



Amanda Redrow
Superintendent

Todd D'Anna
Business Administrator

Action Meeting Agenda **October 28, 2025**

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.

Goals Board approved on August 26, 2025

Call Meeting to Order

I, **Joy Hooper**, President, call this meeting to order under the Open Public Meeting Act at **5:00 pm.**

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 in the Press of Atlantic City on October 25, 2025.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

MOTION that the Board of Education approve the meeting minutes of Sep 23, 2025

Minutes of September 23,2025

Action Meeting

Pride Respect Success

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper, President			
Kathryn Cox			
Brenda Crema			
Kristina Hanselman			
Brian Hartmann			
Eric Stevenson			
Kevin Wessler			
Jennifer Williams			
Jill Yochim, Vice President			

Presentations – *unless otherwise stated, all presentations will be held during the Action Meeting.*

Board President's Report

A.

Board Committee Reports

- A. **Educational Committee (Cox, Stevenson, Yochim)**
- B. **Finance Committee (Crema, Stevenson, Wessler, Yochim)**
- C. **Facilities Committee (Hartmann, Wessler, Williams)**
- D. **Personnel Committee (Hanselman, Hooper, Yochim)**
- E. **Policy Committee (Crema, Hanselman, Hartmann)**

Superintendent's Report

MOTION to approve all recommendations listed in items A through M of the Superintendent's Report.

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper, President			
Kathryn Cox			
Brenda Crema			
Kristina Hanselman			
Brian Hartmann			
Eric Stevenson			
Kevin Wessler			
Jennifer Williams			
Jill Yochim, Vice President			

A. Monthly Report/[District Flyers](#)

1. Upcoming

- October Calendar
- Respect Week
- Cub Scouts
- Consortium for the Gifted and Talented
- Fall Festival
- November Theme Days

Mo2. **Student Enrollment** as of **October 24, 2025** is **107**.

3. Suspension Report

	In	Out
Monthly	0	0
Year Total	0	0

B. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Incident Report

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve to affirm the Superintendent's decisions associated with the harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB) incidents.

Date Reported to Superintendent	Case Number	Result	Action
N/A	0	0	0

C. Safety and Security

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education on the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Safety and Security Drills.

Date	Time	Type	# of Staff Present	# of Students Present	# of Visitors Present
10/7/25	10:30am	Fire	22	106	0
10/21	12:40pm	Shelter in Place	21	99	1

D. Field Trips

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Field Trips.

Date	Grade(s)	Teacher(s)	Location

E. 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
11/20/25	5pm-6:30pm	Cafeteria	Bingo	PREA
10/20/25	5pm-6:30pm	Cafeteria	Ice Cream Social	PREA

F. Personnel

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following positions.

Position	Name	Amount
Special Education Teacher	Mary Crosson (Contract change from Step A BA to Step A BA+15) effective 9/1/25	\$64,687
After School Nurse	Carla Stetser	\$47.50/hour (Maximum 1 hour, 2 days per week)

G. Curriculum and Instruction

1. None at this time.

H. Professional Development

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

Date	Staff Member	Workshop	Location	Cost
12/08/25	Danielle Romanelli	Make Space, Open Exploration Session	Stockton College	\$0.00
03/16/26	Danielle Romanelli	Make Space, Open Exploration Session	Stockton College	\$0.00
02/26/26	Robin Jaindl	Wilson Dyslexia Conference	Virtual	\$69.00
11/18/25	Amanda Redrow Erica Polito	Atlantic County School Reunification Planning	ACCC/ Mays Landing Campus	\$0.00
11/20/25	Sarah Cocco Kristen Mull Stephanie Mauriello Liz Torroni	I&RS Team Training	Stockton College	ETTC Hours

I. **District Policies:**

Policy Number	Policy

J. **QSAC**

1. None at this time.

K. **NJ Department of Education State Reports**

1. **2025-2026 Biannual Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff.**
2. **School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance.**
3. **Student Safety System Monitoring Findings.**
4. **Statement of Assurance Submission for District Professional Development Plans and Mentoring Plans.**

L. **Student Teacher Field Placement Requests**

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following student teaching placements.

Grade Level Assignment	Name	Length of Assignment
N/A		

M. **Discussion Items:**

1. Security communication follow up
2. Electronic devices (students)

School Business Administrator's Report

MOTION to approve all recommendations listed in items A through H of the School Business Administrator's Report.

3. Motion to approve the resolution for Participation in Joint Transportation Agreements with ACSSSD on an as needed basis.
4. Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Parent Transportation Contract 2026-PC-1 in the amount of \$14,500, plus insurance reimbursement, pending approval by the Atlantic County Department of Education.

G. Grants

1. None at this time.

H. Discussion Items

Old Business

- A. BOE Training

New Business

- A. NJSBA Conference Update

Public Comments – Open the meeting to the public.

Motion to open the meeting to the public.

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper, President			
Kathryn Cox			
Brenda Crema			
Kristina Hanselman			
Brian Hartmann			
Eric Stevenson			
Kevin Wessler			
Jennifer Williams			
Jill Yochim, Vice President			
Time Opened			

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.

Public Comments – Close the meeting to the public.

Motion to close the meeting to the public.

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper, President			
Kathryn Cox			
Brenda Crema			
Kristina Hanselman			
Brian Hartmann			
Eric Stevenson			
Kevin Wessler			
Jennifer Williams			
Jill Yochim, Vice President			
Time Closed			

Executive Session - IN

MOTION to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. 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 20 minutes and action may be taken 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 exists. 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.

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper, President			
Kathryn Cox			
Brenda Crema			
Kristina Hanselman			
Brian Hartmann			
Eric Stevenson			
Kevin Wessler			
Jennifer Williams			
Jill Yochim, Vice President			
Time In			

Executive Session – CLOSE

Motion to close the Executive Session.

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper, President			
Kathryn Cox			
Brenda Crema			
Kristina Hanselman			
Brian Hartmann			
Eric Stevenson			
Kevin Wessler			
Jennifer Williams			
Jill Yochim, Vice President			

Time Out	
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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Board of Education Regular meeting.

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper, President			
Kathryn Cox			
Brenda Crema			
Kristina Hanselman			
Brian Hartmann			
Eric Stevenson			
Kevin Wessler			
Jennifer Williams			
Jill Yochim, Vice President			
Time Adjourned at			