Lakewood Public Schools

Lakewood Board of Education

Special Meeting Agenda

April 24, 2026

Public Session - 8:30 AM

VIA ZOOM

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Moshe Bender- President

Mr. Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President

Mr. Aaron Chase

Mrs. Ada Gonzalez

Mr. Eliyahu Greenwald

Mr. Meir Grunhut

Mr. Joel Kleinman

Mr. Shlomie Stern

Mrs. Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg

SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Dr. Laura A. Winters, Superintendent

Mr. Kevin Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. Joshua Forsman, Esq., In-House Attorney/General Counsel

Mrs. Kristie Sussino, Assistant Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary

Ms. Louise Davis, State Monitor

Ms. Patricia Blood, State Monitor

Mr. James Trischitta, Director of Technology, NonPublic Technology, & NonPublic Security Grant

Mr. Bryan Powell, Network and Systems Supervisor

Mr. Eric Holmberg, Translator

Mrs. Omaida Segui, Executive Administrative Professional

Mrs. Deborah Zarro, Executive Administrative Professional

AGENDA

TIME: 8:46am

I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - President, Lakewood Board of Education

II. **STATEMENT BY THE BOARD SECRETARY**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 231, of the Laws of 1976 (THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT), Mr. Campbell notified the public that notice of the date, time, location and agenda of this meeting, to the extent known, was provided at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of this meeting in the following manner:

1. By posting such notice on the public announcement board of the Lakewood Board of Education Offices, and the Lakewood Township Municipal Building.
2. By e-mailing such notice to the office of the New Jersey Star Ledger, The Lakewood Scoop and The Lakewood Shopper.
3. By filing such notice with the Board Secretary.
4. By mailing such notice to all individuals who requested and paid for a copy of the same.

ROLL CALL:

Moshe Bender-President	P
Aaron Chase	A
Ada Gonzalez	A
Eliyahu Greenwald	A
Meir Grunhut	P
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	P
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	P
Shlomie Stern	P
Joel Kleinman	A

III. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, known as the Open Public Meetings Act, provides that a public body may not exclude the public from any meeting to discuss any matter described therein until the public body has first adopted a Resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood has determined that the following items must be discussed in closed session and that the public must be excluded from said deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood has determined that the subject matter of the closed discussion falls within those matters described in subsection 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that

A. The Board of Education, in closed session, may discuss one or more of the following subject matter:

1. Confidential under Federal/State Law or rule of Court.
2. That which would impair a right to receive Government Funds.
3. Unwarranted invasion of Pupil's privacy.
4. Collective Bargaining Agreement.
5. Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of real property or investment.
6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public.
7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than as stated in #4.
8. Involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment.
9. Any deliberations occurring after a public hearing.

Which subject matters constitute a subject matter described in the subsection 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood, will disclose to the public the subject matter of said closed discussions, as soon as the matters have been resolved and the determination can be disclosed to the public.

Motion to go into Public Session: 8:48am

First: Mr. Rodriguez **Second:** Mr. Stern

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	Y
Aaron Chase	A
Ada Gonzalez	A
Eliyahu Greenwald	A
Meir Grunhut	Y

Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	Y
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	Y
Shlomie Stern	Y
Joel Kleinman	A

IV. RECOGNITION & PRESENTATIONS

A. None at this Meeting

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. None at this Meeting

VI. CORRESPONDANCE

A. None at this Meeting

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. None at this Meeting

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - Agenda Items Only (Limited to 4 minutes as per Board Policy #0167)- NONE AT THIS MEETING

Pursuant to Board Policy 0164, Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the Board of Education in its deliberations and in the conduct of its meetings. As such, all comments from the public and from other members of the Board should be directed to the Board President, who is responsible for presiding over the meeting. Public comments can be made during the public session.

The President shall direct all inquiries or comments to the appropriate Administrator or Board member for response, as appropriate. The law requires a period of public comment at our meetings, not a question or answer session or debate. The board president, at his discretion, may or may not feel it is appropriate to answer questions raised during the public comment period. The board and administration do take all public comments seriously and consider them when conducting business.

The President may interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive or obscene. In addition, Security Personnel may direct any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum, whether the person is at the microphone or at any other place in the meeting room. New Jersey law makes it a crime for any person to intentionally disrupt a public meeting. Law enforcement will be contacted if a person disrupts the meeting and fails to desist after being directed to do so.

Finally, we ask that you silence all electronic devices.

IX. REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

A. FINANCE

1. **REAPPROVAL OF THE 2026-2027 INTRODUCED BUDGET FOR SUBMISSION TO THE EXECUTIVE OCEAN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:**

WHEREAS the Ocean County Superintendent's Office has asked us to make minor adjustments to the introduced budget. The overall budget has not changed therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lakewood Board of Education approves the school district's 2026-2027 Introduced Budget for submission to the Executive Ocean County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval as follows:

	Budget	**Tax Levy**
Total General Fund	$323,920,210	$123,933,804
Total Special Revenue Fund	$100,805,164	N/A
Total Debt Service Fund	$ 2,411,750	$ 1,717,575
Total	$427,137,124	$125,651,379

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lakewood Board of Education approves the maximum General Fund budgeted travel and related expense reimbursements in the amount of $20,000, that the maximum amount approved in the pre-budget year was $15,000, and that as of January 31, 2026 the total amount expended and encumbered on travel is $14,857 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lakewood Board of Education approves the School-Based Budgets (Fund 15) in the amount of $58,093,099 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lakewood Board of Education approves the maximum amounts for contracted professional services as follows:

Legal Services	$300,000
Audit Services	$100,000
Architectural Services	$125,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this budget includes a request for a DOE Loan Against State Aid in the amount of $138,184,006 in order to provide a Thorough and Efficient education and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this budget includes the use of the Adjustment for Health Care Costs in the amount of $4,914,798 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this budget has proposed programs and services in addition to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards adopted by the New Jersey State Board of Education and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lakewood Board of Education authorizes the advertising of the budget, upon approval by the Executive Ocean County Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with New Jersey Department of Education regulations, four days prior to the Budget Public Hearing date and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lakewood Board of Education approves the date, place and time of the 2026-2027 Budget Public Hearing to be on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 in person at Lakewood High School Commons and online through the district website beginning at 7:00 p.m.

- ***Louise Davis, State Monitor- I would just like to clarify that this resolution was to match what was sent to the County and the State.***

Motion to Approve the Business Administrator Agenda: 8:51am

First: Mr. Rodriguez **Second:** Mr. Stern

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	Y
Aaron Chase	A
Ada Gonzalez	A
Eliyahu Greenwald	A
Meir Grunhut	Y
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	Y
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	Y
Shlomie Stern	Y
Joel Kleinman	A

X. **REPORT AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

NONE AT THIS MEETING

XI. **NEW BUSINESS**

XII. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - (Limited to 4 minutes as per Board Policy #0167)- NONE AT THIS MEETING

XIII. **GOOD & WELFARE**

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn the meeting: 8:52am

First: Mr. Rodriguez **Second:** Mr. Stern

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	Y
Aaron Chase	A
Ada Gonzalez	A
Eliyahu Greenwald	A
Meir Grunhut	Y
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	Y
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	Y
Shlomie Stern	Y
Joel Kleinman	A

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52am

I, Kevin Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, of the Lakewood Board of Education, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the Certified agenda for the Virtual Special Public Meeting held on April 24, 2026.

April 24, 2026

Kevin Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary