

**GENERAL BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA
FOR INSTRUCTION & PROGRAM, OPERATIONS,
FISCAL MANAGEMENT, PERSONNEL AND GOVERNANCE
May 13, 2026**

INSTRUCTION & PROGRAM

- I&P-1. Approve submission of the 2026-2027 Preschool Enrollment and the Early Childhood budget during the 2025-2026 school year, with the total fiscal year 2026-2027 Early Childhood budget being \$63,522,310.00 consisting of fiscal year 2026-2027 Preschool Education Aid award of \$50,132,034.00, prior year Preschool Education Aid carryover of \$9,236,050.00, and the fiscal year 2026-2027 District preschool disabled contribution of \$4,154,226.00.
- I&P-2. Approve submission of an amendment for the FY 25/26 Perkins Secondary Grant allocation for the improvement of secondary and post-secondary career and technical education programs, for the grant period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$206,609.00.
- I&P-3. Approve acceptance and utilization of the Burns & McDonnell Foundation grant funds to support the Aerospace and Drone Technology Career Pathway at Paterson P-TECH High School, during the 2026-2027 school year, in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- I&P-4. Approve acceptance and utilization of grant funding from the New Jersey Space Grant Consortium to support the launch and implementation of the Aerospace and Drone Technology Career Pathway at Paterson P-TECH High School, in the amount of \$4,190.00.
- I&P-5. Approve acceptance of the Arts Lab grant through Young Audiences to provide professional teaching artists to work with Rosa L. Parks School of Fine & Performing Arts on long term residences that include workshops for students and staff, as well as assemblies/community events in all the arts disciplines, for the 2025-2026 school year, valued at \$5,000.00.
- I&P-6. Approve entering into a contract with Teaching Strategies, LLC, for the purchase of digital curriculum resources, Creative Curriculum Cloud and Teaching Strategies GOLD, to be utilized in preschool classrooms, during the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$309,004.70.
- I&P-7. Approve revision to the contract for Textbooks–Title III Immigrant (PPS-130-26) with Benchmark Education Co., to increase the not to exceed amount by \$42,666.56, for the 2025-2026 school year, to an adjusted amount not to exceed \$255,999.34.
- I&P-8. Approve the purchase of books and materials to provide summer enrichment activities for preschool children, for the 2025-2026 school year, in the amount of \$57,002.49.
- I&P-9. Approve renewal of the contract for College and Career Readiness Online Platform – Grades 6-12 (RFP-498-25) with PowerSchool Group LLC, for the 2026-2027 school year, with an option to renew for the 2027-2028 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 annually.

- I&P-10. Approve award of a contract for Summer Litcamp Supplies & Related (PPS-117-27) to Scholastic Inc., for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 annually.
- I&P-11. Approve entering into contractual agreements with 20 licensed community early childhood centers to operate and provide preschool services consisting of six (6) hours and fifty-five (55) minutes of a comprehensive educational program for Paterson resident children, three and four years old for 185 academic days, exclusive of any extended year or summer programming, beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at an amount not to exceed \$42,214,593.00.
- I&P-12. Approve extension of the morning literacy program for students in grades 1-5 at Alexander Hamilton Academy, to provide targeted literacy instruction and utilize resources from Foundations and Benchmark Advance, to May 29, 2026, at an amount not to exceed \$18,200.00.
- I&P-13. Approve implementation of the Extended School Year Special Education Summer Program, to provide standards-based curriculum and direct instruction for students with disabilities in Preschool through 12th Grade, beginning July 6, 2026 through August 13, 2026, in the amount of \$1,442,540.00.
- I&P-14. Approve continuation of the contract for Universal Screener (RFQ-906-26) with Amplify Education mClass Dibels/mClass Lectura, for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.
- I&P-15. Approve extension of the contract for HIB Online Platform Software & Related (RFP-441-24) with Educational Development Software (EDS), for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$180,352.00 annually.
- I&P-16. Approve award of a contract for Editing Software Application (RFP-438-27) to Notable, Inc. bda: Kami, for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$72,000.00.
- I&P-17. Approve entering into a contract with School Health Corporation for Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machine maintenance services at all State mandated preschool provider centers, beginning August 31, 2026 through August 30, 2027, at an amount not to exceed \$5,298.62.
- I&P-18. Approve entering into an agreement with Intersection Media, LLC, to provide outreach to Paterson families about the state-mandated preschool program for summer and winter campaigns, for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$73,970.00.
- I&P-19. Approve entering into an agreement with Text-Em-All to improve preschool registration efficiency, for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$2,340.00.
- I&P-20. Approve entering into a contract with Party Perfect Rentals for a full day of culminating social emotional activities (Educational Arts Festival) at Norman S. Weir School on June 4, 2026 (rain dates – June 8 or 15), at a rate of \$6,303.00 to be paid by fundraising.
- I&P-21. Approve creation of the STEAM High School STARS/TIES Esports Program to support student growth and career exploration, for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$800.00.

- I&P-22. Approve implementation of the Kula for Karma Yoga Program at School No. 2, to provide varying activities to support wellness and social-emotional learning, grant funded, from March 2026 to June 2026, at no cost to the district.
- I&P-23. Approve extension of the contract for Multilingual Learners Academic Services (RFP-409-26) with Lexia Learning Systems LLC, for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$136,740.00.
- I&P-24. Approve implementation of the Paterson Music Project (PMP) at School No. 16 to utilize the school facilities for students from various schools who are enrolled in the program, cover the after school and Saturday cost of security and chief custodian, and provide School No. 16 students opportunities to join the music program, for the summer 2026 and 2026-2027 school year, at no cost to the district.
- I&P-25. Approve permission for Paterson Music Project/Wharton Arts to record video footage in the "Silk City Anthem" project, to accompany the final song at various locations in Paterson Public Schools, effective through June 30, 2026, at no cost to the district.
- I&P-26. Approve entering into an agreement with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to purchase Read 180 Hosting, to assist in meeting the rigorous reading and writing expectations of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$30,540.00.
- I&P-27. Approve entering into an agreement with Write On Sports and Write on Arts, to reinforce writing and communication skills, utilizing art pieces as a vehicle to introduce students in the area of art critique, on the campus of Montclair State University for the 2026 Summer Program, from July 6-23, 2026, at an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.
- I&P-28. Approve award of a contract for Social & Emotional Program Services (RFP-443-26RB) to ZONE6IX, LLC, during the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.
- I&P-29. Approve adoption of the Cooperative Interscholastic Athletic Agreement ad drafted between District Lead Educational Agency and the participating school(s), subject to approval by the NJSIAA, effective upon adoption, for a two-year duration with an automatic two-year renewal.
- I&P-30. Approve award of a contract for Student Medical Screening/Substance Intervention Assessments (RFP-499-25) to Care Plus Bergen dba New Bridge Medical Center, for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.
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- I&P-40. Approve out of district placement/educational services for students
- I&P-41. Approve acceptance of the Chapter 193 funding and approve Catapult Learning to provide services to Paterson students attending non-public schools for the 2025-2026 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$6,608.00.
- I&P-42. Authorize entering into contracts with public, private or residential schools and include related services of speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, nursing services, interpreters of the deaf, assistive technology, bedside instruction, and transportation, for the 2026-2027 school year.

I&P-43. Approve a field trip for the 8th grade class of School No. 20 and staff to the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture, to Washington, D.C. on June 18, 2026, at an amount not to exceed \$5,200.00.

I&P-44. Approve the amended list of field trip destination sites for the 2025-2026 school year.

OPERATIONS

O-45. Approve that the Board of Education has received the Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying investigations for the month of April 2026, in which there were 23 incidents reported, and there were 7 cases being founded and 16 being unfounded.

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

F-46. Approve payment of bills and claims dated through May 13, 2026, beginning with check number 253335 and ending with check number 253698 along with direct deposit numbers beginning with 2845 and ending with 2856 in the amount of \$25,539,300.59, and wires in the amount of \$4,946,040.88, for a total of \$30,485,341.47.

F-47. Approve transfer of funds within the 2025-2026 school year budget for the month of March 2026, so that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations.

F-48. Acknowledge receipt and accept the Monthly Financial Report, Board Secretary A148, for the month of March 2026.

F-49. Acknowledge receipt and accept the Monthly Financial Report, Report of the Treasurer A149, for the month of March 2026.

F-50. Approve payment for the gross payroll checks and direct deposits dated April 15, 2026, beginning with check number 1026232 and ending with check number 1026246 and direct deposit number D003805857 and ending with D003806082 for cafe retro payments in the amount of \$129,171.04, payment for the gross payroll checks and direct deposits dated April 15, 2026, beginning with check number 1026247 and ending with check number 1026575 and direct deposit number D003806083 and ending with D003810745 in the amount of \$13,687,204.18, and payment for the gross payroll checks and direct deposits dated April 30, 2026, beginning with check number 1026576 and ending with check number 1026983 and direct deposit number D003810746 and ending with D003815427 in the amount of \$13,676,684.20.

F-51. Approve award of a contract for Food Supplies, Including Food Supplies for Home Economics, to Inserra Supermarkets, Inc., (formally known as Shoprite), during the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

F-52. Approve entering into an agreement with CDW for the purchase of Cortex XDR Pro and Palo Alto Success Plan to block malware, ransomware, exploits, and fileless attacks, for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$85,896.00.

- F-53. Approve entering into an agreement with CDW to provide Google Workspace for Education Plus, a suite of communication and collaboration tools, including features to enhance security, teacher instruction, and student learning, for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$118,825.00.
- F-54. Approve entering into an agreement with SHI International Corp. to provide KnowBe4, a cyber security awareness training platform that educates end users about cyber security threats and provides simulated phishing for K-12 school district staff, for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$44,920.00.
- F-55. Approve acceptance of funds offered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture for the New Jersey Farm 2 School Procurement Initiative to purchase unprocessed/minimally processed food grown/produced in New Jersey, to be used by June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$10,000.00.
- F-56. Approve renewal of the contract for Food Service Summer Program (PPS-319-25) with Whitsons Food Service, from July 6, 2026 through August 28, 2026, at an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00.
- F-57. Approve extension of the contract for Commercial Refrigerator & Freezer Repairs (PPS-328-25) with Malachy Mechanical, for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00.
- F-58. Approve extension of the contract for Food Service Equipment Repairs (PPS-307-25) with Malachy Mechanical, for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.
- F-59. Approve award of contracts for grocery supplies to Ace Endico, Mivila Foods, and Metropolitan/Driscoll Foods, for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, in total.
- F-60. Approve revision to the contract for HVAC Services with Envirocon, LLC, to increase the not to exceed amount of \$2,400,000.00 by \$480,000.00, to an adjusted amount not to exceed \$2,880,000.00, for the 2025-2026 school year.
- F-61. Approve award of a contract for Glazing, Windows & Curtain Services (PPS-228-27) to D&E Window & Door LLC, for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00.
- F-62. Approve award of a contract for Plumbing Supplies & Related (PPS-229-27) to White & Shauger, Inc., for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.
- F-63. Approve an increase to the contract for Copier and Managed Print Services, eGoldFax Cloud Fax Services, under New Jersey State Contract #M2075, with United Business Systems (Canon), for a sixty (60) month period, beginning April 1, 2026, at an annual amount of \$560,962.80.
- F-64. Approve award of contracts for Electrical Services & Related (PPS-227-27) to Sal Electric Company, Inc. and Magic Touch Construction Co., Inc., for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, annually.

PERSONNEL

- P-65. Approve the personnel recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools for adoption at the May 13, 2026, board meeting.
- P-66. Approve the appointment of EBIX to administer the District's Employee Wellness Program in order to properly compensate employees in accordance with Wellness Program criteria, and funded by PPS, for the 2026-2027 school year.
- P-67. A Approve the appointment of EBIX BeBetter System to administer the Employee Wellbeing Program for eligible employees and their spouses to receive a \$250 direct deposit incentive upon successful completion of program requirements, and funded by PPS, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.
- P-68. Approve that the Paterson Public Schools will fund the Health Savings Account (HSA) of employees enrolled in the Maritain/Aetna high-deductible plans with \$300.00 annually per employee and use TD Bank for Maritain/Aetna and transfer such amounts and any employee payroll contributions to the individual employee HSA accounts, for calendar year 2027.
- P-69. Approve retaining James W. Mastriani, Martin F. Scheinman, Patricia Taylor Todd and Joel Weissblatt as grievance arbitrators, to perform the services of Fact Finder/grievance arbitrators, from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00 each, at a split cost with the Association.

GOVERNANCE

- G-70. Approve policies and regulations for second reading and adoption (P0142.1 Nepotism (M); P1220 Employment of Chief School Administrator (M); P1552 Sexual Harassment – Staff (M); and R1552 Sexual Harassment – Staff (M); and the following policies and regulations are abolished: (P3362 Sexual Harassment; R3362 Sexual Harassment of Teaching Staff Members Complaint Procedure; P4352 Sexual Harassment; and R4352 Sexual Harassment of Teaching Staff Members Complaint Procedure).
- G-71. Authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute the City of Paterson Emergency Operations Plan and related agreements, to designate District-owned facilities for potential emergency shelter use when not needed for school purposes, and to ensure such participation includes provisions addressing City responsibility for staffing, security, supplies and cleanup, insurance naming the District as an additional insured, indemnification and hold harmless protections, and reimbursement of District costs, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- G-72. Approve the Settlement Agreement in the civil case PAS-L-132-23, in exchange for full and final releases by the plaintiff, in the amount of \$25,000.00.
- G-73. Approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release in a civil action pending in the New Jersey Superior Court.

ADDITIONAL

- I&P-74. Approve implementation of the 2026-2027 Summer School Programs, beginning July 1, 2026, through August 28, 2026, at an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, funded by Title I.

- I&P-75. Approve implementation of the Parent University – Parent Leadership Workshop Series with Paterson Education Fund and Paterson Public Schools Partners, serving parents and guardians of students in grades K-12, commencing May through June 2026, at an amount not to exceed \$5,624.75.
- I&P-76. Approve a field trip for students and staff of School No. 28 to attend the 2026 National History Day Competition at the University of Maryland, College Park, from June 13-18, 2026, at an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- I&P-77. Approve implementation of the Annual Title I End-of-Year Family Breakfast Conference to Support Student Success 2026, providing families with opportunities for reflection, preparation for summer learning, and participation in Title I training, compliance, and educational workshops, on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at an amount not to exceed \$22,998.09.
- I&P-78. Approve the elimination of existing special education classroom programs at Norman S. Weir School, as identified and submitted through the New Jersey Department of Education's Request to Establish or Eliminate a Special Education Class process; and further approve the establishment of newly reconfigured special education classroom programs at Norman S. Weir School and Dale Avenue School, consistent with its designation as a Public Separate School serving students in Kindergarten through Grade 5.
- I&P-79. Approve the designation and establishment of Dale Avenue School and Norman S. Weir School as Public Separate Schools for the 2026-2027 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools or her designee is authorized to take all necessary administrative actions consistent with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.3 and all applicable New Jersey Department of Education regulations governing public separate schools, including program development, staffing, student placement, operational planning, and submission of all required documentation to the New Jersey Department of Education.