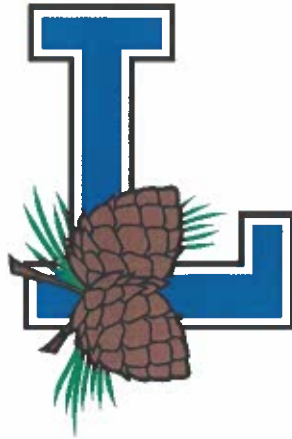


Lakewood Public Schools



Lakewood Board of Education Special Meeting Agenda

September 9, 2026

Public Session - 4:30 PM

High School Commons

855 Somerset Avenue

Lakewood, NJ 08701

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Moshe Bender- President

Mr. Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President

Mr. Aaron Chase

Mr. Meir Grunhut

Mr. Joel Kleinman

Mr. Samuel Melnik

Mr. Abraham Reich

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

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. Evelyn Schoenfeld, Executive Administrative Professional

AGENDA

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.

III. ROLL CALL:

Moshe Bender-President	<u> P </u>	
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u> P </u>	(Arrived at 4:58pm)
Aaron Chase	<u> P </u>	(Zoom)
Meir Grunhut	<u> P </u>	(Zoom)
Joel Kleinman	<u> P </u>	
Samuel Melnik	<u> P </u>	
Abraham Reich	<u> P </u>	(Zoom/then In-Person as of 5:22pm)
Shlomie Stern	<u> P </u>	
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	<u> P </u>	(Arrived at 4:44pm)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kleinmann provided the Transportation Committee Report.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT - Agenda Items Only (Limited to 4 minutes as per Board Policy #0167)

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.

VI. REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

A. OPERATIONS:

1. Transportation:

- a. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lakewood Board of Education hereby authorizes payment to the Lakewood Student Transportation Authority (LSTA) to fund hazardous-route transportation for eligible nonpublic-school students, consistent with the District's continued funding of hazardous-route transportation for public-school students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payment shall be based on the District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS) for up to **12,642 students**, at an amount not to exceed **\$1,177 per student**, for a total amount not to exceed **\$14,879,634**, subject to verification of student eligibility, supporting documentation, and the availability of funds.

***State Monitor, Louise Davis- Under Advisement**

Motion to Approve the Business Administrator Agenda: 4:48pm

First: Mr. Stern **Second:** Mr. Melnik

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President Abstain

Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>Absent</u> (Arrived 4:58pm)
Aaron Chase	<u>Y</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>Y</u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>Abstain</u>
Samuel Melnik	<u>Y</u>
Abraham Reich	<u>Y</u> (Zoom/then arrived at 5:22pm)
Shlomie Stern	<u>Y</u>
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	<u>Y</u>

***State Monitor, Louise Davis- Placed this item under advisement**

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - (Limited to 4 minutes as per Board Policy #0167)

1. Commissioner Meir Lichtenstein
2. Assemblyman Avi Schnall
3. Reuvain Borchardt
4. Aaron Hirsch

*All members of the board spoke in regards to the hazardous bussing matters throughout the public comment portion of the board meeting.

*State Monitor, Louise Davis addressed the board as well throughout the public comment portion of the board meeting.

VIII. GOOD & WELFARE

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the meeting: 6:00pm

First: Mr. Kleinmann **Second:** Mr. Melnik

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	<u>Y</u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>Y</u>
Aaron Chase	<u>Y</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>Y</u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>Y</u>
Samuel Melnik	<u>Y</u>
Abraham Reich	<u>Y</u>
Shlomie Stern	<u>Y</u>
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	<u>Y</u>

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm

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 In-Person Special Public Meeting held on September 9, 2026.



Kevin Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

September 10, 2026