

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

AGENDA

Public Hearing on the 2026-2027 Budget and Regular Meeting

May 6, 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

RESOLVED: At a public meeting of the Board of Education held on May 6, 2026 at _____ p.m. that pursuant to sections 7 and 8 of the “Open Public Meetings Act”, the following subjects be discussed in a session of the Board of Education closed to the public:

- (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. Governor’s Educators of the Year Award Recipients Presented by Adrienne Shulby and Gina Forester

- Chrystal Merrigan - Charles L. Spragg Elementary School
- Kristen McDonald - Egg Harbor City Community School

VI. Public Hearing on the Budget by Adrienne Shulby and Allyson Ziegler

VII. Presentation of the 2024-2025 School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act by Mrs. Shulby

Attachment

VIII. Open Floor to Public

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

IX. Comments for the Good of the Board

X. 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 *Attachment*
 - v. Buildings/Grounds *Attachment*

XI. Board Minutes

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):**
 - i. April 15, 2026 Regular Meeting *Attachment*

XII. Financial Items

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):**
 - i. Board Secretary Report – March 2026 *Attachment*
 - ii. Report of Receipts and Disbursements – March 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 3/31/26 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	\$ 229,430.87
Checks to be Ratified	\$ 329,154.56
Payroll to be Ratified	\$ 759,744.52

- d. **APPROVE (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. May 6, 2026 Fund 10 - \$17,813 *Attachment*

e. **APPROVE (roll call)**: The 2026-2027 School Budget as follows:

The proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, as is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2026-2027 School Budget as follows:

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

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*

- f. **APPROVE (roll call):** Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Egg Harbor City Board of Education intends to renew, award, or permit to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the board of education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18. et.seq, NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements 2CFR Part 200. Compliance with new contracts, not listed here, will be addressed prior to board action. *Attachment*
- g. **APPROVE (roll call):** Contract with Ford, Scott & Associates, LLC to provide auditing services for the year ending June 30, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$25,000 and accept their Peer Review letter dated December 5, 2025. *Attachment*
- h. **APPROVE (roll call):** John Hansen as the Qualified Purchasing Agent from May 26, 2026 through June 30, 2026.
- i. **APPROVE (roll call):** Phoenix Advisors as the Continuing Disclosure Agent and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor for the 2026-2027 school year. *Attachment*
- j. **APPROVE (roll call):** Addendum to extend contract with ESS Northeast, LLC to provide substitute services for the 2026-2027 school year. *Attachment*
- k. **APPROVE (roll call):** Contract with Atlanticare Physician Group Occupational Health to provide new hire physical examinations for the 2026-2027 school year.

Attachment

- l. **APPROVE (roll call):** Contract with Milestone Physical Therapy, LLC to provide physical therapy services to district students as required by student IEP's for the 2026-2027 school year. *Attachment*
- m. **APPROVE (roll call):** Contract with Therapeutic Learning for Children to provide occupational therapy services to students as required by student IEP's for the 2026-2027 school year. *Attachment*
- n. **APPROVE (roll call):** Submission of renewal of the Food Service Management Company Cost Reimbursable Contract for the 2026-2027 school year with Maschio's Food Services, Inc. to the Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition Program:
 - FSMC Fee (Cost Reimbursable Flat Fee) of \$35,145 per annum per one school calendar year;
 - Guarantee - Return: \$20,000
 - Total Cost of Contract: \$525,682.30 *Attachment*

XIII. Non-instructional Operations Items

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for April 16, 2026. *Attachment*
- b. **APPROVE (roll call):** The following facilities use requests:
 - i. IronClad Project, Inc. to hold Pledge of Allegiance Charity Wrestling Event for St. Judes Children's Hospital on May 24, 2026.
 - ii. American Cancer Society to use the EHCCS parking lot for the 54th Annual American Cancer Society Bike-A-Thon on June 7, 2026.
- c. **APPROVE (roll call):** Deborah Pellegrino, Executive Director Chef at Borgata, to provide hands-on culinary demonstrations to REACH students on June 5, 2026.

XIV. 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 and Step	Salary	notes
i.	Kenneth Cirillo	.85 Aide	EHCCS	5/16/2026	Aides BA Step 1	\$24,727 prorated	Start date pending fingerprint approval and onboarding documents

	Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Degree and Step	Salary	notes
ii.	Jovany Ramirez	Substitute Custodian	District	5/7/2026	N/A	\$140 per diem	Start date pending fingerprint approval and onboarding documents

b. **APPROVE (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.	74246919	FMLA	8/31/2026	10/15/2026	Paid	
		FMLA / NJFLA Concurrent	10/16/2026	12/1/2026	Unpaid	
		NJFLA	12/2/2026	1/8/2027	Unpaid	

c. **APPROVE (roll call):** The following staff for case management, to work up to fifteen (15) hours from May 7, 2026 to June 10, 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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d. **APPROVE (roll call):** Rehiring of certificated, non-certificated, and independent staff for the 2026-2027 school year. *Attachment*

e. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Salary adjustment of Emily Faisst, CLS .85 Teacher Aide for the 2025-2026 school year to an annual salary of \$24,727, Aide BA Step 1, prorated.

f. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Salary adjustment of Sarah Saint Surin, EHCCS .85 Teacher Aide for the 2025-2026 school year to an annual salary of \$24,727, Aide BA Step 1, prorated.

g. **APPROVE (roll call):** The appointment of the following staff for Summer of 2026 work at the contractual rate:

	Name	Position	Location	Number of Hours
i.	Fernanda Martinez	Psychologist	District	Up to 80 hours
ii.	Jennifer Connelly	Social Worker	District	Up to 80 hours
iii.	Gianna Miranda	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	District	Up to 80 hours

	Name	Position	Location	Number of Hours
iv.	Stacy Baggstrom	Nurse	CLS	Up to 25 hours
v.	Lorie Walsh	Nurse	EHCCS	Up to 25 hours
vi.	Tina Hennaut	Guidance Counselor	CLS	Up to 20 hours
vii.	Leah Gaston-Mason	Guidance Counselor	EHCCS	Up to 45 hours

- h. **APPROVE (roll call):** The appointment of the following staff to Special Education Extended School Year Program, July 6, 2026 to July 31, 2026, at the contractual rate:

	Name	Position	Number of Hours / Days
i.	Eleana Dey	SPED Teacher	4.5 hours / 20 days
ii.	Samantha Louth	SPED Teacher	4.5 hours / 20 days
iii.	Alexandra Machinski	SPED Teacher	4.5 hours / 20 days
iv.	Deanna Walker	SPED Teacher	4.5 hours / 20 days
v.	Regina Deman	Aide	4 hours / 20 days
vi.	Corine Lenzi	Aide	4 hours / 20 days
vii.	Shannon Myers	Aide	4 hours / 20 days
viii.	Jamie Osborne	1:1 Aide	Up to 4 hours / 20 days
ix.	Samantha Nandal	Substitute 1:1 Aide	As needed Up to 4 hours / 20 days
x.	Emily Tomasello	Reading Specialist	4.5 hours / 20 days
xi.	Tiffany Ljoka	Speech and Language Specialist	Up to 4.5 hours / 20 days

- i. **APPROVE (roll call):** The appointment of the following staff to K-2 Summer School Program, July 6, 2026 to July 31, 2026, at the contractual rate:

	Name	Position	Number of Hours / Days
i.	Pamela Clouser	Teacher	4.5 hours / 20 days
ii.	Amanda Burchell	Teacher	4.5 hours / 20 days

	Name	Position	Number of Hours / Days
iii.	Heather Crosson	Teacher	4.5 hours / 20 days

- j. **APPROVE (roll call):** The appointment of the following staff to K-2 Summer School Program and Special Education Extended School Year Program, July 6, 2026 to July 31, 2026, at the contractual rate:

	Name	Position	Number of Hours / Days
i.	Stacy Baggstrom	Nurse	4.5 hours / 20 days

- k. **APPROVE (roll call):** The appointment of the following personnel as follows at the contractual rate:

	Name	Position	Effective Date
i.	All Certificated Staff	Substitutes for all Summer Programs	Summer 2026

XV. 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):** Sending the following homeless students to Hamilton Township Board of Education in compliance with the McKinney-Vento Act, where the prior district of residence is responsible for the estimated tuition and transportation costs:
- i. SID #6614403848; Tuition: Grade K, \$89.81 per diem, effective September 3, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (180 days, \$16,165.80) and Transportation: \$12.97 per diem, effective September 3, 2025 through December 5, 2025 (59 days, \$765.23) and \$163 per diem, effective December 11, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (118 days, \$19,234).
 - ii. SID #3074539845; Tuition: Grade 3, \$86.81 per diem, effective September 3, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (180 days, \$15,625.80) and Transportation: \$6 per diem, effective September 3, 2025 through December 5, 2025 (59 days, \$354), \$57 per diem, effective December 11, 2025 through January 23, 2026 (22 days, \$1,254) and \$39.33 per diem, effective January 26, 2026 through June 30, 2026 (96 days, \$3,775.68).

- iii. SID #2597298260; **Tuition:** Grade 1, \$86.81 per diem, effective September 3, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (180 days, \$15,625.80) and **Transportation:** \$6 per diem, effective September 3, 2025 through December 5, 2025 (59 days, \$354), \$57 per diem, effective December 11, 2025 through January 23, 2026 (22 days, \$1,254) and \$39.33 per diem, effective January 26, 2026 through June 30, 2026 (96 days, \$3,775.68).
- c. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Admitting the following student from Newark Board of Education in compliance with the McKinney-Vento Act, where the prior district of residence is responsible for the estimated tuition costs:
 - i. #20382235, Grade K, \$105 per diem, effective April 22, 2026 through June 30, 2026 (42 days, \$4,410).
- d. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Admitting the following students from Hamilton Township Board of Education in compliance with the McKinney-Vento Act, where students who were previously homeless and have since established residency may elect to continue at the school district that they have attended in the current school year through the end of year; the new district of residence is responsible for the estimated tuition costs:
 - i. #20402130, Grade Pre-K, \$105 per diem, effective April 7, 2026 through June 30, 2026 (49 days, \$5,145).
 - ii. #20382000, Grade K (MD), \$118.33 per diem, effective April 7, 2026 through June 30, 2026 (49 days, \$5,798.17).
- e. **APPROVE (roll call):** The following student enrichment trips:

	Grade	Location	Address	Date	Funded From
i.	REACH Students	Proshot Pickleball	Egg Harbor Twp., NJ	May 15, 2026	21st CCLC Funding
ii.	Junior Honor Society Students	Six Flags Great Adventure	Jackson Twp., NJ	May 21, 2026	Local Funding

XVI. Program Items

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** The District Mentoring Plan for the 2026-2027 school year. *Attachment*
- b. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve the five-year curriculum evaluation schedule. *Attachment*

- c. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve the district record of textbooks for the 2026-2027 school year. *Attachment*
- d. **APPROVE (roll call):** Submission of the 2026-2027 Title 1 SIA Annual School Plan.
- e. **APPROVE (roll call):** CLS Intermediate Fieldwork placements from September 14, 2026 to December 18, 2026 and Full-Time Student Teaching / Final Clinical Practice Placements from January 4, 2027 to May 1, 2027 for Stockton University students:
 - i. Emily Maione - Emily Tomasello (Grade 1)
 - ii. Antonia Giordano - Amanda Burchell (Grade 3)
- f. **APPROVE (roll call):** EHCCS Intermediate Fieldwork placements from September 14, 2026 to December 18, 2026 and Full-Time Student Teaching / Final Clinical Practice Placements from January 4, 2027 to May 1, 2027 for Stockton University students:
 - i. Jailynn Mulhern - Gabrielle Elefante (Grade 7 Math)

XVII. 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*

XVIII. Policies / Regulations Items

XIX. New Business

XX. Informational Items

- 4/2026 April designated National School Library Month by American Association of School Librarians *Attachment*
- 5/4/2026 EHCCS NJSLA Testing Week - ELA and Math
- 5/8/2026 CLS 2nd Grade & Ms. Merrigan’s Field Trip to Franklin Institute
- 5/11/2026 EHCCS NJSLA Testing Week - Science

- 5/12/2026 CLS Group Picture Day
- 5/13/2026 CLS Preschool Walking Trip to Atlantic County Library (Balsley)
- 5/14/2026 CLS K-3 CAP Program
- 5/14/2026 EHCCS Grade 7 Trip to Cedar Creek
- 5/15-5/22/2026 CLS Scholastic Book Fair
- 5/18/2026 EHCCS NJSLA Testing Week - Makeups
- 5/18/2026 CLS NJSLA Testing Week
- 5/19/2026 CLS Book Fair Family Night
- 5/19/2026 EHCCS 8th Grade Academic Excellence Student Recognition Brunch
- 5/20/2026 CLS Preschool Field Trip to Storybook Land
- 5/20/2026 EHCCS Grades 4 & 5 Field Trip to Estell Manor Park (*rain date 5/27/26*)
- 5/21/2026 EHCCS NJHS Field Trip to Six Flags Great Adventure
- 5/22/2026 CLS “Memorial Day” Spirit Day
- 5/22/2026 EHCCS Mental Health Day
- 5/26/2026 CLS NJSLA Makeup Testing Week
- 5/26/2026 CLS K-3 Cedar Creek Theater Presentation, 9 AM
- 5/26/2026 CLS 1st Grade Bingo for Books, 1:30 PM
- 5/27/2026 CLS Preschool Walking Trip to Atlantic County Library (DiGerolamo)
- 5/28/2026 EHCCS Grade 6 Field Trip to Rowan University’s Fossil Park
- 5/29/2026 EHCCS Field Day (*rain date 6/3/26*)
- 6/1/2026 CLS 3rd Grade Step-Up Day
- 6/1/2026 EHCCS Grade 3 Step-Up Day
- 6/2/2026 CLS Kindergarten & 1st Grade Spring Concert
- 6/2/2026 EHCCS Grade 7 Field Trip to King Pin Bowling
- 6/3/2026 CLS Preschool Walking Trip to Atlantic County Library (Bauers)
- 6/3/2026 EHCCS Spring Band Concert
- 6/4/2026 EHCCS Grade 8 Field Trip to Morey’s Pier
- 6/5/2026 CLS 3rd Grade Field Trip to Wheaton Arts & Cultural Center
- 6/5/2026 EHCCS Volleyball Game
- 6/10/2026 CLS 1st Grade & Ms. Ragona’s Class Walking Trip to EHC Police Station
- 6/10/2026 EHCCS 8th Grade Awards Ceremony, 1:30 PM

- 6/10/2026 EHCCS BOE Basketball Championship Recognition
- 6/12/2026 EHCCS 8th Grade Dance, 4 PM
- 6/19/2026 EHCCS 8th Grade Graduation, 4 PM

XXI. Open to Public

XXII. Calendar Dates

May 13, 2026	Staff Development, 12:50 Dismissal
May 25, 2026	Memorial Day, Buildings Closed
June 10, 2026	Regular Board of Education Meeting

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XXIV. Adjournment Time

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