

Wildwood Crest Board of Education
Work Session/ Regular Meeting
Crest Memorial School
Media Center
Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 5:30

Work Session:

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Open Public Meeting Statement
 - a. In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, and Board of Education meeting schedule, with notice requirements have been satisfied as to the time, place, and date of holding this meeting by posting notice on the Crest Memorial website under Legal Ads and placement of advertisement for the revised meeting date in The Cape May County Herald July 8, 2026.
4. Roll Call -
 - Leonard Bernstein
 - Nicholas Holland
 - Bud Morey
 - Joseph Cusella
 - Eileen Gianakopoulos
5. Attendance - David Del Conte, Superintendent, James Lushok, Board Secretary/SBA
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Curriculum**
 - b. Facilities
 - c. Extracurricular
 - d. Policy**
 - e. Finance**
 - f. Liaison to Wildwood Board of Education
 - g. Superintendent
7. Correspondence -
8. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

All statements are limited to 3 minutes.

Statements addressing specific personnel or specific student(s) should not be raised in the public session but rather in private with the Superintendent. All questions should be addressed to the Board President.
9. Adjournment -
 - a. Motion to adjourn work session and begin the regular session.

Regular Session:

1. Business Administrator's Report- see attached
2. Superintendent's Report- see attached
3. Public Comment

All statements are limited to 3 minutes.

Statements addressing specific personnel or specific student(s) should not be raised in the public session but rather in private with the Superintendent. All questions should be addressed to the Board President.

Please state your name and address for the record.

4. Board Comment
5. Closed Session (if necessary) -

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances;

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wildwood Crest Board of Education that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

- ☐ Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from public discussion;
- ☐ Any matter pertaining to student confidentiality;
- ☐ Any matter pertaining to personnel or negotiations;
- ☐ Any matter pertaining to litigation;
- ☐ Confidential financial matters;
- ☐ Other: _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session. Closed session should be 45 minutes in length.

6. Adjournment

Business Administrator's Report

Any member of the Board of Education may have any of the items on the agenda removed for discussion merely by making a motion prior to the vote to be taken on the agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, a motion was made by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the following agenda by roll call:

Leonard Bernstein -
 Nicholas Holland-
 William Morey-
 Joseph Cusella-
 Eileen Gianakopoulos-

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATION

As Business Administrator, pursuant to Administrative Code, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(3), I certify that as of **July** no budgetary line item account had obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.2, and no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(3), it is further certified that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts and sources for the month of **August**.

BOARD OF EDUCATION'S CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Administrative Code, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4), the Board of Education certifies that as of **July** and after review of the Business Administrator's monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the appropriate school district officials, to the best of the Board's 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.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

To approve the financial reports of the Business Administrator's (A-148) and the Treasurer's (A-149), which are in agreement for **July**, no accounts are over-expended and no adjustments to the projected revenue are required.

APPROPRIATIONS TRANSFERS

No appropriations transferred met the threshold.

BILL PAYMENTS

To approve bill payments for **September 2026** as listed.

APPROVE AMENDED TREASURER’S REPORT

To approve the amendment to the June 2026 Treasurer’s Report due to the payment for the TPAF employer percentage for the year 2025-2026, which resulted in a reduction of \$33,764.52.

APPROVE MINUTES

To approve and release minutes of the following meeting:
Regular Meeting - **August 18, 2026**

APPROVE ATTENDANCE TO JIF INSURANCE CONFERENCE

To approve James Lushok, Business Administrator, and David Del Conte, Superintendent, to attend the New Jersey School Boards Association Workshop 2026 from October 19th through October 21st. The registration cost is \$550 per person and no money has been spent on travel and related expenses for the 2026-2027 school year.

TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

To approve the transportation agreement with Lower Township Regional School District for 3 choice students for aid-in-lieu of \$3,531 on Route A13 and to approve 1 choice student for aid-in-lieu of \$1,177 on route B10 at Richard M. Teitelman School for the 2026-2027 school year.

Business Administrator’s Fiscal - Motions

Any member of the Board of Education may have any of the items on the consent agenda removed for discussion merely by so indicating prior to the vote to be taken on the agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, a motion was made by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Holland to approve the following agenda by roll call:

Leonard Bernstein -
Nicholas Holland-
William Morey-
Joseph Cusella-
Eileen Gianakopoulos-

TO ACCEPT THE ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT FUNDING

To accept the ESEA funding award for the school year as follows:

ESEA - Title I	\$78,927
ESEA - Title II	\$10,208
ESEA - Title III	\$ 1,068

ESEA - Title IV - Part A	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total	\$100,203

TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE ESSA TITLE I-A FUNDING

To approve the utilization of the ESSA funding as follows:

D.M. - FTE .28 - ESEA	\$24,031
D.M. - FTE .72 - Local Share	<u>\$59,447</u>
Total	\$83,478

A.B. - FTE .33 - ESEA	\$24,031
A.B. - FTE .67 - Local Share	<u>\$66,336</u>
Total	\$90,367

\$30,764 is allocated to the TPAF reimbursement payment.

TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE ESSA TITLE II-A FUNDING

To approve the utilization of the ESSA funding as follows:

A.M. - FTE .12 - ESSA	\$10,208
A.M. - FTE .88 - Local Share	<u>\$75,129</u>
Total	\$85,337

TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE ESSA TITLE-III FUNDING

To approve the utilization of the non-public Title-III funding for educational supplies for a Wildwood Crest students attending Wildwood Catholic Academy for an amount not to exceed the **\$1,068** award.

TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE ESSA TITLE IV-A FUNDING

To approve the utilization of the Title IV - A funding for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) supplies for the school year, not to exceed the **\$10,000** award.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)

To accept the award for IDEA federal funds for the school year as follows:

IDEA - Basic	\$79,275
IDEA - Preschool	<u>\$ 1,064</u>
TOTAL	\$80,339

These funds will be used to offset tuition charges from CMC Special Services.

James Lushok - Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**WILDWOOD CREST SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Any member of the Board of Education may have any of the items on the agenda removed for discussion merely by making a motion prior to the vote to be taken on the agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the following agenda by roll call:

Leonard Bernstein -
Nicholas Holland-
William Morey-
Joseph Cusella-
Eileen Gianakopoulos-

SEPTEMBER 2026 ENROLLMENT:

Crest Memorial School (In District)	Prek-8th Grade	189
Out of District	Prek-8th Grade	7

*Grade level enrollment is attached

APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL STEP INCREASE FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR:

To approve the step increase for Dustin Rauenzahn from Step 15MA+15 (\$96,259), to Step 15MA+30 (\$96,859) per the WCEA 2024-2029 Contract.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER FOR THE 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR:

To approve, Janice Ross, as a substitute teacher for the 2026/2027 school year.

POLICIES/REGULATIONS: FIRST READING:

To approve the first reading of the policy and regulation #5516 Student Use of Internet-Enabled.

STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE PARAPROFESSIONAL:

To approve the statement of assurance for the use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2026-2027 School Year.

HIB GRADE:

To approve the HIB Grade and its submittal in NJ Homeroom for the 2025-2026 school year.

SUMMER HOURS:

To approve the increase in summer hours for Dustin Rauenzahn for an additional 19 hours for the establishment of the media center at a rate of \$35 an hour.

TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING EPI PEN DELEGATES FOR CREST MEMORIAL SCHOOL FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR:

Marissa Fisher	Dina Ziemba	Hilari Wilcoxen	Scott Mason
Barbara Cleffi	Melissa Stocker	Stephanie Benson	Claudia Gentzow

TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING STIPENDS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR:

Barbara Cleffi	Homework Club	\$45/Hour
Melissa Raucci	PBSIS	\$3,000/2= \$1500
Claudia Gentzow	PBSIS	\$3,000/2= \$1,500

David J. Del Conte, Jr.
Superintendent

<u>CMS Enrollment Totals</u>	
PreSchool 3 Bren/Ben	10
PreSchool 4 Gent	15
Kindergarten M	12
First Grade H	15
Second Grade C	14
Third Grade D	19
Fourth Grade C	12
Fifth Grade G	9
Fifth Grade S	10
Sixth Grade A	11
Sixth Grade M	12
Seventh Grade K	10
Seventh Grade P	10
Eighth Grade H	16
Eighth Grade M	14
TOTAL IN DISTRICT	189
TOTAL PREK-8 OOD	7
<i>WWH</i>	*TBD
<i>CMTECH</i>	*TBD
<i>MIDDLE</i>	*TBD
<i>LOWER TOWNSHIP</i>	*TBD
TOTAL	196

**Will have final totals after all schools confirm their NJSLEDS data,*