

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**EGG HARBOR CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Egg Harbor City, New Jersey 08215**

**AGENDA**

Regular Meeting

March 25, 2026

Charles L. Spragg School

Library

601 Buffalo Avenue

6:00 PM

**I. Regular Meeting**

This is to advise those present at this meeting of the Board of Education of the Egg Harbor City School District, in the County of Atlantic, that adequate notice has been given of this meeting as required by the provision of Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975; that notice thereof has been forwarded for publication in the District official newspapers, posted in the city Schools, and forwarded to the city Clerk within the time required by said Act.

The Board values and welcomes comments and opinions from residents as long as remarks are not personal or discourteous. The public comment portion of the meeting allows the Board to listen to community members and to hear their opinions on school policy and operations.

There are two opportunities to address the Board. The first public portion is reserved for persons wishing to speak about agenda items only. The second opportunity, following the action items, residents may address the Board on any school related issue. Once identified, a speaker is asked to limit their comments to three minutes. Yielding time is not permitted. The public comments portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes total.

**II. Flag Salute**

**III. Roll Call**

Mr. Bouchard ('28)

Mrs. DiGiacomo ('26)

Mrs. Ortiz ('28)

Ms. Caudo ('28)

Mr. Guercioni ('26)

Ms. Cramer ('27)

Mrs. Nava ('27)

#### **IV. Executive Session**

Resolution of the Board of Education of the Egg Harbor City School District to permit discussion of subjects in closed sessions

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- (1) Litigation
- (2) Personnel
- (3) Contracts
- (4) Negotiations

It is presently anticipated that the items mentioned in the Resolution can be disclosed to the public when a decision is made upon the same, and in personnel matters, with the consent of the employee.

#### **V. Open Floor to Public**

The public is invited to comment on or question any topic related to the Board of Education agenda items.

#### **VI. Comments for the Good of the Board**

#### **VII. Monthly Reports**

##### a. Administrative Reports

- i. Superintendent / Principal Report *Attachment*
- ii. Business Administrator Report
- iii. Director of Special Projects Report *Attachment*
- iv. EHCCS Principal Report *Attachment*
- v. Supervisor of Early Childhood/LDTC Report *Attachment*
- vi. Board Solicitor’s Report

##### b. Board Committee Reports

- i. Personnel
- ii. Curriculum/Programs
- iii. Finance
- iv. Policy
- v. Buildings/Grounds

**VIII. Board Minutes**

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):**
  - i. February 11, 2026 Reorganization / Regular Meeting *Attachment*

**IX. Financial Items**

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):**
  - i. Board Secretary Report – January 2026 *Attachment*
  - ii. Report of Receipts and Disbursements – January 2026 *Attachment*

- b. **APPROVE (roll call):** Board Certification  
 Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 The Egg Harbor City Board of Education certifies that as of 1/31/26 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (Revenue and Appropriation sections) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 and there have been no changes in anticipated revenue sources and/or amounts so that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- c. **APPROVE (roll call):** Monthly Purchase Orders/Bills *Attachment*

Bills to be Approved for Payment	\$ 694,742.82
Checks to be Ratified	\$ 889,042.94
Payroll to be Ratified	\$ 1,164,174.77

- d. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Budget transfers for the 2025-2026 school year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2:13 and Chapter 196 Laws of 1967, as follows:
  - i. March 25, 2026 Fund 10 - \$32,688 *Attachment*

- e. **APPROVE (roll call):** Agreement with Kroll, LLC to update the fixed asset ledger for accounting and financial reporting as of June 30, 2026 at a cost of \$2,200. *Attachment*

- f. **APPROVE (roll call):** BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2026-2027 school year using the 2026-2027 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>Budget</u>
General Fund	\$15,895,266
Special Revenue Fund	\$2,134,395
Debt Service Fund	\$605,632
Total	\$18,635,293

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall advertise said budget in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be held at the Egg Harbor City Board of Education meeting on May 6, 2026 in the Charles L. Spragg School Library at 6:00 PM for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 school year; and

BE IT RESOLVED, to acknowledge that the 2026-2027 budget as described above will result in the following:

General Fund Tax Levy	\$2,944,655
Debt Service Tax Levy	\$605,632
Total Tax Levy	\$3,550,287

BE IT RESOLVED, that no banked cap will be applied to the 2026-2027 school budget; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education includes in the budget a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$230,000 for Masonry Repairs to part of the exterior at the Charles L. Spragg School; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education includes in the budget a maintenance reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$375,000 for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 6A:23A-7.3, in each pre-budget year, the Board of Education is required to establish a maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year which may not be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the maximum travel expenditure amount includes all travel that is supported by Federal, State, and Local funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education had previously established a maximum amount in the pre-budget year 2025-2026 as \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has expensed \$1,050 of the maximum amount for the 2025-2026 year to date; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby establishes the maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2026-2027 school year as \$10,000; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the supporting documentation of this budget also contains an itemization of criteria expenditures as required under administrative regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a), maximum dollar amounts for professional services have been established and are detailed in the appropriations section of the 2026-2027 Budget. *Attachment*

## **X. Non-instructional Operations Items.**

- a. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Revised School Calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. *Attachment*
- b. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** The following bus route hosted by Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District, plus a 5% administrative fee:
  - i. Contract OA2 (*quoted contract*) for \$139.50 per diem to Ocean Academy at Cape May County Special Services School District for student #20331698 (*billing based on total riders*) from February 25, 2026 through June 30, 2026 (*the district to be reimbursed by the State of NJ Division of Children and Families*).
  - ii. Contract ACS-GE20 (*quoted contract*) for \$422 per diem to transport DCP&P student #20402221 to Atlantic County Special Services for the period March 24, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

## **XI. Personnel Items – as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools**

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** The appointment of the following personnel, pending proper certification and criminal history clearance as applicable:

	Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Degree/ Step	Salary	Notes
i.	Alesha Longo	Substitute Teacher/Aide	District	3/26/2026	N/A	\$150 per diem	
ii.	Fernanda Martinez	School Psychologist	District	8/27/2026	MA+30 Step 1	\$65,670	Start date pending certification, fingerprint approval, and onboarding documents

b. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** The following mentor assignments for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year:

i. Sean Caughey with Matthew Wira

c. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Leaves of Absences for the following personnel:

	SMID#	Type Leave	Anticipated Start Date	Anticipated End Date	Notes	Initial approval if a revision
i.	#79090346	FMLA	2/20/2026	3/15/2026	Paid	
ii.	#97357248	FMLA	2/19/2026	3/18/2026	Paid	12/10/2025
		FMLA	3/19/2026	4/24/2026	Unpaid	
		FMLA / NJFLA Concurrent	4/25/2026	5/26/2026	Unpaid	
		NJFLA	5/27/2026	6/30/2026	Unpaid	

d. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** The following staff for case management, to work up to thirty (30) hours from February 11, 2026 to March 25, 2026, compensated at the non-instructional rate of \$40 per hour as per the EHCEA negotiated agreement:

i. Jen Connelly, Social Worker	ii. Gianna Miranda, LDTC
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e. **APPROVE (roll call):** The following staff for case management, to work up to ten (10) hours from March 26, 2026 to April 15, 2026, compensated at the non-instructional rate of \$40 per hour as per the EHCEA negotiated agreement:

i. Jen Connelly, Social Worker	ii. Gianna Miranda, LDTC
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**XII. Student Items**

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** Motion to affirm the Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying (HIB) incidents as reported by the Superintendent and resolved by the building Principal, HIB Coordinator, or designee. *Handout*
- b. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Admitting the following DCP&P student from Atlantic City Board of Education, where the prior district of residence is responsible for the estimated tuition costs:
  - i. #20342206, Grade 4 (MD), \$118.33 per diem, effective March 17, 2026 through June 30, 2026 (62 days, \$7,366.46)
- c. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** The following student enrichment trip:

	Grade	Location	Address	Date	Funded From
i.	Boys Basketball	Xfinity Mobile Arena (Villanova Game)	Philadelphia, PA	February 21, 2026	Local Funding

- d. **APPROVE (roll call):** The following student enrichment trips, funded with Preschool funds:
  - i. Preschool walking field trips to the Egg Harbor City Public Library, Egg Harbor City, NJ on the following dates:
    - April 29, 2026 - Mrs. Griffin’s class
    - May 6, 2026 - Ms. Bonilla’s class
    - May 13, 2026 - Mrs. Balsley’s class
    - May 27, 2026 - Mrs. DiGerolamo’s class
    - June 3, 2026 - Mrs. Bauer’s class

**XIII. Program Items**

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** Submission of the 2026-2027 Preschool Expansion Aid (PEA) One Year Program Budget Workbook to the Department of Education Division of Early Childhood Services comprised of the following:
  - i. State Aid - \$940,470
  - ii. Local Contribution for Special Education - \$275,662
  - iii. FY24-25 Carryover - \$68,219 *Attachment*
- b. **RATIFY AND AFFIRM (roll call):** An Agreement with Rowan University to provide student teaching opportunities to Rowan students from March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. *Attachment*

**XIV. Professional Development**

Professional development activities have been recommended by building Principals, approved by the Director of Special Projects and the Superintendent as directly related to the fulfillment of individual professional improvement plans and/or required by the New Jersey Department of Education, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), local student Individual Education Plans, or entitlement/discretionary grants. Adequate funds have been appropriated.

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** Professional Development Workshops for the 2025-2026 school year. *Attachment*

**XV. Policies / Regulations Items**

**XVI. New Business**

**XVII. Informational Items**

- 3/5/2026 Stacy Baggstrom and CLS received recognition from the American Heart Association for raising \$2,326.21 for the Kids Heart Challenge/American Heart Challenge Program
- 3/31/2026 CLS Rotts and Notts Assembly
- 3/31/2026 CLS Pep Rally
- 4/2/2026 CLS “Celebrate Our Differences” Spirit Day
- 4/15-16/2026 CLS Student Book Swap
- 4/16/2026 EHCCS Rowan-Virtua Project REACH Program w/Mrs. Wilson’s Class
- 4/17/2026 EHCCS Grade 7 ACPO Presentations

**XVIII. Open to Public**

The public is invited to comment on or question any topic related to the Board of Education agenda items.

**XIX. Calendar Dates**

- April 2, 2026 Spring Recess Begins, 12:20 Dismissal
- April 3-10, 2026 Spring Recess, Buildings Closed
- April 15, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting

**XX. Executive Session**

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**XXI. Adjournment Time**

Time: \_\_\_\_\_