6) Recommend the Board approve maternity leave for Assistant Principal, Jenna Carrell, commencing August 4, 2025 with a return date of January 5, 2026, using time as follows:

August 4, 2025 through August 28, 2025 – 16 vacation days
September 2, 2025 through September 5, 2025 – 4 sick days
September 8, 2025 through November 28, 2025 – 12 weeks of NJ FMLA
December 1, 2025 through December 23, 2025 – 17 sick days

- 7) Recommend the Board retroactively approve the following staff members to serve on the AI Committee for the remainder of the 2024-2025, as well as for the 2025-2026 school year:

Lianne Kane
Nicole McGann
Dawn Dilliplane
Michael Shoukry
Corinne Katrina
James MacCarthy
Samantha Gladis

- 8) Recommend the Board approve the following individuals for the 2025-2026 Extended School Year Program (Special Education Only):

Rebecca Breidinger – Teacher
Florence Smith – Teacher
Audrey Sutherland – Teacher

Angela Henderson – Teacher
Michael Shoukry – Substitute Teacher
Mary Ostaszewski – Nurse

- 9) Recommend the Board approve a ten-month contract of employment for SY 2025-2026 for Sophia Viteritto as Elementary School Teacher, BA/Step 1 – \$60,874.00, effective September 1, 2025, pending completion of paperwork.
- 10) Recommend the Board approve a ten-month contract of employment for SY 2025-2026 for Jillian Cooke as Elementary School Teacher, BA/Step 1 – \$60,874.00, effective September 1, 2025, pending completion of paperwork.
- 11) Recommend the Board approve a ten-month contract of employment for SY 2025-2026 for Mackenzie Sapp as Elementary/Special Education Teacher, BA/Step 1 – \$60,874.00, effective September 1, 2025, pending completion of paperwork.
- 12) Recommend the Board approve Northern Burlington School District teacher, Erin Jones, for the 2025-2026 Extended School Year Program (Special Education Only) – Salary to be charged to Title I.
- 13) Recommend the Board approve Quintin Townsend as a district substitute custodian at an hourly rate of \$15.49 effective June 11, 2025, pending completion of paperwork.
- 14) Recommend the Board accept the resignation of preschool teacher, Julie Hancock, effective June 30, 2025.
- 15) Recommend the Board approve the following individuals as district substitute teachers effective June 11, 2025, pending completion of paperwork:

Brielle Dilliplane
Nakia Gibson

- 16) Recommend the Board approve the following teachers to write curriculum as indicated during the summer at the negotiated hourly rate:

Jeffrey Bowlby	Science 5 th -8 th
Monica Dennler	Library K-5 th
Mackenzie Mauro	Studio Art 6 th -8 th , and Sculpture and 3D Art 6 th -8 th
Jacqueline Smith	Media Makers
Jamie Fischer	Modern Music Makers
Corinne Katrina	Substitute Curriculum Writer

- 17) Recommend the Board approve the following staff members for 2025-2026 extra-curricular appointments as indicated, with stipends as per negotiated agreement:

Bethany Stofko	Battle of the Books Co-Advisor (50%)
Kevin Moore	Girls Soccer Coach, Girls Basketball Coach
Jamie Fischer	Select Chorale Director, Softball Coach, 8 th Grade Co-Advisor
Mackenzie Mauro	8 th Grade Co-Advisor, Art Club Advisor, Yearbook Advisor
Michael Shoukry	Honor Society Advisory, Student Council Advisor, Knight Vision Club Co-Advisor, Chaperone
Jackie Smith	Woodwind Ensemble Director, Jazz Band Director, Knight Vision Club Co-Advisor
Nick Seibel	Baseball Co-Coach (66.67%)

Robert Glavan	Baseball Co-Coach (33.33%)
Monica Dennler	Battle of the Books Co-Advisor (50%)
Allison Corn	Boys Soccer Co-Coach (50%)
Briana Kraml	Boys Soccer Co-Coach (50%)

18) Recommend the Board approve the following individuals to attend summer 2025 IEP meetings at the negotiated rate:

Ashley Parylak
 Jessica Jones
 Michael Shoukry

Roll Call

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kerry Douglas, Board President			X			
Florencia Norton, Vice President			X			
Edward Besko		X	X			
Edward Hill	X		X			
Walter Maluchnik			X			
Stephanie McHugh			X			
Jamie Smith			X			

Motion Carries
 Motion Fails

12. FINANCE: (Stephanie McHugh, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

- 1) District Audit
- 2) Recommend the Board approve the following payrolls:
 - a. May 15, 2025: \$290,217.11
 - b. May 30, 2025: \$290,731.71
- 3) Recommend the Board approve the following invoices for payment: **(24-25-139)**
 - a. Regular Bills: \$173,253.65 (see #4)
- 4) Recommend the Board approve the following invoices for payment: **(24-25-144)**
 - a. Regular Bills: \$260,069.66

- 5) Recommend the Board approve the attached Student Activity expenses. (24-25-140)
- 6) Recommend the Board approve the attached Cafeteria expenses. (24-25-141)
- 7) Recommend the Board approve the attached request for professional development. (24-25-142)

- 8) Recommend the Board authorize the School Business Administrator to process additional invoices for payment for the current fiscal year and to process invoices for July/August with Board confirmation at the August 2025 meeting.
- 9) Recommend the Board authorize the School Business Administrator to make all necessary adjustments/account transfers (including transfers to/from fund balance and reserve accounts) that may be needed to close out the current fiscal school year and in July/August with Board confirmation at the August 2025 meeting.
- 10) Recommend the Board approve the following appointments and designations from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026:

Personnel:

- Joseph Firetto as Board Secretary, Public Agency Compliance Officer, Custodian of Records, Workers Compensation Coordinator
- Nicole McGann as Title IX Officer, ADA Coordinator, and I&RS Compliance Officer
- Jenna Carrell as District 504 Compliance Officer
- Nicole McGann. as Affirmative Action Officer and HIB District Coordinator
- Nicole Ragone as HIB Specialist
- Erin D’Addona as HIB Specialist
- Dawn Dilliplane as HIB Specialist
- Brian Barker as AHERA Coordinator, PEOSHA Coordinator, Asbestos/AHERA Management Officer, Right to Know Officer, Integrated Pest Management Coordinator
- Kelly Cox as Treasurer of School Monies
- Officer Kelly Horne as Homeless Liaison
- Officer Kelly Horne as School Security Specialist

Finance:

- Superintendent/Principal/Business Administrator (alternate) as district representatives with authorization to file applications and accept grants for Federal and State funds on behalf of the Board
- Business Administrator/Board Secretary to invest Board of Education funds
- Procurement of goods and services through state contracts for the 2025-2026 year when feasible and specifically the following contracts:
 - DELL M-0483,WSCA/8997; M-0003; WSCA/89830; #88796, #89967, WN23AGW
 - Sourcewell – Member # 89520
 - RICOH 40467/G2075 16-r-24223
 - CDW-G M-0003/89849
 - WSCA 89967
 - Francotyp Postalia, Inc (FP), Mailroom Equipment, T-0200
 - HP #88130
- Continued membership in the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) cooperative Pricing System, National Joint Powers Alliance, Burlington County Cooperative Pricing System, Educational Data Services, GSA Federal Surplus Property Program, Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Co-Op (HCESC Co-op), Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES), and The Interlocal Purchasing

System (TIPS-USA), a National Cooperative Purchasing Program, Camden County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System

- Citizen’s Bank as the official depository for school monies for all district accounts.
- Signatures on the district’s bank accounts at Citizen’s Bank and authorize the use of facsimile signatures:
 - 403 B Plan Connect – Business Administrator and Treasurer
 - Agency: Treasurer and Business Administrator
 - Cafeteria: Treasurer and Business Administrator
 - Custodial: Business Administrator or Superintendent AND Treasurer AND Board President
 - DCRP: Business Administrator and Treasurer
 - Flex: Business Administrator and Treasurer
 - Payroll: Business Administrator and Treasurer
 - Student Activity: Business Administrator or Superintendent AND Board President
- Authorize Business Administrator to advertise for bids and /or RFPs as required
- Authorize Business Administrator to conduct the sale and/or disposal of surplus furniture and equipment if needed in accordance with Board policy
- Authorize the establishment of a district \$400 Petty cash account.
- Designate the following companies to offer Tax Sheltered Plans 403(b) and 457(b) :

Equitable Advisors
 1433 Hooper Ave.
 Suite 339
 Toms River, NJ 08753

Lincoln Investment Planning, Inc.
 10000 Sagemore Drive, #10201
 Marlton, NJ 08053

Voya Financial Advisors, Inc.
 107 Chancery Place
 Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

- Recommend the board approve the following Contracts for the 2025/2026 School Year:

	Date Rec'd	Vendor / Contractor	Menu
1	5/6/2025	Aline Therapy, Inc.	2025-2026 Contract
2	5/7/2025	Catapult Learning, LLC	2025-2026 Contract
3	5/8/2025	Interactive Kids	2025-2026 Contract
4	5/13/2025	Strass Esmay Associates	2025-2026 Contract
5	5/12/2025	Xtel Communication	2025-2026 Contract
6	5/14/2025	RYEBREAD Architects	2025-2026 Contract

- Recommend the Board accept NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired services at level 1 at the rate of \$2,541.00 for one student for the 2025/2026 school year.
- Designate mileage reimbursement rate to be equal to the rate allowed by the NJ Department of Education fiscal accountability regulations. The current approved rate is 47 cents/mile.

10) Recommend the Board approve the Treasurer’s Report dated March 31, 2025. (24-25-145)

11) Recommend the Board approve the Board Secretary’s Report dated March 31, 2025. (24-25-146)

12) Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)4*, we certify that as of March 31, 2025 after review of the Secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriations section) and upon consultation with appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)3* and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. It is also certified that the Board Secretary’s report matches the Treasurer’s Report. *Citations are subject to change due to periodic amendments, new rules, repeals. Figures subject to final audit.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)8*, I certify that as of March 31, 2025 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8-1. *Citations are subject to change due to periodic amendments, new rules, and repeals. Figures subject to final audit.

- 13)** Recommend the Board approve Line Item Transfers dated May 31, 2025. **(24-25-147)**
- 14)** Recommend the Board award and approve the proposal submitted by Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. for audit service of the 24-25 school year in the amount not to exceed \$39,500.
- 15)** Recommend the Board approve the updated Standard Operating Procedures Manual as dated June 10, 2025.
- 16)** Recommend the Board approve the updated Purchasing Manual as dated June 10, 2025.
- 17)** Recommend the Board approve the updated Student Activities Guidelines Manual as dated June 10, 2025.
- 18)** Recommend the Board to accept the dividend payment from BCIP Insurance from fund period 2017-2018 in the amount of \$1,499.00.
- 19)** Recommend the Board to accept the anonymous donation of \$1,500.00 to be put towards negative student food service balances.
- 20)** Recommend the Board approve a Shared Services Agreement with Eastampton Township for a School Resource Officer for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 21)** Recommend the Board approve Brown and Brown as our Health Insurance Broker for 2025-2026 school year.
- 22)** Recommend the Board approve the renewal of membership in the Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund for the 2025-2026 school year. The 2025-2026 total premium contribution is \$96,464.
- 23)** Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:21-2, NJSA 18A:7G-31, and NJSA 18A:7F-41 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedure, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Eastampton Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into the Capital Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Eastampton Board of Education has determined that up to \$200,000- could be available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Eastampton on Board of Education does hereby authorize the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

24) Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:21-2, NJSA18A:7G-31, and NJSA 18A:7F-41 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedure, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Eastampton Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into the Impact Aid Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Eastampton Board of Education has determined that up to \$200,000 could be available for such purpose of transfer for use in future general fund budgets for general fund expenditures,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Eastampton on Board of Education does hereby authorize the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

25) Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:21-2, NJSA18A:7G-31, and NJSA 18A:7F-41 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedure, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Eastampton Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into the Tuition Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Eastampton Board of Education has determined that up to \$200,000 could be available for such purpose of transfer

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Eastampton on Board of Education does hereby authorize the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

26) Recommend the Board renew membership in New Jersey School Board Association at \$4,849.14 the 2025-2026 school year.

27) Recommend the Board approve the online submission of the Department of Agriculture Fiscal Year 2025 Application packet for the continuation of the district's school nutrition program for the 2025-2026 school year.

28) Recommend the Board approve the Joint Transportation Agreement with the Burlington County Education Services Unit for the 25-26 school year.

29) Recommend the Board approve the following appointments and designations from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026:

- Establish the following tuition rates for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - Preschool/Kindergarten - \$12,209
 - Grades 1-5 - \$12,620
 - Grades 6-8 - \$14,959
 - Special Ed Program MD - \$20,880
- Recommend the board approve the following Criteria for Independent Evaluations:

In accordance with the N.J.A.C., the Eastampton Township School District required all Independent Evaluations to adhere to New Jersey Regulations (6A:1403) regarding professional license and certifications issued by the New Jersey Department of Education and (6A:14-2.5) with respect to protections in the evaluation procedures.

Maximum fees for the Child Study Team and related evaluations are as follows:

Psychological Evaluation	\$575.00
LDT/C Evaluation	\$505.00
Social Case History	\$500.00
Speech/Language Evaluation	\$540.00
Psychiatric Evaluation	\$600.00
Neurological Evaluation	\$830.00
Neuro-Psychological Evaluation	\$3,495.00
Functional Behavioral Evaluation	\$1,510.00
Audiological Evaluation	\$375.00
Central Auditory Processing Evaluation	\$550.00
Occupational Therapy Evaluation	\$370.00
Physical Therapy Evaluation	\$370.00
Assistive Technology Evaluation	\$995.00

*Exceptions to this fee schedule will be granted based on the unique needs of a student who may require the examiner to have specific expertise in order to evaluate the student.

- Recommend the Board accept the following list of professionals to provide services as directed by the Child Study Team:

Hewitt Psychiatric- Psychiatrist
Thomas O'Reilly, MD- Psychiatrist
 NeurAbilities- Neurological/ Neuropsychological evaluations
Elevate Health & Therapeutic Services- Assistive technology and Augmentative Communication evaluation/consultation,
Audiological evaluation -
Walsh Legacy- Home Instruction

Curriculum:

- Current Evaluation Tool – Danielson Model for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Approve the Collection and Maintenance of Pupil Records.

Roll Call

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kerry Douglas, Board President			X			
Florencia Norton, Vice President			X			
Edward Besko		X	X			
Edward Hill			X			
Walter Maluchnik			X			

Stephanie McHugh	X		X		
Jamie Smith			X		

- Motion Carries
 Motion Fails

13. CURRICULUM: (Jamie Smith, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the Comprehensive Equity Plan (on file in the superintendent’s office) and authorize its submission to the Executive County Superintendent.
- 2) Recommend the Board approve the district AI and Implementation Plan. (24-25-143)
- 3) Recommend the Board approve the following Rowan student teacher as indicated. There will be no cost to the district.

Eleanor Mathews 5th Gr POR with Rebecca Scheuerer/Audrey Sutherland 9/2/25-12/9/25 & 1/20/26-5/8/26

- 4) Recommend the Board approve the following field trip:

Date	Students	Destination	Time	Chaperones
7/22/25	3-8 ESY SpEd	Regal Movie Theater, Burlington	9:30 am – 12:15 pm	5 staff

Roll Call

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kerry Douglas, Board President			X			
Florencia Norton, Vice President			X			
Edward Besko			X			
Edward Hill		X	X			
Walter Maluchnik			X			
Stephanie McHugh	X		X			
Jamie Smith			X			

- Motion Carries
 Motion Fails

14. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: (Walter Maluchnik, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the following request(s) for use of facilities:

	Group	Purpose	Date	Time	Room
1	Karate Program	Karate lessons for children and adults	Oct 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 Nov 4, 11, 13, 18, 20 Dec 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 Jan 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29	5:00pm–8:30pm	Elementary Gym

			Feb 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 Mar 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 Apr 2, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 May 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28		
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Roll Call

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kerry Douglas, Board President			X			
Florencia Norton, Vice President			X			
Edward Besko			X			
Edward Hill			X			
Walter Maluchnik	X		X			
Stephanie McHugh			X			
Jamie Smith		X	X			

- Motion Carries
- Motion Fails

15. POLICY: (Kerry Douglas, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the first reading of the following policies: **(sent via email)**

P 2365 Acceptable Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)
P 5701 Academic Integrity

Roll Call

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kerry Douglas, Board President	X		X			
Florencia Norton, Vice President		X	X			
Edward Besko			X			
Edward Hill			X			
Walter Maluchnik			X			
Stephanie McHugh			X			
Jamie Smith			X			

- Motion Carries
- Motion Fails

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Board, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, is providing an opportunity for the Board to hear the public’s concerns. The Board will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting. If appropriate, the Superintendent will respond to your questions and concerns at a future time. We take your concerns and questions very seriously and want to have sufficient time to allow our

administration to process and research issues, if need be.

17. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:00 pm:

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Kerry Douglas	Jamie Smith	X	

- Motion Carries
- Motion Fails

**Eastampton Township Board of Education
Resolution 2024-2025
Authorizing Executive Session**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a public meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Eastampton Township School District has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of closed session, at approximately 8:30 pm this evening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Eastampton Township School District will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

_____Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public;

_____Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

_____Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

_____Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (Specify contract: _____);

_____Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

_____Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

_____Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

_____Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer. Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the Board’s position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact);

___X___Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective employee or employee employed or appointed by the Board, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting;

_____Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eastampton Township Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eastampton Township Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

18. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 8:25 pm:

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Kerry Douglas	Florencia Norton	X	

- Motion Carries
- Motion Fails

19. ADJOURNMENT at 8:26 pm:

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Kerry Douglas	Walter Maluchnik	X	

- Motion Carries
- Motion Fails

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Firetto

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