

Wildwood Crest Board of Education
Work Session/ Regular Meeting
Crest Memorial School
Media Center
Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Work Session:

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Open Public Meeting Statement
 - a. In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, and Board of Education meeting schedule, with notice requirements have been satisfied as to the time, place, and date of holding this meeting by posting notice in the main office of Crest Memorial School, placement of advertisement in The Cape May County Herald July 2, 2025.
4. Administration of the Oath of Office
 - a. Eileen Gianakopoulos
5. Roll Call -
 - Leonard Bernstein
 - Nicholas Holland
 - Bud Morey
 - Joseph Cusella
 - Eileen Gianakopoulos
6. Attendance - David Del Conte, Superintendent, James Lushok, Board Secretary/SBA
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. Curriculum
 - b. Facilities
 - c. Extracurricular
 - d. Policy
 - e. Finance
 - f. Liaison to Wildwood Board of Education
 - g. Superintendent Spotlight
8. Correspondence
9. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

All statements are limited to 3 minutes.

Statements addressing specific personnel or specific student(s) should not be raised in the public session but rather in private with the Superintendent. All questions should be addressed to the Board President.

Please state your name and address for the record.
10. Adjournment -
 - a. Motion to adjourn work session and begin regular session

Regular Session:

1. Business Administrator's Report- see attached
2. Superintendent's Report- see attached
3. Closed Session (if necessary) -

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances;

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wildwood Crest Board of Education that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

- Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from public discussion;
- Any matter pertaining to student confidentiality;
- Any matter pertaining to personnel or negotiations;
- Any matter pertaining to litigation;
- Confidential financial matters;
- Other: _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will/ will not return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

4. Public Comment

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5. Board Comment
6. Adjournment

Business Administrator's Report

Any member of the Board of Education may have any of the items on the agenda removed for discussion merely by making a motion prior to the vote to be taken on the agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, a motion was made by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the following agenda by roll call:

Leonard Bernstein -
 Nicholas Holland-
 William Morey-
 Joseph Cusella-
 Eileen Gianakopoulos-

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATION

As Business Administrator, pursuant to Administrative Code, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(3), I certify that as of **February** no budgetary line item account had obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.2, and no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(3), it is further certified that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts and sources for the month of **March**.

BOARD OF EDUCATION'S CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Administrative Code, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4), the Board of Education certifies that as of **February** and after review of the Business Administrator's monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the appropriate school district officials, to the best of the Board's knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a)(1) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

To approve the financial reports of the Business Administrator's (A-148) and the Treasurer's (A-149), which are in agreement for **February**, no accounts are over-expended and no adjustments to the projected revenue are required.

APPROVE MINUTES

To approve and release minutes of the following meeting:
 Regular Meeting - **February 17, 2026**

APPROPRIATIONS TRANSFERS

No appropriations transferred met the threshold.

BILL PAYMENTS

To approve bill payments for **March 2026** as listed.

TO APPROVE CAPE MAY SPECIAL SERVICES TUITION

To approve the Cape May County Special Services School contract for the 2026-2027 school year. Full-time regular tuition for the following: Emotional Regulation Impairment (\$49,500), Autism (\$47,500), Multiple Disabilities (\$41,500) and Pre-School Disabilities (\$45,500).

ONE ON ONE AIDE SERVICES AGREEMENT

To approve the one-on-one aide services with the Cape May County Special Services School District for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$30,960 per aide, based upon 180 school days.

APPROVE CMCSSD EXTENDED YEAR

To approve the costs of Cape May County Special Services School District's summer program in the amount of \$3,600 for tuition and an additional \$3,100 if a One-On-One Aide is necessary for the Extended School Year, July 1st 2026 to July 31st, 2026.

APPROVE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH CMCSS

To approve the transportation agreement with Cape May County Special Services for participation in the Cape May County Shared Services Transportation Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year, which includes a 7% administrative fee.

APPROVE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - FOOD SERVICE

To approve the issuance of a competitive Request For Proposal (RFP) for a food service management contract for the 2026-2027 school year. This proposal will be submitted to New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) for accuracy and completeness. The RFP will be publicly advertised, processed, and awarded under all applicable N.J.S.A., N.J.A.C., CFR-USDA, and all NJ School Ethics Act laws and guidelines.

Business Administrator's Fiscal - Motions

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 Nicholas Holland-
 William Morey-
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TO ADOPT THE 2026-2027 BUDGET

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and Business Administrator, that the following Resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2026-2027 school district budget.

General Fund	\$ 11,634,477
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 712,043
Budget Surplus	\$ 68,362
Debt Service Fund	\$ <u>0</u>
Total Base Budget	\$ 12,414,882

2% Tax Increase	\$ 181,080
Travel Expenditures Max	\$ 5,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to acknowledge that the 2026-2027 School Budget, as described above, results in a General Fund Tax Levy of **\$9,235,094**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the district established a maximum of **\$5,000** in the 2026-2027 school year for travel-related expenditures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the district generated a maximum of \$170,759 in an adjustment for health care costs for the 2026-2027 school year. The District is not utilizing any Bank Cap for the 2026-2027 school year's budget.

This budget includes a \$563,017 withdrawal from the Capital Reserve account to pay the fourth year of a five year loan for a HVAC project at Crest Memorial School. This budget also includes a withdrawal of \$801,845 for the completion of the media library upgrades over the summer of 2026. This represents a total of \$1,364,862 being withdrawn from Capital Reserves.

James Lushok - Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**WILDWOOD CREST SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the following agenda by roll call:

Leonard Bernstein -
Nicholas Holland-
William Morey-
Joseph Cusella-
Eileen Gianakopoulos-

ENROLLMENT:

Crest Memorial School (In District)	Prek-8th Grade	189
Out of District	Prek-8th Grade	9

*Grade level enrollment is attached

PRACTICE SECURITY AND FIRE DRILL:

The lockdown and fire drill for February were February 26th, and February 27th respectfully.

2025/2026 SPRING SPORTS:

To approve the following coaches for the 2025/2026 Spring Season.

Brian Vergantino	Baseball Assistant Coach	\$1,400
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LEAVE OF ABSCENCE:

To approve staff member, #67031260, to begin maternity leave on March 12, 2026.

RETIREMENT:

To approve the retirement of Theresa Meyer, effective July 1, 2026.

BOARD COMMITTEES:

To approve the board committees for the remainder of 2026. **See attached*

2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR REVISION

To approve the revision of the 2025/2026 School Calendar for the snow days on February 23 and February 24, 2026. **See attached*

2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

To approve the 2026/2027 School Calendar. **See attached*

2025/2026 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

To approve, the following as a substitute teachers for the 2025/2026 School Year.

Susan Haury	Shannon Fisher
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FIELD TRIPS:

To approve the following field trips for the 2025/2026 school year.:

5/20/2026	Kindergarten-Second Grade	Storybook Land
5/20/2026	5th Grade	Citizens Bank Park
6/02/2026	First Grade	Camden Aquarium

HIB: 0 Investigated/ 0 Confirmed

David J. Del Conte, Jr.
Superintendent

<u>CMS MARCH 2026 Enrollment Totals</u>	
PreSchool 3 Bren	13
PreSchool 4 Gent	14
Kindergarten B/M	14
First Grade H/O	12
Second Grade C	8
Second Grade M	8
Third Grade D/M	13
Fourth Grade C	9
Fourth Grade Z	9
Fifth Grade G	10
Fifth Grade S	10
Sixth Grade A	11
Sixth Grade M	9
Seventh Grade K	15
Seventh Grade P	14
Eighth Grade H	10
Eighth Grade M	9
TOTAL IN DISTRICT	188
TOTAL PREK-8 OOD	9
<i>WWH</i>	25
<i>CMTECH</i>	14
<i>MIDDLE</i>	11
<i>LOWER TOWNSHIP</i>	2
TOTAL	249

**CREST MEMORIAL SCHOOL
2025/2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Number of Teaching Days</u>
AUGUST	26 (Tuesday) - New Teacher Orientation 27 (Wednesday)- Teacher Professional Day 28 (Thursday)- Teacher Professional Day 29 (Friday)-School Closed	0
SEPTEMBER	2 (Tuesday) First day of School Students 2-3 (Tuesday-Wednesday) 1:10 Early Dismissal 25 (Thursday) Back to School Night	21
OCTOBER	10 (Friday) School Closed- Teacher's Professional Day 13 (Monday) Columbus Day- School Closed 31 (Friday) Halloween- 1:10 Dismissal	21
NOVEMBER	6-7 (Thursday-Friday) School Closed (NJEA Convention) 19-21 (Wednesday-Friday) 1:10 Dismissal-PT Conferences 26- (Wednesday) 1:10 Early Dismissal 27-28 (Thursday-Friday) School Closed Thanksgiving Break	16
DECEMBER	19 (Friday) 1:10 Early Dismissal 22-2 (Monday-Friday) Winter Break	15
JANUARY	5 (Monday) School Opens 19 (Monday) Martin Luther King Day School Closed	19
FEBRUARY	13 (Friday) School Closed Presidents' Weekend 16 (Monday) School Closed Presidents' Weekend	18
MARCH	13- (Friday) Regular Day/ Snow Day 1:10 Dismissal	20
APRIL	2 (Thursday) 1:10 Dismissal 3-10 (Friday-Sunday)- School Closed (Spring Break) 13 (Monday)- School Reopens	16
MAY	22 (Friday)- 1:10 Early Dismissal 25 (Monday) School Closed- Memorial Day	20
JUNE	15-19 (Monday-Friday) 1:10 Dismissal 16- 8th Grade Graduation 19 (Friday) Last Day of School- Students 22 (Monday) Teachers PD (Teachers Last Day)	15 <u>180 total School Days</u>

NOTE: Early closing for additional teacher in-service will be scheduled on an "as needed" basis. Should an alteration of the school calendar be necessary, days will be taken from the Winter and/or Spring breaks, as well as other days not established as official state holidays, including Saturdays. Should it be necessary, professional days will be rescheduled at the end of the school year. (May be subject to change). **This calendar was approved by the Wildwood Crest Board of Education on 03/17/2026.**

**CREST MEMORIAL SCHOOL
2026/2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Number of Teaching Days</u>
AUGUST	31 (Monday) - New Teacher Orientation/Teacher First Day	0
SEPTEMBER	1 (Tuesday)-First Day for students-1:10 Dismissal 2-4 (Wednesday-Friday)- 1:10 Dismissal 7 (Monday)- Labor Day-School Closed 24 (Thursday) Back to School Night	21
OCTOBER	9 (Friday) School Closed- Teacher's Professional Day 12 (Monday) Columbus Day- School Closed 30 (Friday) Halloween Parade- 1:10 Dismissal	20
NOVEMBER	5-6 (Thursday-Friday) School Closed- (NJEA Convention) 18-20 (Wednesday-Friday) 1:10 Dismissal-P/T Conferences 25- (Wednesday) 1:10 Early Dismissal 26-27 (Thursday-Friday) School Closed- Thanksgiving Break	17
DECEMBER	22 (Tuesday) 1:10 Early Dismissal 23-3 (Wednesday-Sunday) Winter Break	16
JANUARY	4 (Monday) School Opens 18 (Monday) Martin Luther King Day- School Closed	19
FEBRUARY	12 (Friday) School Closed- Teacher's Professional Day 15 (Monday) School Closed- Presidents' Weekend	18
MARCH	25 (Thursday)- 1:10 Dismissal 26-4 (Friday-Sunday)- Spring Break- (School Closed)	19
APRIL	5 (Monday) School Opens 16 (Friday) School Closed- Teacher's Professional Day	19
MAY	28 (Friday)- School Closed- Teacher's Professional Day 31 (Monday) School Closed- Memorial Day	19
JUNE	10-15 (Monday-Tuesday) 1:10 Dismissal 16 (Wednesday) Last Day of School- Students	12
		<u>180 total School Days</u>

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Wildwood Crest School District
Board of Education Committee List
2026

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Committee Members</u>
Facilities	Nick Holland & Bud Morey
Curriculum	Eileen Gianakopoulos & Joe Cusella
Extracurricular Programs	Joe Cusella & Eileen Gianakopoulos
Finance	Leonard Bernstein & Nick Holland
Legal/ Policy	Leonard Bernstein & Bud Morey
Wildwood High School Liaison	Leonard Bernstein
Personnel	Leonard Bernstein & Bud Morey
Negotiations	Leonard Bernstein & Nick Holland