

1. Opening of the Meeting

- Procedural: A. Our Vision/Our Mission
- Procedural: B. Call To Order/Roll Call **6:02 PM**

Board of Education Member	Present	Absent
Leon Carelli, Vice President	X	
Irving Bodine, III	X	
Joseph Allen	X	
Janine Hoey	X	
Sharon Roseboro	X	
Russell Hann	X	
Brett Hart		Excused
Betty Wright		Excused
Jeffrey Hicks, President	X	

Others present, Megan Geibel, Mary Conroy

Action (Consent): Approval of Agenda

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED

MOTION: L. Carelli SECOND S. Roseboro to accept the agenda as published **VOICE VOTE: 7:0 Motion Carries**

2. Public Comments - Agenda Items Only - NONE

- Procedural: A. Guidelines for Public Forum

3. Closed Executive Session

- Discussion: A. Resolution to Enter Closed Executive Session
- Action, Procedural: B. Motion to Approve Resolution to Enter into Executive Session

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION **Item #'s 1, 9, and 12**

TIME: 6:05 PM MOTION: L. Carelli SECOND: J. Allen **VOICE VOTE 7:0 Motion Carries**

- Discussion, Information: C. Executive Session
- Action (Consent): D. Motion to Close Executive Session

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: 7:08 PM MOTION: J. Allen SECOND: I. Bodine **VOICE VOTE 7:0 Motion Carries**

4. Unfinished Business

- Discussion: A. 2025-2026 Board Goals and Action Plans
 - *Mr. Carelli asked if everyone was good with the changes.
 - Mrs. Hoey sent a document about the goal #2 today. She will distribute to everyone.
 - Mrs. Geibel will put these on the agenda for next week.

5. New Business

- Information: A. Announcements and Reminders
 - **Board of Education Member Election - November 4, 2025**
 - Jeffrey E. Hicks - 2,303 Votes
 - Sharon Roseboro - 2,272 Votes
 - Christopher Donner - 2,209 Votes- (*Mr. Hicks stated we will do a orientation in December with Mr. Carelli and Mrs. Conroy*)
 - Michael Dehoff - 1,939 Votes
 - John Garza - 1,740 Votes
 - Gregory M. Sobocinski - 1,738 Votes

6. Personnel & Student Services, B. Wright, Committee Liaison

- A. Workshops
- B. Home Instruction
- C. Superintendent's Recommendation for Employment
- D. Resignations
- E. Draft of 2026-2027 Calendar *

7. Curriculum & Instruction, J. Hicks, Committee Liaison

- A. Second Reading of Policy Discussion
- B. Policy Discussion
- C. Strauss Esmay Updates *
- D. For Internal Review Only *
 - *Discussion on donations policy, board member censure, misconduct, and removing a board of ed member.
 - Solicitor will need to look over the policies.
 - *Strauss Esmay updates-Need solicitor to review the Freedom to Read update. Mr. Carelli stated we need to move forward since this is a NJ statute. We need to come up on how to do the review process. Board and Mrs. Geibel discussed this challenge.
 - *NJSBA-Mrs. Conroy let board know the amount for Strauss Esmay to handle the policy would be \$2000 to integrate with board docs.
 - *Mrs. Geibel discussed the embargoed data and our growth.

8. Budget, Finance & Facilities, I. Bodine, Committee Liaison

- JIF DINNER-The Mansion 12/3/25
- 3 Bay Storage Shed-Mrs. Geibel-Planning board meeting tonight. *Needed letter from CME. Submitted for electrical permit too to approve this shed.
- School Taxes - Mr. Hicks stated that BCIT is paid for by County Freeholders Budget. We are not sure how else it is funded.
- *Mr. Carelli asked the % difference of STSD and LRSD. Department of Education taking comments from the public on school funding. Mr. Carelli strongly suggests you take the survey and leave a comment. He will circulate the link for the survey.

9. Public Relations, J. Hoey, Committee Liaison

- Upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences Dates
 - November 20, 2025 1:00 - 7:00 pm
 - November 24, 2025
- Literacy Night
 - Mrs. Geibel gave update on what a great turnout we had.
 - Many activities were included was a fun night - Science experiments, story walk adventure, story lab, readers theatres
 - PTA gave free books, character pumpkin contest
 - Mr. Nober did story bites and Spanish corner.
 - Shout out to Stephanie Wilhelm and all the teachers who participated. Parents and families had a great time
- Honor Society Induction
 - Mrs. Geibel stated there are 17 students inducted.
 - Last year's inductees came to participate.

10. Technology, L. Carelli, Committee Liaison

- Mobile App
 - No issues reported this week.
 - Matt Bokey will be the next advisory committee meeting to go over the APP.

11. Referendum

- A. Solar Update
 - *Mrs. Geibel stated she will speak with the solicitor and the holding company. She did a follow up email.
 - Discussion regarding the unanswered questions took place. Mrs. Geibel will follow up.
 - Mr. Carelli stated he will make a motion at the next meeting to make a decision to not continue with the solar after 2028.
 - Mr. Allen asked if we had enough information on the solar and the turf.
 - Mr. Carelli said too much time has been spent on these topics. Need to schedule work and move forward.
 - Discussion regarding the solar and turf costs took place.
 - Mr. Carelli looked into the documents provided by Mrs. Pully about the Verona turf study.
 - Mr. Bodine stated he looked into the studies as well and as stated in the studies they cannot link anything to the artificial turf.
- B. Turf Update
- C. Timeline
 - Mrs. Geibel stated bids open Dec 9th.
 - Construction will start in January 2026 for the Humanities Annex.
 - Architect had called Mrs. Geibel to let her know we are first district to pass a referendum and have half the work done in one year.
 - *Mr. Carelli asked to start the executive session for the November 20th meeting to 6PM. Mrs. Hicks stated "Let the record reflect - we are starting executive at 6PM on November 20, 2025".

12. Public Comments - Open/Close

- Procedural: A. Public Comments - Open **8:14 PM**
- Mr. G. Scott-Southampton
 - Pretty impressed that he agrees with Mr. Carelli that the solar issue needs to end. We need to cut costs with the architect invoice, has given us a lot of headaches and his phone call is to get on our good side.
 - He is in favor of organic grass not turf.
 - Asked about the items we are disposing of in the Annex. Mrs. Geibel stated we post on Gov Deals or send to recycle yard and the rest is thrown out.
 - Mr. Scott said we are doing a good job and that we should not hire RYEBREAD again they caused us headaches. He asked we keep the taxpayers in mind.
- Close Public Comment - **8:17 PM**

13. Adjournment

- Action: A. Adjourn the Meeting

MOTION: J. Allen SECOND: I. Bodine TO ADJOURN TIME: 8:17 PM VOICE VOTE: **7:0 Motion Carries**