

AGENDA

PATERSON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

December 17, 2025
Remote (Zoom)

6:00 p.m. (Special Meeting)
90 Delaware Avenue

Mission Statement: Recognizing our proud traditions, diverse community, and partnerships, the mission of the PPSD provides an academically rigorous, safe and nurturing educational environment by meeting the social, emotional and academic needs of our students as we prepare them for post-secondary education and career.

Vision Statement: The district will be a leader of 21st century innovation where students develop habits of lifelong learning and excel academically to become future-ready leaders.

- I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG
- IV. RESOLUTION FOR A VOTE:
 1. Approve entering into an agreement with the Association Exempt Firemen of Paterson NJ A Corp to provide parking for sixty-five (65) School No. 5 staff members at 224 Walnut Street, Paterson, NJ, for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, in the amount of \$3,500 per month, not to exceed \$35,000.00 annually.
 2. Approve entering into a contract with Sligo Law Group PLLC in connection with a reconsideration request related to the Full Service Community Schools grants, for the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$200.00 per hour for all attorneys, for a total cost not to exceed \$10,000.00.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS
(three minutes per person)
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

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2. This resolution must be in the Superintendent's office according to cutoff date before the meeting of the Board of Education.

Recommendation/Resolution: ***Paterson Public School District – Association Exempt Firemen of Paterson NJ A Corp Parking Agreement***

WHEREAS, the partnership with the Association Exempt Firemen of Paterson NJ A Corp, will permit School 5 staff members to park their vehicles in their parking lot for the 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 school years.

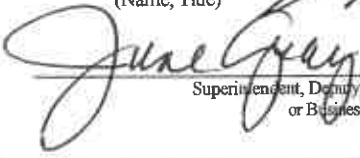
WHEREAS the District has determined to acquire such services through a non-fair and open contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and 20.5, and by resolution of the board of education at a public meeting, without public advertising for bids, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2).

WHEREAS, any contract, the amount of which exceeds the bid threshold, shall be negotiated and awarded by the board of education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore if the subject matter thereof consists of extraordinary unspecifiable services which written specifications cannot reasonably describe.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Paterson Public School District will partner with the Association Exempt Firemen of Paterson NJ A Corp to provide staff parking for sixty-five (65) staff members. The current cost is \$3,500 per month, not to exceed \$35,000.00 annually for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

APPROVALS REQUIRED

1. Submitted by Lance Gaines, Asst. Business Administrator  12/2/2025
(Name, Title) Date

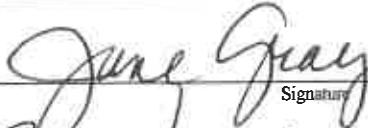
2. Approval by Divisional Administrator  12/2/2025
Superintendent, Deputy, Assistant Superintendent, or Business Administrator, etc. Date


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3. Verification by Legal Department  12/2/25
Date

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Account No. 11-000-262-441-610-000

4. Certification of Funds – Business Administrator  12/2/2025
Signature Date

5. Approval by Superintendent  12/10/25
Date

6. Board Adoption Date _____ Resolution Number 13-17-25/1

Copies as follows:

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PARKING ACCESS AGREEMENT

This Parking Access Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between **PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS** ("Lessee"), with offices at 90 Delaware Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07503, and **ASSOCIATION EXEMPT FIREMEN OF PATERSON** ("Lessor"), with offices at 224 Walnut Street, Paterson, New Jersey 07522. Lessor and Lessee may be referred to individually as a "party" and collectively as the "parties."

1. **PREMISES AND PURPOSE.** Lessor hereby leases to Lessee the non-exclusive right to use 65 parking spaces located in the parking lot owned by Lessor at 224 Walnut Street, Paterson, New Jersey 07522 ("Premises"). The parking spaces shall be used solely for the parking of passenger motor vehicles by employees of Lessee who are duly authorized by Lessee ("Authorized Parkers").
2. **RENT.** Lessee shall pay to Lessor rent at the rate for a total annual amount not to exceed \$35,000, payable in equal monthly installments of \$3,500 on or before the first day of each month.
3. **TERM AND TERMINATION.** This Agreement shall begin on January 1, 2026 and end on June 30, 2027, unless earlier terminated in accordance with this section. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other, with or without cause. In such event, any prepaid rent covering periods after the effective termination date shall be refunded to Lessee on a prorated basis.
4. **DAYS AND HOURS OF USE.** Parking shall be permitted on the Premises only on the following days and during the following hours: Days: Monday through Friday, Hours: 7:00am until 4:00pm. Lessor agrees to provide exclusive use of the leased spaces to Lessee during the specified days and hours and to take all reasonable actions necessary to ensure that Lessee's rights to use the spaces are not interfered with or infringed upon by any other party. Lessee acknowledges that parking outside of these days and hours may result in towing or other action at the vehicle owner's expense.
5. **SNOW REMOVAL.** Lessor shall be responsible for plowing, shoveling, and treating the parking lot and access areas as needed following snow or ice events. Snow removal shall be completed no later than 7:00 a.m. on days when snowfall or icy conditions occur, so that all leased spaces are safely accessible for Lessee's use. Lessor shall ensure that any snow is removed or piled so as not to block access to the leased spaces or interfere with vehicle movement.
6. **VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION.** Lessee shall provide Lessor with a written list of each vehicle authorized to park in the reserved spaces, including the make, model, year, and license plate number. Only those vehicles identified on the list may utilize the reserved spaces. Lessee shall promptly notify Lessor in writing of any additions, deletions, or changes in vehicle identification. Either Lessor or Lessee may request that unauthorized vehicles be towed from the Premises; however, before contacting a towing company, the requesting party shall make a reasonable attempt to contact the other party to confirm that the vehicle in question does not belong to one of its authorized parkers.
7. **SECURITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK.** The parties acknowledges that neither party is responsible for providing security at the Premises. Authorized Parkers use the parking lot at their own risk. Neither party shall be responsible or liable for: theft, vandalism, or loss of any vehicle or its contents; or any damage to vehicles, whether caused by collision, weather, or otherwise, except for damage resulting directly from Lessor's gross negligence, willful misconduct, or failure to comply with Section 5 of this Agreement.
8. **INSURANCE.** Each party shall maintain, at its own expense, commercial general liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 aggregate. Each party shall name the other as an additional insured, and shall provide a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage prior to the commencement of this Agreement. Each party shall notify the other of any

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cancellation or material change in coverage within thirty (30) days of such change. Lessor acknowledges that all Authorized Parkers will maintain their own automobile insurance coverage as required by law.

9. **GENERAL PROVISIONS.** This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties, supersedes all prior agreements, and may be amended only in writing signed by both Parties. If any provision is held invalid, the remainder will remain enforceable. Neither Party may not assign or transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other.
10. **WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS.** Each Party warrants, represents, covenants, and agrees that it is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the State of its incorporation or organization; that it is duly authorized and qualified to conduct business in the State of New Jersey; that it has all necessary power and approvals to execute and deliver this Agreement; and that the individual executing this Agreement on behalf of the Party has been duly authorized to act for and bind the Party.
11. **COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, and all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument. Execution may be effected by delivery of electronic or facsimile copies of signature pages, with the Parties to promptly provide original signature pages thereafter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the dates set forth below.

LESSEE

LESSOR

PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**ASSOCIATION EXEMPT FIREMEN OF
PATERSON**

Signature

Signature

Dr. Laurie Newell, Superintendent

Name, Title

Name, Title

Date

Date

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Recommendation/Resolution: Appoint Sligo Law Group as special counsel for limited-scope legal services related to Full-Service Community Schools grants.

WHEREAS, the Paterson Public School District (the "District") has a need for specialized legal services in connection with efforts to seek reconsideration of the U.S. Department of Education's non-continuation of certain Full Service Community Schools ("FSCS") grant awards; and;

WHEREAS, legal services are exempt from advertising and bidding requirements under the "professional services" exception to the Public School Contracts Law in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1); and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to retain Sligo Law Group PLLC, a law firm with specialized expertise in federal education and grants law, to provide limited-scope legal assistance related solely to the preparation and review of a reconsideration request in connection with the FSCS grants; and

WHEREAS, retaining Sligo Law Group PLLC for this limited purpose and duration is in the best interests of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the District approves entering into a contract with Sligo Law Group PLLC in connection with a reconsideration request related to the Full Service Community Schools grants, at a reduced hourly rate of \$200.00 per hour for all attorneys, for a total cost not to exceed \$10,000 during the 2025-2026 school year.

APPROVALS REQUIRED

1. Submitted by Dr. Laurie W. Newell, Superintendent 12/17/2025
(Name, Title) Date

2. Approval by Divisional Administrator _____
Superintendent, Deputy, Assistant Superintendent, or Business Administrator, etc. Date

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3. Verification by Legal Department B. Fajal 12/17/25
Date

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4. Certification of Funds – Business Administrator Jane Gray 12/17/25
Signature Date

5. Approval by Superintendent Laurie W. Newell 12/17/25
Date

6. Board Adoption Date _____ Resolution Number 12-17-25/2

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