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SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

LACEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 18, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Lacey Township Board of Education was held on August 18, 2026 at the Lacey Township High School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Kim Klaus at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Klaus led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the Asbury Park Press on January 9, 2026 and The Beacon on January 15, 2026, and by posting the notice in the Forked River and Lanoka Harbor Post Offices, and by filing a copy of the notice with the Lacey Township Clerk, as requested by the Open Public Meeting Act.

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

Members Present:
Kim Klaus, President
Steve Gouin, Vice President
Dan Bell
Salvatore Armato
Megan Forney
Brandon Hurley
Kerry Opitz

Also Present:
Constance Stewart, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Jeffrey Brewer, Superintendent
William Zylinski, Assistant Superintendent
Joseph Sramaty, Assistant to the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
Bruce Padula, Board Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Be It Resolved, that an executive session be convened for the purpose of discussing:

- Confidential Student Matters - Including, but not limited to Harassment Intimidation & Bullying
- Confidential Personnel Matters
- Confidential Legal Matters - Including, but not limited to the current caseload

The subject matter of these discussions will be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality subsides. The length of the executive session is estimated to be approximately sixty (60) minutes after which the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business at 7:00 pm. Action may be taken.

Motion to enter executive session.
Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Gouin. All were in favor.
The Board entered executive session at 6:06 p.m.

Move to adjourn executive session.
Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Gouin . All were in favor.
Executive session adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

RESUME MEETING - REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mrs. Klaus read a statement acknowledging the profound grief that has settled over our entire community. Grief counseling and mental health support remain actively available across our schools if needed.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Brewer addresses the complaint C2026-7793 as it relates to special education and busing schedules. Measures have been taken within the district to improve current transportation schedules for this year. An internal review of all applicable policies and procedures will be conducted as well as any impact on student access to a free and appropriate public education and any due compensatory time. The district reported strong progress in 2025–26, including improved student achievement, attendance, graduation rates, and college readiness. K–5 exceeded math and ELA benchmarks, chronic absenteeism fell from 20.7% to 18.9%, and graduation surpassed 95%. The district also expanded AP opportunities, achieved 100% PSAT participation, and will participate in a national study on special education funding. NJ GPA results were above state and county averages in both math and ELA. The report credited students, families, teachers, and administrators for these accomplishments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regina Discenza, Sunset Drive, Sunrise Beach. She hopes the remediation of the special education and busing schedules is satisfactory to all concerned parties. Thank Ocean County for paving Haynes Street. She put in a petition for the Lacey School Board. Ms. Discenza mentioned the ethics complaint regarding Board President Mrs. Klaus. Questioned if the schools roofs are underway and or finished and what is the plan for the solar power you have removed. Would like the

clothing allowance to be stopped. Either the district gets receipts or issues clothing. What is the status of the LTEA Contracts? How does the board vote for School manuals that are not attached?

Ashley Meyer, I want to be clear that my comments concern the board, not Mr. Brewer. I wish him the best, and these issues predate his hiring. For over a year, I repeatedly raised concerns about Lacey releasing disabled students early. The board took no action, so I filed state complaints. The latest investigation confirmed it was happening almost daily, sometimes more than 10 minutes early, and Lacey was ordered to address compensatory education. Why did the board never simply ask a bus driver? I have also repeatedly raised special education concerns, yet the state has had to intervene through corrective actions, IEP changes, and non-compliance orders. At what point will the board provide proper oversight and training? I also continue to see problems with transparency, including delayed records and contracts provided to board members just before votes. Many of you campaigned on transparency and change, but I have not seen enough of either. You were elected to bring new ideas, meaningful change, and a stronger voice for the community—not continue the status quo.

Richard Bidnik, Chair of Lacy Citizens for Responsible Government, said the board needs to do better. Despite new faces on the board, he argued that the outcomes remain the same. He questioned the superintendent search, particularly the lack of public input and the board's limited involvement. He also criticized spending $9,000 on a search that ultimately resulted in hiring an internal candidate with limited superintendent experience. Mr. Bidnik said Lacey needs an experienced leader capable of turning around a financially struggling and underperforming district, not someone learning on the job. He also questioned the lack of clear, enforceable goals in the superintendent's contract. He emphasized that the current superintendent should not be blamed for the decision, but criticized the board members who supported it, saying they campaigned on change but ultimately continued "business as usual."

Linda Miller of Forked River, said she was unable to comment at the previous meeting because the meeting room had been changed and she arrived shortly after 7 p.m. She also spoke about the challenges families face when caring for children with special needs, emphasizing the significant time and stress involved and how difficult it becomes when additional obstacles arise.

Dana Tuorto, Capstan Drive, I had no intention of coming up here and speaking. You talk about having a special needs child, I have one. You know who was there for my special needs child from the beginning? That man. I'm sorry that everyone had to hear those words about Mr. Brewer. My son would not be where he is today if it wasn't for that man.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee:

The committee met on August 11 and reviewed several district updates, including the new bell-to-bell cell phone policy, which requires students to store internet-enabled devices during the school day, with medical exceptions. The committee also reviewed strong AP results, with 70% of students earning scores of 3 or higher, field trips, teacher orientation, professional development, student handbooks, and grant funding. Special education updates included hiring behavior technicians and seeking a BCBA, along with a review of student dismissal procedures with transportation. Technology updates included a new internet provider that will save the district money and preparations for the upcoming school year. The committee also discussed personnel, contract negotiations, a new middle school dance club, and moving monthly board meetings from Thursdays to Tuesdays. The next meeting is September 8th.

Policy Committee:

The Policy Committee met on August 12 and reviewed several policy updates, including equity, staff transfers and attendance, student technology use, special education services, and restraint and seclusion procedures. The committee also reviewed the new statewide bell-to-bell cell phone policy, grant reporting requirements, district handbooks, and upcoming QAC evaluations. Additional updates included bringing back the middle school dance club, moving board meetings to the third Tuesday of each month, and the upcoming state special education survey. The next policy meeting is scheduled for September 9 at 2 p.m.

Finance & Operations Committee:

The Finance and Facilities Committee met on August 10, 2026, and reviewed several updates. Facilities: The committee discussed the energy monitoring contract, driveway access realignment, grounds maintenance, the high school painting warranty claim, and the ongoing wrestling room review. Finance: Topics included referendum interest earnings, the Ocean County College satellite campus agreement, and contract negotiations. Food Service: Neutraserve will begin serving district lunches on September 2. Technology: The district will begin using Diligent Community for Board of Education documentation. Referendum Projects: The high school roof was on track for completion by August 21, while the Cedar Creek roof project continued. The committee also reviewed board goals, meeting-night changes, the new volunteer dance club, 34 OPRA requests received since March, special education spending research, police contract rates, athletics, and the upcoming NJSBA conference. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for September 10 at 1 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENT

Dr. Brewer welcomed the new middle school vice principal, Jennifer Watson, who attended with her family. He also addressed community concerns, emphasizing that they welcome open discussion and dialogue. He shared his deep connection to the community, noting that his family has lived there for three generations and that he is committed to working hard for the district. He also responded to comments about a special-needs student, giving credit to the student's family for his success while saying the student's achievements demonstrate what is possible when students are given the right opportunities and support. With that GO LIONS!

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Mr. Hurley congratulated the new vice principal and expressed appreciation for staff and community members who engage with the board. He emphasized that despite financial challenges, staff continue to work hard and that recent academic results show the district is moving in a positive direction. He also acknowledged concerns about board members sharing more ideas publicly and committed to doing so moving forward. He explained that many ideas are discussed during committee meetings and thanked residents for providing feedback, whether positive or negative.

Mr. Armato agreed with Mr. Hurley's comments and acknowledged they need to communicate more with the community. He said he plans to speak up more when important issues arise. He also suggested finding funding in the budget for basketball shot clocks, which will be required by next season. He thanked the community members who spoke and contributed to the discussion.

Mr. Bell said he initially joined the board because he believed significant change was needed, but later realized that better communication was the bigger issue. He noted that communication has improved and praised newer board members for asking questions and pushing for change. He compared improving the district to guiding a moving horse, explaining that change should happen thoughtfully rather than through sudden upheaval. He also credited former leadership and

welcomed Dr. Brewer's opportunity to continue progress. Regarding state testing, he said he values teachers' classroom knowledge but acknowledged that test scores are improving. He also cautioned against relying too heavily on state standards while noting the state considers the township undertaxed. He said he looks forward to the coming months but also to eventually leaving the board.

Ms. Opitz reaffirmed her support for term limits and explained that she became involved to bring a mother's perspective, particularly for elementary-aged students. She said she spends significant personal time reviewing board materials and preparing for meetings. She also raised concerns about thousands of dollars in legal fees related to a recent ethics complaint, emphasizing that limited district funds should remain focused on students and education.

Dr. Forney, a new board member, defended the board's work, explaining that much of it happens behind the scenes. She said board members review agendas, supporting documents, policies, and the budget in detail and are committed to the promises they made during their campaigns. She also reminded residents that the board is a policymaking body, not an administrative one, and cannot handle day-to-day school matters. She apologized to residents who missed public comment at the previous meeting due to the room change and congratulated Jen on her appointment as assistant principal.

Mr. Gouin defended his vote to appoint Jeff Brewer as superintendent, explaining that he participated in the search process and believes he is qualified to lead and manage the district. He said the district's financial challenges cannot be solved by one person and that it needs a leader who can advocate for the district, work with staff, and support students. He emphasized that his vote was based on his evaluation of the candidates, not insider influence or a predetermined decision.

Ms. Klaus said the superintendent search followed the same process as the previous year and was not influenced by insider connections. She explained that the board operates through committees, where members can bring forward ideas and concerns for discussion. She noted that the district has received 36 OPRA requests since March and may need additional staff to manage them. The board is also considering posting requests online while protecting confidential information. The wrestling room project is progressing, with plans to clear the space, complete inspections, and pursue a change of use. Board members encouraged residents to contact them directly rather than waiting for monthly meetings. The board will continue its certification training.

Dr. Brewer wanted to acknowledge that we've received a donation from Lacey Football Foundation which is an alumni group for nearly $52,000.00 to refurbish the equipment shed for all sports throughout the district. Construction has begun and we just want to acknowledge and thank them. At a later date we will invite some of the members along with Coach Vircillo to say thank you.

RESOLUTIONS

(A) NEW BUSINESS (1 - 25)

1. MEETING MINUTES (A1)

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the Minutes from the following meetings:

- Regular Meeting and appropriate attachments held on June 18, 2026- Pulled
- Executive Session held on June 18, 2026
- Regular Meeting and appropriate attachments held on July 16, 2026
- Executive Session held on July 16, 2026
- Special Meeting held on August 4, 2026

Move that the Board approve the following Meeting Minutes - A.1.:
Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Armato. Roll call vote as follows:
Mrs. Opitz - aye
Mr. Hurley - aye
Dr. Forney - aye, abstain Special Meeting
Mr. Armato - aye, abstain Special Meeting
Mr. Bell - aye, abstain July Regular Meeting
Mr. Gouin - aye, abstain July Regular Meeting
Mrs. Klaus - aye

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2. LIST OF BILLS - AUGUST 2026 (A2)

MOTION: Move that the Board approve payment of bills from July 17, through August 18, 2026 totaling **$5,626,843.91.**

Fund 10	General Current Expense	$4,320,538.46
Fund 20	Special Revenue Fund	16,278.36
Fund 30	Capital Projects Fund	1,266,432.82
Fund 61	Cafeteria Fund	23,704.27
	TOTAL	**$5,626,843.91**

BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION

I certify that as of June 30, 2026, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3.

PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary reports, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1b, has certified the July 2026 payroll in the total amount of **$1,656,823.24.**

Move that the Board approve the following Meeting Minutes - A.2.:
Motion by Mr. Armato, seconded by Mrs. Opitz. Roll call vote as follows:
Mrs. Opitz - aye
Mr. Hurley - aye

Dr. Forney - aye
Mr. Armato - aye
Mr. Bell - aye
Mr. Gouin - aye
Mrs. Klaus - aye

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3. APPROVAL OF LIST OF TRANSFERS AND S1701 TRANSFER REPORT FOR JUNE 2026 (A3)

MOTION: Move that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the attached List of Transfers and S1701 Transfer Report for the month of June 2026.

4. BOARD SECRETARY AND CASH REPORT FOR JUNE 2026 (A4)

MOTION: Move that the Report of the Secretary to the Board of Education and the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for **June 2026**, which are in agreement and are to be considered a soft close pending final audit review, be accepted as submitted and attached to and made part of the minutes of this meeting.

Further move that the Lacey Township School District Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, certify that as of **June 30, 2026**, after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriations section) and Treasurer's Report, and upon consultation with appropriate district officials, 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(a)1 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Move that the Board approve the following Meeting Minutes - A.3., A.4.:
Motion by Mr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Bell Roll call vote as follows:
Mrs. Opitz - aye
Mr. Hurley - aye
Dr. Forney - aye
Mr. Armato - aye
Mr. Bell - aye
Mr. Gouin - aye
Mrs. Klaus - aye

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5. STUDENT AND A LA CARTE PRICES FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following student lunch prices for the 2026-2027 school year:

	Breakfast	Lunch	A la carte
School/Item	**2026-2027**	**2026-2027**	**2026-2027**
High School	$2.40	$3.70	-
Middle School	$2.40	$3.45	-
Elementary Schools	$1.85	$3.10	-
Faculty Lunch	-	-	$5.00

6. SALE OR DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

MOTION: WHEREAS, the Lacey Township School District Board of Education deems the property listed below to be surplus property which is no longer useful for school purposes; and

WHEREAS, the value of said property is estimated to be as enumerated below,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lacey Township School District Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator to offer the property for sale to other public entities without advertisement for bids in accordance with 18A:18A-45c-f.

Location	Description	Model/Serial #	Qty	Est. Value	Operable
LTHS	Cannon Printer	PIXMA iP6600D	1	$0.00	No
LTHS	Refrigerator		1	$0.00	No

7. 2026-2027 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TUITION FOR OCVTS PROGRAMS

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following out-of-district tuition for the 2026-2027 OCVTS Programs to be charged to GAAP Account #11-000-100-563-01-0000:

Program	# Students	Tuition	Total
Academy for Law and Public Safety	17	$1,730	$29,410
MATES Academy	28	$1,730	48,440
Performing Arts Academy	22	$1,730	38,060
Shared Time	165	$865	142,725
		TOTAL	**$258,635**

8. 2026-2027 OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENTS

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following out-of-district placements for the 2026-2027 school year to be charged to GAAP Accounts: #11-000-100-562-11-0000 @ $387,853.42; #11-000-100-566-11-0000 @ $1,693,085.99:

School	Student ID	Tuition (ea.)	Aide (ea.)	Total
Alpha School	6902690272, 6541674454, 4395696099, 1232624182, 3416779729, 3201027765, 6932313495, 9588341542	$81,595.80	5 @ $40,500.00	$855,266.40
Bancroft NeuroHealth	4403563139	$91,407.60	$106,200.00	$197,607.60
Bayshore Jointure - Shore Center for Autism	1350400739	$60,000.00	$54,500.00	$114,500.00
Children's Center of Monmouth County	8768861566, 1146171738	$76,134.60	1 @ $33,300.00	$185,569.20

Collier School	2345611460, 1095852420	$73,080.00	N/A	$146,160.00
Education Academy	8498665074, 8308309439, 5610929714	$60,047.30	N/A	$180,141.90
Flex School	7960491995	$68,640.00	$72,706.00	$141,346.00
Harbor School	9840749869	$78,474.60	N/A	$78,474.60
Hawkswood School	1393689026	$78,836.40	$50,220.00	$129,056.40
New Road School	8101340499	$81,466.20	N/A	$81,466.20
Ocean Academy	8153073109	$79,232.40	N/A	$79,232.40
Regional Day School	1832601703, 4632596731, 4838917395, 2045545144	4 @ $80,500.00	2 @ $55,000.00	$432,000.00
Rugby School	6538724302, 6526532085, 2331990892	$80,874.60	N/A	$242,623.80
Search Day Program	6559438570	$77,554.88	N/A	$77,554.88
			TOTAL	**$2,811,942.98**

9. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TUITION - 2026 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the Out-of-District Tuition for the 2026 Extended School Year as follows:

LOCATION	STUDENT(S)	TUITION	AIDE(S)	TOTAL
Manchester Regional Day School	1832601703, 4632596731, 4838917395	3 Students @ $25,500.00	2 Aides @ $11,000.00	$36,500.000
			TOTAL	**$36,500.00**

10. 2024-2025 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TUITION

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following out-of-district tuition for the 2024-2025 school year as determined by the McKinney-Vento Act to be charged to GAAP Account #11-000-100-562-11-0000:

School	Student ID	Effective	Tuition
Toms River School District	1020780846	09/05/24 - 03/01/25	$9,198.20
	7277417671	09/05/24 - 03/01/25	$8,690.00
		TOTAL	**$17,888.20**

11. 2026-2027 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TUITION

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following educational services tuition for the 2026-2027 school year to be charged to GAAP Account #11-000-100-566-11-0000:

School	Student ID	Tuition	Total

N.J. Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired	9518569514, 5283633218, 6500295145, 3768861566, 7551838826	5 @ $2,668	$13,340
	4567813766	6,367	6,367
	6293379597	20,119	20,119
		TOTAL	**$39,826**

12. 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR - OCEAN COUNTY YMCA

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the rental usage of Ocean County YMCA, 1088 West Whitty Road, Toms River, NJ 08755 for the 2026-2027 High School Swim Team season. The total practice rental fee will be $15,120.00 with the exception of home meets at a cost of $525 per meet. The total is not to exceed $18,000 to be charged to GAAP Account #11-402-100-440-08-0000.

13. 2026-2027 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION JOINTURES

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following student transportation jointures for the 2026-2027 school year to run from September 4, 2026 through June 17, 2027:

Route #	Destination	Host District	# Host Students	Joiner District	# Joiner Students	Total Joiner Cost
TR1	Toms River (AM)	Lacey Township	18	Barnegat	8	0.00
			18	Central Regional	14	0.00
			18	Pinelands	26	0.00
TR2	Toms River (PM)	Lacey Township	17	Barnegat	15	0.00
			17	Central Regional	16	0.00
			17	Pinelands	12	0.00

14. 2026-2027 OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE SATELLITE CAMPUS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the Lacey Township High School as a satellite campus for Ocean County College for the 2026-2027 school year for the benefit of the students and community to gain college credit. This program is at no cost to the District.

Move that the Board approve the following Meeting Minutes - A.5.-A.14:
Motion by Mrs. Opitz, seconded by Mr. Bell Roll call vote as follows:
Mrs. Opitz - aye
Mr. Hurley - aye
Dr. Forney - aye
Mr. Armato - aye
Mr. Bell - aye
Mr. Gouin - aye
Mrs. Klaus - aye

15. 2026-2027 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR ROUTES

MOTION: Move that the Board approve all bus routes as submitted to and on file with the Business Administrator for the 2026-2027 regular school year to include regular bussing and hazardous routes bussing from September 8, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Move that the Board approve the following Meeting Minutes - A.15.:

Motion by Mr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Bell Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. Opitz - aye

Mr. Hurley - aye

Dr. Forney - aye

Mr. Armato - aye

Mr. Bell - aye

Mr. Gouin - aye

Mrs. Klaus - aye

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16. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LACEY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Lacey Township School District and Big Brothers Big Sisters for a 2-year school-based mentoring program, beginning September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2028. This program is grant funded.

17. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR PRIVATE POLICE RELATED ACTIVITIES (A5)

MOTION: WHEREAS, the Lacey Township School District Board of Education, with offices located at 200 Western Boulevard, Lanoka Harbor, New Jersey desires to periodically throughout the 2026 calendar year retain the services of off-duty members of the Lacey Township Police Department for the conduct of private, police related activities at the Lacey Township High School located at 73 Haines Street, Lanoka Harbor, New Jersey and the Lacey Township Middle School located at 660 Denton Avenue, Forked River, New Jersey, for the period of **July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Lacey has established a procedure for the retention of such services as provided for in Chapter 93 of the Code of the Township of Lacey; and,

WHEREAS, the Lacey Township School District Board of Education and the Township of Lacey desire to enter into an agreement with in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of such services are not to exceed **$161.12** per hour and a minimum of **$85.00** per hour/per officer from **July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**, for a semiannual cost not to exceed $7,500.00 to be charged to GAAP Account #11-402-100-390-08-0000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lacey Township School District Board of Education, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Township of Lacey for the aforementioned services in accordance with the provisions of law.

2. That a copy of the fully executed agreement referenced herein shall be kept on file and made available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Board of Education Office.

18. ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following annual appointment for the 2026-2027 school year:

Assistant Board Secretary	Joseph Sramaty

19. 2026-2027 LACEY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT HANDBOOKS AND MANUALS

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Lacey Township School District handbooks and manuals as follows:

Handbook/Manual	Description
Transportation Handbook	Assist staff in proper performance of duties including policies and procedures
Lacey Township School District Handbooks	• Lacey Township High School • Lacey Township Middle School • 1 to 1 Technology • Elementary • Elementary - Bus Rules • Preschool

20. 2026-2027 LACEY TOWNSHIP PROGRAM OF STUDIES

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Lacey Township Program of Studies:

Lacey Township High School
Lacey Township Middle School

21. 2026 FALL ATHLETIC SCHEDULE (B1)

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the 2026 Fall Athletic Schedule.

22. HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC GUIDELINES

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following high school/middle school athletic guidelines:

NJSIAA Constitution Bylaws, Rules and Regulations	(B2)
NJSIAA Guidelines, Policies and Procedures	(B3)
O.C.I.A.L. Constitution and Bylaws	(B4)

23. 2026-2027 FIELD TRIPS (B5)

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Field Trips.

24. 2026-2027 TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION MODELS

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Models as follows:

Teachers	District Developed Evaluation Model
Principals & Asst. Principals	NJPEPL (Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning)

25. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the first reading of the following Policies & Regulations:

P 2260	Equity in School and Classroom Practices (M)	Revised	(B6)
P 2363	Student Use of Privately-Owned Technology	Abolished	(B7)
R 2460.30	Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services	Abolished	(B8)
P 3130	Assignment and Transfer	New	(B9)
P 3212	Attendance (M)	Revised	(B10)
P 5516	Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices (M)	Revised	(B11)
R 5516	Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices (M)	Revised	(B12)
P 5561	Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities (M)	Revised	(B13)
P 6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (M)	Revised	(B14)
R 6115.01	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Allowability of Costs (M)	Revised	(B15)
P 6115.02	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Mandatory Disclosures (M)	Revised	(B16)
P 6311	Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (M)	Revised	(B17)

Move that the Board approve the following Meeting Minutes - A.16., A.25:
Motion by Mrs. Opitz, seconded by Mr. Hurley, Roll call vote as follows:
Mrs. Opitz - aye
Mr. Hurley - aye
Dr. Forney - aye
Mr. Armato - aye
Mr. Bell - aye
Mr. Gouin - aye
Mrs. Klaus - aye

(B) DONATIONS

MOTION: Move that the Board approve and accept the following generous donation(s):

SCHOOL	FROM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
District	Sea Breeze Adult Community	School Supplies	$3,000
LTHS	Lacey Twp. Football Foundation	Athletic Storage Building Repairs	$50,200
		TOTAL	**$53,200**

Move that the Board approve the following Meeting Minutes - B. :
Motion by Mrs. Opitz, seconded by Mr. Bell Roll call vote as follows:
Mrs. Opitz - aye
Mr. Hurley - aye
Dr. Forney - aye
Mr. Armato - aye
Mr. Bell - aye
Mr. Gouin - aye
Mrs. Klaus - abstain

(C) PROGRAMS/CURRICULUM

STUDENT TEACHER PLACEMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, PRACTICUMS, FIELDWORK AND INTERNSHIPS

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following Student Teacher Placements, Observations, Practicums, Fieldwork and Internships:

Stockton

Mackenzie Heim	Fieldwork Placement	Lyndsie Maltese/MPS (revised)	Fall 2026

Move that the Board approve the following Meeting Minutes - C:
Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Opitz Roll call vote as follows:
Mrs. Opitz - aye
Mr. Hurley - aye
Dr. Forney - aye
Mr. Armato - aye
Mr. Bell - aye
Mr. Gouin - aye
Mrs. Klaus - aye

(D) PROFESSIONAL DAYS/WORKSHOPS/TRAVEL

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following Professional Days/Workshops/Travel:

NAME	SCHOOL	DATE	DESCRIPTION	SUB	COST
Michele England	District	10/15/26-10/16/26	2026 NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Fall Conference	N	$485
Michelle Amos			Atlantic City, NJ (includes travel expenses)	N	$485
Joseph Bond				N	$485
Jason England				N	$485
Mallory Krakovsky				N	$485
Margaret Molloy				N	$520

Jamie Sassano		N	$520
William Zylinski		N	$580*
	*Non-Member	**TOTAL**	**$4,045**

Move that the Board approve the following Meeting Minutes - D:
Motion by Mr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Bell Roll call vote as follows:
Mrs. Opitz - aye
Mr. Hurley - aye
Dr. Forney - aye
Mr. Armato - aye
Mr. Bell - aye
Mr. Gouin - aye
Mrs. Klaus - aye

(E) CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL (1 - 13)

The Superintendent recommends the following:

1. RETIREMENT

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following retirement:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE
Alicia Crandall	School Nurse/MPS	09/01/26

2. RESIGNATION

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following resignations:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE
Lauren Fobes	Teacher/MPS	09/01/26
Anthony Talarico	Teacher/LTMS	09/01/26

3. NEW POSITION

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following employment of new professional personnel:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
Morgan Mozal*	Special Education Teacher/FRS	Step A, BA $60,000**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27

***Pending Criminal History Review**
****Pending Contract Negotiations**

4. REPLACEMENT POSITION

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following employment of replacement professional personnel:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	REPLACING	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
Jennifer Watson*	Assistant Principal/LTMS	B. Chesley	$112,000 (prorated)	10/19/26 or sooner - 06/30/27
Ashley Ramirez	Special Education English Teacher/LTHS	L. Lane	Step E, MA $68,300**	10/19/26 or sooner - 06/30/27
Joseph Colon	English/Language Arts Teacher/LTMS	A. Talarico	Step A, BA $60,000**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Chase Garrett*/***	Mathematics Teacher/LTMS	D. Bentivenga	Step A, BA $60,000**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Jade Gunshefski*	Elementary Teacher/MPS	L. Fobes	Step E, BA $61,300**	10/19/26 or sooner - 06/30/27

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	REPLACING	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
Charlene Loesch*/***	LTS Biology Teacher/LTHS	K. Hopson	Step A, MA $67,000 (prorated)**	09/01/26 - 01/05/27

***Pending Criminal History Review**
****Pending Contract Negotiations**
*****Pending Certification**

5. ADVANCED DEGREE

MOTION: Move that the Board congratulate the following employee and recognize their advanced degree:

NAME	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE
Charlie Gatling	Bachelors	Bachelors + 20	09/01/26
Mallory Krakovsky	Masters + 60	Doctorate	09/01/26

6. SUMMER SCHOOL COUNSELOR

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following Summer School Counselors at the rate of $43.34 per hour.*

NAME
Shani MacPherson
***Pending Contract Negotiations**

7. CO-CURRICULAR VOLUNTEER

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following co-curricular volunteers for the 2026-2027 school year:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	ADVISOR
Christine Naisby	Dance Club/LTMS	N/A
Amy Simmons	Dance Club/LTMS	N/A
Eric Stroin*	Marching Band/LTHS	Christopher Montague

***Pending Criminal History Review**

8. ATHLETIC VOLUNTEER

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following athletic volunteers for the 2026-2027 school year:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	HEAD COACH
Monica Brignola	Volunteer Coach/LTMS	Susan Donato-Schreier
David Lobdell*	Volunteer Coach/LTHS	Louis Vircillo

***Pending Criminal History Review**

9. CO-CURRICULAR/ADVISOR STIPEND

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following co-curricular/advisor stipends for the 2026-2027 school year pending the commencement and completion of the related programs:

NAME	POSITION	STIPEND*
	CEDAR CREEK SCHOOL	
Edward Brennan	Assistant Band Director	$965.33
Jennifer Mantegna	Assistant Choral Director	$2,896
Jennifer Mantegna	Assistant Drama Club Director	$2,896
Heather Meelheim	Band Director	$1,448
Edward Brennan	Choral Director	$4,344
Edward Brennan	Drama Club Director	$4,344
Dawn Watson	Fitness Club Advisor	$1,448
Jennifer Boedigheimer	Hero Club Advisor	$1,448
Kelly Johnson-DiPaolo	Intergenerational Club Advisor	$1,448
Jessica Shaffer	Math Club Advisor	$1,448
Dawn Watson	Peer Leadership Advisor	$1,448
Christina Langan	Science Club Advisor	$1,448
	Total	**$25,581**

NAME	POSITION	STIPEND*
	LANOKA HARBOR SCHOOL	
Regina Ferruzza	Assistant Band Director	$965.33
Christy Cottrell	Assistant Choral Director	$2,896
Jodi Ritacco	Assistant Drama Club Director	$2,896
Heather Meelheim	Band Director	$1,448
Regina Ferruzza	Choral Director	$4,344
Nicole Hans	Drama Club Director	$4,344
Megan Snover	Fitness Club Advisor	$1,448
Cristin Conigliaro	Hero Club Advisor	$1,448
Jennifer Bentley	Intergenerational Club Advisor	$1,448

Kaitlyn Boyle	Math Club Advisor		$1,448
Jacqueline Supsie	Peer Leadership Advisor		$1,448
Penny Burr	Science Club Advisor		$1,448
		Total	**$25,581**

NAME	POSITION		STIPEND *
	MIDDLE SCHOOL		
James Brannick	Drama Assistant Technology Director		$2,896
Margaret Gauthier	Assistant Band Director		$2,896
		Total	**$5,792**
		Grand Total	**$56,954**

***Pending Contract Negotiations**

10. TRANSLATOR FOR MULTILINGUAL FAMILIES

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following teachers at the rate of $43.34 per hour* not to exceed $1,500. Account #11-240-100-101-10-0000:

NAME

Andrea Mecca

Evonne Pitts

***Pending Contract Negotiations**

11. SUMMER MATHEMATICS AND WORLD HISTORY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following teachers at the rate of $43.34 per hour* not to exceed 48 hours. Account #11-130-100-101-07-0000:

NAME

Alison Brannick

Daniel Zwiren

***Pending Contract Negotiations**

12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following leaves of absence:

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FMLA = Family Medical Leave Act - No Pay, with Benefits
NJFLA = NJ Family Leave Act - No Pay, with Benefits
DLB = Discretionary, Extended or Other Leave - No Pay, with Benefits
DL = Discretionary, Extended or Other Leave - No Pay, No Benefits
ML = Military Leave With Pay
MLB = Military Leave No Pay, with Benefits

NAME	POSITION	SWP	PD	FMLA	NJFLA	DLB	DL	ML	MLB
Emily Leary	School			06/18/26	06/18/26				

	Psychologist/MPS								

13. EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following substitute professional personnel for employment for the 2026-2027 school year:

SUBSTITUTE PER DIEM ADMINISTRATOR

Jacqueline Ranuska

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

Danielle Beltran
Nicola Bowen
Emma Burr
George Shafto
George Taylor

SUBSTITUTE NURSE

Taylor Flohs

Move that the Board approve the following Meeting Minutes - E1-13:

Motion by Mrs. Opitz, seconded by Mr. Bell, Roll call vote as follows:
Mrs. Opitz - aye
Mr. Hurley - aye
Dr. Forney - aye
Mr. Armato - aye
Mr. Bell - aye
Mr. Gouin - aye
Mrs. Klaus - aye

(F) NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL (1 - 12)

The Superintendent recommends the following:

1. RESIGNATION

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following resignations:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE
Danielle Beltran	P/T Paraprofessional	09/01/26
Jennafer Chiarvallo	P/T Paraprofessional	09/01/26
Emily Feiteira	P/T Paraprofessional	09/01/26
Karla Donato Matos	P/T Paraprofessional	09/01/26
Daniel Lanza	P/T Paraprofessional	09/01/26
Ashley LoForte	P/T Paraprofessional	09/01/26

Noelle Puzino	P/T Paraprofessional	09/01/26
Tammy Renn	P/T Paraprofessional	09/01/26
Ciara Vazquez	P/T Paraprofessional	09/01/26

2. RESCIND RETIREMENT

MOTION: Move that the Board approve to rescind the following retirement:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE
Tracy Barker	Paraprofessional	09/01/26

3. RESCIND APPOINTMENT

MOTION: Move that the Board approve to rescind the following appointment:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE
Kimberly MacDonald	P/T Paraprofessional	09/01/26

4. NEW POSITION

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following employment of new support personnel:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
Tracy Barker	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/CCS	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Bianca Capolupo*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/LTMS	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 + $500 toileting stipend**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Donna Hopkins*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/LHS	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Marisa Maslen	Board Certified Behavior Analyst/District	$80,000	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Jenna Trail*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/FRS	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Marissa Washburn*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/CCS	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27

***Pending Criminal History Review**
****Pending Contract Negotiations**

5. REPLACEMENT POSITION

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following employment of replacement support personnel:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	REPLACING	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
Victoria Ackerman*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	T. Renn	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting	09/01/26 - 06/30/27

			stipend**	
Karen Adamick-Piszel*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/FRS	N. Oskasy	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 **	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Heather Bernstein*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/CCS	T. Barker	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Joseph Burger*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/LTHS	D. Lanza	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Kathleen Carvalho*	Security Aide - Greeter (4 hrs/day)/LHS	N. Gatto	$15.92 per hour NTE annually $11,462	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Denise Chaoub*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/FRS	J. Chiaravallo	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Jessica Ciardiello*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/LHS	S. Applegate	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Mirandee D'Amico*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	B. Hunsinger	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Amanda Farnkopf*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	E. Lopez	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Ashlee Ferriol*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	N. Puzino	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Allisyn Gall*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/FRS	S. Gaglione	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 **	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Michelle Giumarra*	P/T Health Office Clerical Assistant (5.75 hrs/day)/CCS	E. Heayn	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966	09/08/26 - 06/30/27
Katherine Grodzki*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/CCS	L. Pearce	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
David Insinga*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/FRS	E. Lopez	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Stephanie Johnson*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	J. Rizzo	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Jill Koerber*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	R. Popo	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27

Heather Laffey*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/CCS	J. Hojnacki	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Autumn Magan*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	L. Douglas	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Christy Miick*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/LHS	R. Bowen	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Jennifer Minor*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	E. Feiteira	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Sandra Nordt*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/LHS	K. Donato-Matos	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Judith Rose*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/LHS	K. Knapp	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Roseann Sandora*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	T. Formichella	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**/***	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Marian Smith*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/FRS	S. Jones	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Lori Snyder*	Security Aide - Greeter (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	C. Alfaro	$15.92 per hour/NTE annually $16,477	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Marguerite Spagnolia*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/LHS	C. Edine	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Amanda Trimble*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/LHS	EE ID# 858232	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Serena Trimble*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/CCS	R. McGovern	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Emma Webber*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	D. DeMartino	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Linda Whitford*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	A. Goan	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 +$500 toileting stipend**/***	09/01/26 - 06/30/27
Debra Wilczek*	P/T Paraprofessional 5.75 hrs/day)/FRS	G. Johnson	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 **	09/01/26 - 06/30/27

***Pending Criminal History Review**

****Pending Contract Negotiations**
***Funded by Preschool Expansion Aid**

6. TRANSFER

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following support staff transfers:

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION FROM	LOCATION TO	EFFECTIVE
Kristy Johnson	P/T Paraprofessional	LTMS	LTHS	09/01/26
Daniel Brown-Russo	P/T Paraprofessional	LTMS	LTHS	09/01/26
June Martin	P/T Paraprofessional	LTMS	LTHS	09/01/26
Tabatha Aguiar	P/T Paraprofessional	LHS	LTMS	09/01/26
Dana Glenn	P/T Paraprofessional	MPS	LTHS	09/01/26
Randi Murray	P/T Paraprofessional	CCS	LTMS	08/27/26
Taylor Pulizzano	P/T Paraprofessional	CCS	LTMS	09/01/26
Meg Walsh	P/T Paraprofessional	MPS	CCS	09/01/26
Carol Dzubaty	P/T Paraprofessional	FRS	CCS	09/01/26
Peter Koutishan	P/T Paraprofessional	FRS	LTMS	09/01/26
Kelly Lozzi	P/T Paraprofessional	FRS	CCS	09/01/26
Courtney Pandorf	P/T Paraprofessional	CCS	LTMS	09/01/26
Eric LaPelusa	Custodian	MPS	LHS	07/26/26
Donna Johnson	Paraprofessional	MPS	CCS	09/01/26
Maggie Yurcho	Paraprofessional	MPS	CCS	09/01/26
Fabiana Pellettiere	Paraprofessional	MPS	CCS	09/01/26
Erica Flemming	Paraprofessional	MPS	LHS	09/01/26

7. CHANGE IN SALARY

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following support personnel change in salary:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	FROM SALARY	TO SALARY	EFFECTIVE
David Rojas	Custodian/FRS	Step O, $49,273 + $1,439 black seal + $2,400 longevity (prorated) $20.99/hour NTE annually	Step O, $49,273 + $1,439 black seal + $2,400 longevity + $145 shift differential (prorated)* $20.99/hour NTE annually	09/01/26
Mary Carol Schantz	P/T Paraprofessional	$21,966 + $2,400 longevity*	$21,966 + $2,400 longevity + $600 college credits*	09/01/26
Rachel Taggart	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 + $500 toileting stipend*	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 + $500 toileting stipend + $1,000 college credits*	09/01/26

***Pending Contract Negotiations**

8. APPROVAL OF BUS DRIVER HOURS

MOTION: Move that the Board approve bus driver hours, as per the attachment (C1)

9. APPROVAL OF PARAPROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR TECHNICIAN STIPEND

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following Behavior Technician stipend for paraprofessionals in the amount of $4,500 each:

NAME	
Erica Flemming	Jennifer Lawrence
Gabriella Spafford	Nina Flora
Aubrey Russo	Pam Enderson

10. APPROVAL OF TOILETING STIPEND FOR SUPPORT STAFF

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following toileting stipends for paraprofessionals in the amount of $500** as per attachment (C2)

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****Pending Contract Negotiations**

11. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following leaves of absence:

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ML = Military Leave With Pay
MLB = Military Leave No Pay, with Benefits

NAME	POSITION	SWP	PD	FMLA	NJFLA	DLB	DL	ML	MLB
Kelsey Campolei	P/T Paraprofessional/CCS	10/22/26 - 11/04/26	10/19/26 - 10/21-26				11/09/26 - 02/07/27		
Jenna Johnsen	P/T Food Service Worker/CCS						06/05/26		

Florence McClung	General Secretary/LTHS					07/01/26 - 07/17/26			

12. EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTE SUPPORT PERSONNEL

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following substitute support personnel for employment for the 2026-2027 school year:

TRANSPORTATION AIDE	DUTY AIDE	SECURITY AIDE	PARAPROFESSIONAL	SECRETARY
Diana Riley	Carol Edine	Diana Riley	Danielle Beltran	Sharon Hart
			Carol Edine	Ciara Vazquez
			Ashley LoForte	
			Diana Riley	
			Ciara Vazquez	

Move that the Board approve the following Meeting Minutes - F 1-12:
Motion by Mrs. Opitz, seconded by Mr. Armato Roll call vote as follows:
Mrs. Opitz - aye
Mr. Hurley - aye
Dr. Forney - aye
Mr. Armato - aye
Mr. Bell - aye
Mr. Gouin - aye
Mrs. Klaus - aye

WALK ON RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF COUNSEL IN THE SCHOOL ETHICS COMMISSION MATTER BIDNICK v. KLAUS, DOCKET NUMBER C90-26

WHEREAS, Board President Kim Klaus has been named a Respondent in the matter entitled Bidnick v. Klaus, before the School Ethics Commission, Docket Number C90-26; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-20, Klaus is entitled to a defense and indemnification from the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Board has procured insurance through New Jersey Schools Insurance Group to defend and indemnify these matters; and

WHEREAS, that policy of insurance provides that the insured can select counsel of its choice; and

WHEREAS, Christopher R. Supsie, Esq. of Stein, Supsie & Tedeschi has been appointed in a related matter involving the same parties, SEC Docket Number C37-26; and

WHEREAS, the insured wishes that Christopher R. Supsie, Esq. of Stein, Supsie & Tedeschi be appointed in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate of counsel shall not exceed $165.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT **RESOLVED** that the Lacey Township Board of Education hereby consents to the NJSIG assignment of Christopher R. Supsie, Esq., to represent Kimberly Klaus in the above-referenced matter (Docket Number C90-26), **at** a rate of $165 per **hour**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such Lacey Township Board of Education officials, agents, and professionals are authorized to execute any necessary documents and take such action as needed to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Dated this 18th Day of August 2026
Kimberly S. Klaus, President *Lacey Township Board of Education*

ADJOURNMENT
Move to adjourn the Regular Meeting.
Motion by Mr. Gouin, seconded by Mr. Bell. All in favor.
The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:07p.m
Respectfully submitted,

Constance Stewart
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary