

**PORT REPUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING-
September 21 2026**

Call to Order:

Regular Meeting: September 21, 2026

Roll Call:

Member	Present	Absent
Joy Hooper, President		
Kathryn Cox		
Brenda Crema		
Kristina Hanselman		
Eric Stevenson		
Kevin Wessler		
Jennifer Williams		
Jill Yochim, Vice President		
Amanda Redrow, Superintendent		
John J. Hansen, Business Administrator		
Amy Houck-Elco, Board Solicitor		
A quorum was/was not established.	was	was not

Salute to the Flag

Statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest as discussed or acted upon. In accordance with provisions of this act, the Port Republic Board of Education has caused adequate notice of this meeting to be given by having the date, time and place published on the District's website.

2025-2026 BOARD GOALS

1. The Board will support the Superintendent in the development and implementation of a district strategic plan in the areas of education/professional development, finance, community.
2. The Board will continue to develop and improve avenues of communication at all levels including Superintendent and Board, committee, member, staff, community.
3. The Board will continue to support high student achievement and citizenship including increased review and monitoring of educational data.
4. The Board will be actively involved in long-term finance and facility planning with the end goal offering a high quality education to our students, achieving financial sustainability, and continual awareness of community impact.

2025-2026 DISTRICT GOALS

1. The District will continue to support a comprehensive and rigorous K-8 curricular program while enhancing academic and intervention opportunities that promote ambitious teaching and learning, that all Port Republic students are well prepared for success in high school and beyond.
2. The District will continue its program of community awareness and input that improves district communication through effective tools as determined by the Superintendent and the Board.
3. The District will, in consultation with key stakeholders, update strategic planning to include long-range educational, finance and facility planning.

Motion to accept the resignation of Brian Hartmann from the Port Republic Board of Education effective immediately.

Motion: _____	Second: _____		
VOTE:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Hooper	_____	_____	_____
Cox	_____	_____	_____
Crema	_____	_____	_____
Hanselman	_____	_____	_____
Stevenson	_____	_____	_____
Wessler	_____	_____	_____
William	_____	_____	_____
Yochim	_____	_____	_____

1. REPORTS

Board President

Superintendent

1. Interim School Business Administrator
2. Presentations
 - a. Michelle Kennedy, NJSBA
3. Committee Reports
 - i. Educational
 - ii. Finance
 - iii. Facilities
 - iv. Personnel
- 4.. Board Comment:

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 23, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion: _____	Second: _____		
VOTE:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Hooper	_____	_____	_____
Cox	_____	_____	_____
Crema	_____	_____	_____
Hanselman	_____	_____	_____
Stevenson	_____	_____	_____
Wessler	_____	_____	_____
William	_____	_____	_____
Yochim	_____	_____	_____

B. June 23, 2026 Executive Meeting

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____
VOTE:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Hooper	_____	_____	_____
Cox	_____	_____	_____
Crema	_____	_____	_____
Hanselman	_____	_____	_____
Stevenson	_____	_____	_____
Wessler	_____	_____	_____
William	_____	_____	_____
Yochim	_____	_____	_____

C. August 18, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____
VOTE:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Hooper	_____	_____	_____
Cox	_____	_____	_____
Crema	_____	_____	_____
Hanselman	_____	_____	_____
Stevenson	_____	_____	_____
Wessler	_____	_____	_____
William	_____	_____	_____
Yochim	_____	_____	_____

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON ROUTINE MATTERS,
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT AND SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
REPORTS ON THE AGENDA ONLY**

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS – for agenda items only

The Public is reminded that they should attempt to resolve problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the staff member or members involved therein and the Chief School Administrator prior to petitioning the Board of Education. Complaints should only be brought to the Board after the appropriate school staff have had a reasonable opportunity to resolve the problem at the employee level. Statements should be limited to 5 minutes in length.

3. ROUTINE MATTERS

A. Approval of Financial Statements

Secretary's and custodian's reports for **August 31, 2026** which are in agreement as certified by the Board Secretary, that no budgetary account has been over-expended, in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.12 (a), (d).

B. Approval of Transfers	August:	<u>\$ 43,779.00</u>
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C. Approval of Check Register	August:	<u>\$144,458.06</u>
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D. Approval of Bill List	September:	<u>\$174,251.25</u>
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4. SUPERINTENDENT

A. Monthly Report

a. **Enrollment:** September 2026 - 107 students

b. **Upcoming Items:**

October 2nd - Family Fall Festival

October 9th - School Closed - Teacher Inservice
 October 12th - School Closed
 October 13th - Ice Cream Social/Book Fair
 October 30th - Halloween parade and class parties

b. Suspension Report-N//A

	In	Out
Monthly	0	0
Year Total	0	0

B. Safety and Security

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education on the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following: **9/15/2026 Fire Drill**

C. Field Trips

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Field Trips. **N/A**

D. Facilities Use

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education on the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Facilities Use Requests.

Date	Time	Location	Event	Organization
10/13/2026	5-6pm	Cafeteria	Ice Cream Social	PREA
10/2/2026	4 pm	Soccer Field	Cornhole Tournament	PREA
5/7/2027	All day	Other	Annual Flower Show	PTS
9/28 11/9 1/11/27 5/3/27	3:30PM	Other	PTS meetings	PTS
10/2/26	4-7 PM	FIELDS	Fall Fest w/PREA-scare crow making	PTS
4/16--4/23/27	Late-4/16 All-other days	GYM	Book Fair	PTS
10/8--10/16/26	Late-10/8/26 All Day-other days	GYM	Book Fair	PTS

12/3-12/4/ /26	12/3-2:30pm -3:30pm 12/4-all day	GYM	Holiday Fair	PTS
3/25/2027	All Day	GYM	Egg Hunt	PTS
10/26 - 5/27	7:25-8:20 AM & 3:00-4:15 PM	GYM	Port School Band Lessons	Cathy Bridge

E. Personnel

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following personnel items for the 2026-2027 school year.

Position	Name	Amount
Temporary Custodian	Henry Acosta	\$20.00 per hr. (9-9-26)
Substitute Teacher	Ms. Bree Geigel	\$130.00/day (Current Approved Rate)

F. Curriculum -N/A

G. 2026-2027 DOE Reports-N/A

H. District Policies

Policy Number	Policy
	<i>Policy Revisions forthcoming</i>

I. Professional Development-NJSBA Convention

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Professional Development opportunities.

Date	Staff Member	Workshop	Location	Cost
10/19-10/2 2/2026	Board Members	NJSBA Convention	Atlantic City	TBD

J. Evaluation Instrument-N/A

K. **Miscellaneous-N/A**

5. School Business Administrator

- A. **Motion** that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary approve the 2026-2027 Tuition Contract between the Greater Egg Harbor Regional Board of Education and the Port Republic Board of Education for General Education Students in the amount of **\$937,059.**
- B. **Motion** that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary approve the 2026-2027 Tuition Contract between the Greater Egg Harbor Regional Board of Education and the Port Republic Board of Education for Special Education Students in the amount of **\$70,019.**
- C. **Motion** that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary approve the 2026-2027 Tuition Contract between the Special Services School District and The Vocational School District Board of Education and the Port Republic Board of Education for High School Students in the amount of **\$18,636.**
- D. **Motion** that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary approve the 2026-2027 Tuition Contract between the Galloway Township Board of Education and the Port Republic Board of Education for one student in Grade 4 MD in the amount of **\$115,153.40.**
- E. **Motion** that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary approve the 2026-2027 Tuition Contract between the Galloway Township Board of Education and the Port Republic Board of Education for one student in Grade 5 LLD in the amount of **\$29,655.40.**
- F. **Motion** that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary approve the 2026-2027 Joint Transportation Contract between the City of Absecon Board of Education and the Port Republic Board of Education for eight students to Pilgrim Academy in the amount of **\$9,886.80.**
- G. **Motion** that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary accept the Small Rural School Achievement Program Grant **\$358A262776** the budget period 7/1/2026 to 9/30/2027 in the amount of **\$16,768.00.**
- H. **Motion** that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary approve a Student Transportation Contract between the Port Republic School District and Phil and Shannon Frecon for transportation of their child for the school year 2026-2027 in the amount of **\$7,275.** inclusive of additionally required insurance and submittal to the executive county superintendent for final approval.

MOTION ON CONSENT AGENDA ON ALL MOTIONS LISTED BELOW:

Routine Matters: A - D

Superintendent: A - K

School Business Administrator: A - H

Motion:	Second:		
VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstained
Hooper	___	___	___
Cox	___	___	___
Crema	___	___	___
Hanselman	___	___	___
Stevenson	___	___	___
Wessler	___	___	___
William	___	___	___
Yochim	___	___	___

6. **NON-CONSENT AGENDA**-Items removed from the consent agenda.

7. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Appointment of a Bond Referendum committee.

Eric Stevenson, Kevin Wessler, Jill Yochim, Joy Hooper (Alternate)

8. **OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC** (*public comment rules as read above apply*):

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session - IN

MOTION to go into Executive Session to discuss Board Vacancy, After the Board closes the executive session, any action taken will be conducted in the public session. The Board will be in executive for approximately 30 minutes and action will take action after.

It is recommended that the Board of Education, by resolution, adjourn to Executive Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss student placement, personnel, litigation, negotiations, or any other matter appropriate for this session. The results of this session will be made public immediately after or as soon thereafter as a decision is reached, if permitted by law.

Resolution for Executive Session:

Whereas Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and whereas, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstance presently exist. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Port Republic Board of Education, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion and action upon hereafter specified matters. They are:
 - a. Any matter which by express provision of federal law or state statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential.
 - b. Matters dealing with Federal Funding
 - c. Discussion of any materials, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
 - d. Matters dealing with collective bargaining.
 - e. Matters dealing with the sale or purchase of public land.
 - f. Discussion of any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation.

Motion: _____	Second: _____		
VOTE:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Hooper	_____	_____	_____
Cox	_____	_____	_____
Crema	_____	_____	_____
Hanselman	_____	_____	_____
Stevenson	_____	_____	_____
Wessler	_____	_____	_____
William	_____	_____	_____
Yochim	_____	_____	_____

Executive Session – CLOSE

Motion to close the Executive Session and return to Open Session.

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

VOTE: Yes No Abstained

Hooper _____

Cox _____

Crema _____

Hanselman _____

Stevenson _____

Wessler _____

William _____

Yochim _____

10. GOOD TO THE ORDER

A. Next Board Meeting: October 20, 2026

B. Discussion of Board Calendar for January to June, 2027

January 7, 2027 Reorganization

January 19, 2027

February 16, 2027

March 16, 2027 *may have to change due to budget calendar

April 20, 2027 * may have to change due to budget calendar

May 18, 2027

June 15, 2027

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

All in Favor: _____

Time: _____