

# **GUTTENBERG BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**February 11, 2026**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Town of Guttenberg, in the County of Hudson, N.J., held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 5:15 P.M. local time for the Anna L. Klein School, 301 69th Street, Guttenberg Board of Education.

### **MEETING OPENING**

#### **1.01 Call to Order**

President Travelli called the meeting to order at 5:17 pm.

#### **1.02 ROLL CALL**

Secretary Huebsch conducted the roll call.

Upon roll call the following members were present, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sosnowski and President Travelli. Trustee Montanez, Rivera and Vazallo were absent.

Board Attorney John Schettino was present.

#### **1.03 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Travelli led everyone in the salute to the American Flag and recited the pledge of allegiance.

#### **1.04 OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

Mrs. Karen Huebsch announced that this meeting is being called in conformance with the "Open Public Meeting Act," notices were mailed to newspapers, Town Clerk, and all members' two days prior to this meeting.

#### **1.05 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2026**

President Travelli asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 7, 2026. Motioned by Trustee Garcia-Popiel and seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sosnowski and President Travelli. Nays, none.

#### **1.06 PRESENTATION OF STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR-A. ROGERS, M. HIJAZI**

Mr. Petry made presentations in honor of Mrs. Maha Hijazi and Mrs. Annette Rogers for being voted as the 2025-2026 Staff Member of the Year. Mr. Petry recognized Mrs. Hijazi's patience and her being a constant professional.

Mrs. Hijazi stated she was very grateful and thankful for being given the opportunity to work with great people and thanked Mrs. Volze and they were making great progress in the class which made them happy.

Mr. Petry stated it was with his distinct honor to present Mrs. Toni Rogers being voted as 2025-2026 Staff Member of the Year. Mr. Petry continued to state that as a paraprofessional, Toni provides a welcoming space with kindness as well as patience. Mrs. Rogers embodies service in her community.

Mrs. Rogers stated she hadn't prepared any speech and simply stated "thank you".

#### **1.07 PRESENTATION OF THE TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR-E. RACHELSKI**

Mr. Petry made a presentation in honor of Mrs. Elizabeth Rachelski for being voted as the 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year. Mr. Petry stated that Mrs. Rachelski has made a profound impact as a teacher for the past 23years and he could vouch for her professionalism. He continued to state that beyond the educational skills there is something much deeper there. All of her extra hours to create a learning style that shows her dedication and commitment. Mr. Petry shared a story for every start of the school year he goes to the classes and Mrs. Rachelski has his name on the board and it remains there throughout the end of the school year.

Mrs. Rachelski was full of emotions and thanked everyone for this great honor.

### **2. EXECUTIVE SESSION- None**

### **3. BOE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **3.01 Committee Reports**

President Travelli asked if any committees had anything to report

Trustee Garcia-Popiel presented the Town events for Vice President Montanez who was not in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Valentine's Senior Dinner on February 13, 2026

Free Movie Night- February 17, 2026

Coffee and Bagels with Horizon Healthcare- February 19, 2026

President Travelli discussed her North Bergen Liaison report with the board. She stated the meeting was held on January 21, 2026 and she was introduced to the board. President Travelli stated she would be attending the February 18, 2026 meeting and it mattered to her to represent the students of Guttenberg.

### **3.02 APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS TO PURCHASE**

Trustee Sosnowski stated she was recommending all requisitions.

President Travelli requested a motion to approve all February 2026 requisitions to purchase.

Motioned by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Garcia-Popiel Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sosnowski and President Travelli. Nays, none.

## **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **4.01 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Mantineo stated there were an additional 3 students that registered bringing the enrollment up to 879. Superintendent Mantineo discussed the HIB report with the members. She also discussed the Town of Guttenberg wanting to make a donation of a 2007 Dodge Durango to the district. She continued to state that we were looking into insurance and it would be utilized for maintenance purposes as well as being assured there would be a place to park the vehicle.

Superintendent Mantineo wanted to publicly thank the DPW sincerely for all of their help. The district had flooding issues on February 9th and it was extremely challenging. The DPW provided snow removal services too. She continued to state that we provided lunch already, however, she was thinking of doing something else for them.

### **4.02 Business Administrator's Monthly Report**

BA Fundora stated the Secretary's Report was in Agreement and on file for the month of December 2025.

### **4.03 Principal's Report**

Mr. Petry presented his report for the month. Some of the items he discussed are listed as follows:

Pep Rally- Students navigated their way through the school showing school spirit.

Spelling Bee- One of our students placed 6th in Hudson County out of 80 spellers.

Star Student had lunch with Mr. Petry and the Pride winners were announced at the ceremony.

Superintendent Mantineo acknowledged two seventh grade students who were in the audience. Ariela and Madison from the Student Council serve as president and vice president. Superintendent Mantineo thanked the girls for their attendance and asked if they would like to speak.

Ariela and Madison wanted to discuss the school lunch variety and know other students attending other schools with the same food service company and they are offered more varieties. The other schools have different lunches and we would like to have that here.

Superintendent Mantineo said she would speak with the Food Service Manager. She also commented that we love hearing from you and if you would possibly consider sitting on with the board as student representatives to make your voices heard.

## **5. HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

### **5.03 APPROVAL OF OPENING OF THE HEARING OF THE CITIZENS TO THE PUBLIC**

President Travelli stated that each citizen will be granted three (3) minutes if they wish to address the Board. He asked that each citizen state their name and address prior to their comment.

President Travelli requested a motion to Open the Hearing of the Citizens

A motion was made to open the hearing of the citizens to the public by President Travelli and seconded by Trustee Garcia-Popiel. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sosnowski and President Travelli. Nays, none.

No citizens addressed the board.

A motion was made to close the hearing of the citizens to the public by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Garcia-Popiel. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sosnowski and President Travelli. Nays, none.

## 6. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

### 6.01 HIB Reports

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is necessary to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of the current and prior month's HIB reports and findings, in accordance with In 18A:37-14 and 6A:16-1.3.

### 6.02 Approval of the Secretary's Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is necessary to formally approve the Secretary's report for the month of December 2025; and

BE IT RESOLVED, BA Fundora stated the Secretary's report is on file and in agreement and certified for the month of December 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the formal adoption of the Secretary's report for December 2025.

### 6.03 Approval of the Claims List for February 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves of the Claims List for February 2026.

### 6.04 Approval of Entering into Benefit Enrollment Services Agreement with PayCom for the 2025-2026 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to approve of entering into a Benefit Enrollment services agreement with PayCom for the 2025-2026 school year with the following breakdown:

Benefit Concession Cost Breakdown per payroll 401/403B file- \$986.14 monthly

Benefit Enrollment Services- One-time fee-\$3,085

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approve of entering into a Benefit Enrollment services agreement with PayCom for the 2025-2026 school year.

### 6.05 Approval of Entering into a Special Education Contract Tuition Contract Agreement with the Felician School for Exceptional Children for the Month of July 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to approve of entering into a Special Education ESY tuition agreement with the Felician School for Exceptional Children for a total of 16 days during the month of July 2025;

Vendor/School	Contract/Agreement Period	Amount
The Felician School for Exceptional Children	Special Education Contract from July 1, 2025 through July 23, 2025- Student transferred out from district	16 days at \$371.48 for a total of \$5,943.68

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of entering into a Special Education ESY tuition agreement with the Felician School for Exceptional Children.

#### 6.06 Tax Levy

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, of the Town of Guttenberg, Approves the Request of Tax Levy for February and March 2026, in the amount of **\$1,924,709.66**.

#### 6.07 Approval of the Revised 2026 BOE Meeting Schedule

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the revised 2026 BOE Meeting Schedule as listed below:

The following dates were approved by the Guttenberg Board of Education at the regular meeting held on February 11, 2026. Monthly Work/Action and Regular Meetings of the Guttenberg Board of Education of the Town of Guttenberg, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey to be held in the Anna L. Klein School, 301 69th Street, Guttenberg with a 5:00 pm Caucus Session immediately followed by a Regular Meeting session at 5:15 pm, per meeting calendar schedule through December 31, 2026.

Action may be taken at any and all meetings.

#### Regular Public Meetings

January 7, 2026- Reorganization Meeting

February 11, 2026

March 18, 2026- Tentative Budget

**April 15-2026**

May 6, 2026-Budget Hearing

June 17, 2026

July 29, 2026- Virtual Meeting

August 26, 2026

September 9, 2026

October 14, 2026

November 11, 2026

December 9, 2026

#### 6.08 Approval of the ACFR/AMR Report for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report)

BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to approve the adoption of the ACFR (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report) and the AMR (Auditors Management Report) Report of Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, prepared by Wielkotz & Company has been submitted and reviewed

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the adoption of the ACFR (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report) and the AMR (Auditors Management Report) Report of Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, prepared by Wielkotz & Company has been reviewed and submitted for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

#### 6.09 Approval of the Corrective Action Plan for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report/AMR)

BE IT RESOLVED, it was necessary to approve the adoption of the ACFR (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report) and the ARM (Auditors Management Report) Report of Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, prepared by Wielkotz & Company;

BE IT RESOLVED, a corrective action plan has been formulated and approved on the auditors' findings

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board approves of said corrective action plan for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

6.10 Approval of Dress Down Days and Fundraiser Events for the February, March, April and May 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, the Principal and the Superintendent are recommending the following dress down days and fundraisers for the months of February, March and April and May 2026:

<b>Date of Dress Down/Fundraiser Events</b>	<b>Requested Donation</b>	<b>Person(s) Requesting</b>	<b>Cause</b>
National Wear Red Day- February 17, 2026	\$3.00 for staff and \$1.00 for students	Ms. Evelyn Collazo	American Heart Association to show support and raise awareness
Martin Luther King and Black History Month- February 23, 2026	\$3.00 for staff	Ms. Emily Schnell- SEL Committee	Boys & Girls Club of Hudson County
Valentine Singing Gram- February 2026	\$3.00 a song for students	Ms. Ashley Blair- Student Council Moderator	Student Council
Crossing Guard Fundraiser, February 18, 2026	Any donation amounts accepted	Ms. Nicole Fundora	To benefit Mr. Luis Perez a crossing guard who is experiencing financial hardship
SEL "Mustang Ink" Temporary Tattoo Booth Fundraiser- April 1, 2026	\$1 small tattoo, \$2 medium tattoo and \$3 large tattoo	SEL Committee	To raise funds that will support the Social Emotional Learning initiatives creating a positive school climate and creating strong relationships among students, staff and families
SEL PI Day Fundraiser, March 9, 2026	\$3 per pie for students	SEL Committee	To raise funds that will directly support the SEL program while strengthening relationships and promoting positive student-centered initiatives

Mother's Day "Loved Ones Bouquets" Flower Shop Fundraiser, May 7, 2026	\$5 for small flowers, \$7 for medium, \$10 for large bouquet	SEL Committee	To raise funds to support the SEL Program while providing positive messaging to the students building relationships
Movie Night Fundraising Event, April 23, 2026	\$5 for movie and snack, Parents will accompany their child/children at no cost	Kindergarten Teachers	Students will be able to enjoy a movie and snack from grades pre-k through third grade while supporting the kindergarten class

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the above-mentioned dress down fundraisers for the month of February, March, April and May 2026.

6.11 Acceptance of Permission to be Granted for Kearny Bank to Participate in Read Across America Day

BE IT RESOLVED, it is requested permission be granted for Kearny Bank to participate in Read Across America Day here at the Anna L. Klein School on Monday, March 2, 2026 to visit the first graders and read to them in their classrooms and donation of the selected book;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board grants permission for Kearny Bank employees to participate in Read Across America Day and donation of a book on March 2, 2026 in recognition of Dr. Seuss's birthday.

6.12 Acceptance of Complimentary On-Site Wellness Day with Elite Vascular & Wellness

BE IT RESOLVED, it is requested that permission be granted for Elite Vascular & Wellness to host a complimentary wellness day to the staff at the Anna L. Klein School;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the following on-site wellness will be performed at no cost to the district and for staff that chooses a follow-up in office appointment, Elite will provide access to footwear options acceptable through insurance:

3D digital foot scans to assess posture, structure and alignment

On-site Chair massages to help reduce muscle tension and fatigue

Catered lunch for the entire staff

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves of the complimentary wellness day provided by Elite Vascular & Wellness.

6.13 Approval of the Biannual Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2025-2026 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED, annually it is necessary to approve the Biannual Statement of Assurance regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2025-2026 school year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the Biannual Statement of Assurance regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2025-2026 school year.

6.14 Approval of Permission to Apply for the Higher Impact Tutoring Grant Application

BE IT RESOLVED, it is requested that permission be granted to apply for the Higher Impact Tutoring Grant application for the 2025-2026 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ALK administrators are currently working on the application which can be submitted once formal board approval has taken place.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Board grants permission to apply for the Higher Impact Tutoring Grant application for the 2025-2026 school year.

**7. CURRICULUM ADOPTIONS, REVISIONS, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS- NONE**

**8. POLICY AND LEGISLATION**

**8.01 Approval of the First Reading of the Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill**

BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to approve the First Reading of the Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill Policy #8550;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the First Reading of the Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill Policy #8550.

**8.02 Approval of State and Federal Legislation: Mandatory Reporting of State Assessments- None**

**9. BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

**9.01 Approval of the Emergency and Non-Emergency Maintenance Services for the 2025-2026 School Year**

BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to approve the Emergency and Non-Emergency Maintenance Services List for the 2025-2026 school year:

Vendor	Repair/Work Completed	Estimate/Proposal Amount	Emergency/Non Emergency
William J. Guarini	Ceiling steam trap leaking, removal of duct work and Urinal as well as sink not operating properly	\$2,128	Emergency
Trico Electric LLC	Installation of vending machine receptacles and classroom floor boxes	\$3,775	Non-Emergency
Hauptman Floor Covering Co, Inc.	Mechanical lift rental	\$767.34	Non-Emergency

Telworx Communications	SonicWall + long reach fiber single mode no cable	\$259.53	Non-Emergency
JM Floor Installation	BOE Office New flooring	\$3,200.00	Non Emergency
JM Floor Installation	Rooflop gym main entry as well as steps	\$1,800.00	Non-Emergency
Elite Lock Service	Repair of restroom door closer arm	\$115.00	Non-Emergency
Kencor Elevator, LLC	Repair proposal of hydraulic elevator not operating properly	\$2,794	Emergency
Maintain X	Maintenance Subscription for Building & Grounds	\$3,900 and one time implementation fee of \$1,500 for a total of \$5,400	Non-Emergency
IntelyNet, LLC	Roof gym security, stairwell door additional maglock	Roof Gym Security- \$10,640, Stairwell doors- \$4,650 for a total of \$15,290	Non-Emergency

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Emergency and Non-Emergency Maintenance Services List for the 2025-2026 school year.

9.02 Approval of Various Use of Facilities Requests for the 2025-2026 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED, the Principal and the Superintendent are recommending the request from the following use of facilities requests for the 2025-2026 school year;

Use of Facilities/Event Request	Date	Location	Additional Information
Hosting of Student vs. Staff Basketball Games	Monday, March 2, 2026. 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	ALK New Gym	Sponsored by the Student Council
"Pies for Pi" Pi Day Event	Monday, March 9, 2026 3:10 pm to 5:10 pm (set up 3:10-3:30, event time 3:30-4:30 and clean up 4:30-5:10)	Front Courtyard- Inclement weather ALK Cafeteria	Sponsored by the SEL Committee
Kindergarten Movie Night	Thursday, April 23, 2026, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm	ALK Cafeteria	Sponsored by the Kindergarten Teachers for grade Pre-k through third- \$5 movie and snack. Parents will need to accompany student
"Loved Ones Bouquets" Flower Shop Fundraiser	Thursday, May 7, 2026, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm (set up 3:30-4:00, event time 4:00-5:30 and clean up 5:30-6:00)	ALK Cafeteria	Sponsored by the SEL Committee
Kindergarten Family Fun Night	Thursday, May 28, 2026, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	ALK New Gym	Kindergarten students and families will gather together to participate in fun events such as face painting, dance, games and much more.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the various requests for the use of facilities for the 2025-2026 school year.

9.03 Approval of the Presence of Law Enforcement Requests for the 2025-2026 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to approve the Presence of Law Enforcement requests for the following events to be held in the ALK new gym;

Presence of Law Enforcement Event Name	Date	Location	Additional Information
Student vs. Staff Basketball Game	Monday, March 2, 2026. 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	ALK New Gym	Sponsored by the Student Council
Kindergarten Family Fun Night	Thursday, May 28, 2026, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	ALK New Gym	Sponsored by the Kindergarten Teachers

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Presence of Law Enforcement requests for the above-mentioned events.

**10. PERSONNEL/HUMAN RESOURCES**

10.01 Approval of Staff Hirings for the 2025-2026 School Year- M. Battista, V. Torres, M. Ortiz, T. Campos, R. Pereira

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent is recommending the following staff hirings for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position	Salary	Start Date
Ms. Mary Battista	Part-time Night Custodial Supervisor	\$30 per hour	pending archival of fingerprinting
Ms. Mirllet Ortiz	Part-time Night Custodian	\$18 per hour	pending fingerprint approval
Mr. Victor M Torres	Part-time Night Custodian	\$18 per hour	pending fingerprint approval
Ms. Rosa A Pereira	Technology Assistant	\$58,000	pending fingerprint approval

Tharelyns C. Campos	Substitute Instructor	\$125 per diem	pending fingerprint and certificate approval
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent and the Principal are requesting the ability to move substitute instructors within the daily, permanent w/o lesson plans and permanent with lesson plans, which is essential for securing coverage of classes to ensure the safety of the students when a staff member is absent;

Daily Substitute- \$125

Permanent Substitute w/o Lesson Plans- \$150

Permanent Substitute with Lesson Plans-\$175

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the above-mentioned staff hirings for the 2025-2026 school year.

10.02 Extra Pay Positions- A. Cantelmo, B. Dee, E. Sanchez, I. Hecht

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent is recommending the following extra pay positions for the 2025-2026 school year;

Name	Extra Pay Position	Amount	Start Date
Ms. Adriana Cantelmo	Parent Engagement Translator	\$56 per hour from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Paid through Title I Parenting Account-20-231-200-1 05-00	February 25, 2026 One night
Mr. Brian Dee	Assistance with the event	\$25 per hour from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Paid through Title I Parenting Account-20-231-200-1 05-00	February 25, 2026 One night

Ms. Elana Sanchez	Assistance with the event	\$25 per hour from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Paid through Title I Parenting Account-20-231-200-1 05-00	February 25, 2026 One night
Mr. Ivan Hecht	Saturday Substitute Detention	\$210 as per current teachers contract	On an as needed basis

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the extra pay positions for the above-mentioned individuals for the 2025-2026 school year.

10.03 Approval of a Teacher Salary and Step Increment for the 2025-2026 School Year- S. DiMaulo-Milk

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent is recommending the Teacher Salary & Step Increment for Ms. Sarah DiMaulo-Milk moving from BA to BA+15 in the amount of \$750

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the Teacher Salary & Step Increment for Ms. Sarah DiMaulo-Milk.

10.04 Student Teachers and Interns- None

10.05 Approval of Teacher Maternity/Medical Leave of Absence for the 2025-2026 School Year-G. Saidi, D. Merse

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent is recommending the maternity leave extension requests for the following individuals for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position	Extension Return Date
Mrs. Diana Merse	Math Coach	4/20/2026
Mrs. Gina Saidi	6th Grade Language Arts Instructor	9/1/2026

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the maternity leave extension requests for the above-mentioned individuals for the 2025-2026 school year.

10.06 Approval of a Family Emergency Request Leave of Absence- P. Sinning

BE IT RESOLVED, after receiving a family emergency request from Ms. Piedad Sinning the Superintendent is recommending approval for this request commencing January 14, 2026 through March 1, 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of the family emergency request submitted by Ms. Piedad Sinning.

10.07 Approval of Teacher Course Enrollments for the 2025-2026 School Year- F. Semrau

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent is recommending Mr. Frederick Semrau for a teacher course enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year;

Mr. Frederick Semrau- 7th Grade Math Instructor	Teacher Course Enrollment	NJTCL- Secondary Teaching Methods and L&T Pre-Algebra- Phase 1
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves of Mr. Frederick Semrau for a teacher course enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year.

10.08 Approval of Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent is recommending the termination of employment of a lunch aide effective February 5, 2026:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves of the termination of employment for a lunch aide.

10.09 Acceptance of Staff Members of the Year for the 2025-2026 School Year- A. Rogers, M. Hijazi

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board accepts Mrs. Annette Rogers and Mrs. Maha Hijazi as the 2025-2026 Staff Member of the Year.

10.10 Acceptance of the Teacher of the Year for the 2025-2026 School Year- E. Rachelski

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board accepts Mrs. Elizabeth Rachelski as the 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year.

10.11 Approval of Administrator Stipend for the Preparation of the Higher Impact Competitive Grant Writing

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent is recommending an administrator stipend for the preparation of the Higher Impact Competitive Grant writing application; and

BE IT RESOLVED, for the administrators' hard work, it is necessary to acknowledge the following team, and each will receive a \$500 stipend:

Mr. Keith Petry

Ms. Josie Perez

Ms. Lucy DiMauro

Ms. Jill Magenheimer

Ms. Ilvea Cruz

Mrs. Sharon Rotundo

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves of the administrator stipend in the amount of \$500 each for the Higher Impact Competitive Grant writing application.

## 11. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

### 11.01 Approval of Resolutions on Consent Agenda (Items 6.01 through 10.11)

President Travelli requested a motion to approve.

Motioned by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Garcia-Popiel. Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sosnowski and President Travelli. Nays, none.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the Consent Agenda Resolution Items 6.01 through 10.11.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

### 12.01 Approval of a Teacher Step Increment Courses Credit-E. Mooney

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent has received the Step Increment Increase Application from Ms. Erin Mooney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent is recommending three (3) of the six (6) courses may be approved for credit from the Step Increment application as follows:

Semester	Course #	Course Description	Credit
Spring 2024	Labor 618	Labor & Public Policy	4
Fall 2024	Labor 620	Labor History	4
Spring 2025	Labor 590STA	History of Teacher Unions	3

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves three (3) of the six (6) courses mentioned above and may be approved for course credit for the Step Increment application submitted by Ms. Erin Mooney.

### 12.02 Acceptance of a 2007 Dodge Durango from the Town of Guttenberg

BE IT RESOLVED, it is requested permission be granted to accept a vehicle donation from the Town of Guttenberg; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the 2007 Dodge Durango will be utilized for maintenance and building of grounds for the Guttenberg Board of Education and the Insurance Broker of Record will be contacted to provide a price quote.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accepts the vehicle donation from the Town of Guttenberg.

President Travelli requested a motion to approve 12.01 and 12.02.

Motioned by Trustee Garcia-Popiel and seconded by Trustee Sosnowski. Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sosnowski and President Travelli. Nays, none.

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

14.01 Motion to Adjourn by President Travelli and seconded by Trustee Sosnowski.

Motion unanimously approved by voice roll call vote.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Karen Huebsch  
Board Secretary**