

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

1. **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT (6:00 P.M.)**

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

3. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT:**

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, adequate public notice of this meeting has been given by the Business Administrator in the following manner:

- A. Posted written notice on the official bulletin board at the Eastampton Community School on January 16, 2026.
- B. Mailed written notice to the *Burlington County Times* and *Courier Post* on January 16, 2026.
- C. Filed written notice with the Clerk of Eastampton Township on January 21, 2026.
- D. Posted official notice on the district's website.
- E. Mailed written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule and who has prepaid any charges fixed for such service.

4. **ROLL CALL:**

Board Member	Present	Absent	Late Arrival Time
Kerry Douglas, Board President			
Dr. Florencia Norton, Vice President			
Edward Besko			
Edward Hill			
Walter Maluchnik			
Stephanie McHugh			
Jamie Smith			

- Lianne M. Kane, Superintendent of Schools
- Jared M. Toscano, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

5. **FIRE EXITS**

6. **Presentation by: Mr. Justin Wright (NJ School Boards) School Ethics Act and the Code of Ethics**

7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed

- Motion Carries
- Motion Fails

**Eastampton Township Board of Education
Resolution 2026-2027
Authorizing Executive Session**

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Eastampton Township School District has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of closed session, at approximately __20 Mins__ this evening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Eastampton Township School District will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

_____ Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public;

_____ Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

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 X Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (Specify contract: ETEA);

_____ Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

_____ Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

_____ Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

 X Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer. Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on

the Board's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact);

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eastampton Township Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eastampton Township Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

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- ☐ Motion Fails

Roll Call on Action Item(s)

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Dr. Florencia Norton, Vice President							
Edward Besko							
Edward Hill							
Walter Maluchnik							
Stephanie McHugh							
Jamie Smith							

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9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

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This meeting will now be open to the public; however, if your questions or comments pertain to litigation, students, personnel or negotiations, we ask that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since we do not discuss these items in public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (26-27-20)

August 25, 2026 (Executive and Regular Sessions)

Roll Call on Action Item(s)

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Dr. Florencia Norton, Vice President							
Edward Besko							
Edward Hill							
Walter Maluchnik							
Stephanie McHugh							
Jamie Smith							

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10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: (Lianne M. Kane, Superintendent/Principal)

A. Information Item(s):

- 1) Opening of school for the 2026-2027 year
- 2) Liaison Reports

B. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the action items on the HIB Report dated September 22, 2026 as initially presented at the August 25, 2026 meeting. **(26-27-21)**
- 2) Recommend the Board approve the NJ K-12 School Security Self-Assessment as on file in the Superintendent's Office.
- 3) Recommend the Board approve the School Safety Security Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year as on file in the Superintendent's Office.

11. **PERSONNEL:** (Jamie Smith, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the Board approve Mrs. Corinne Katrina as the Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction for the remainder of the 2026-2027 School Year at the salary rate of \$100,500.00, pending start date once a replacement has been secured for her current teaching position.
- 2) Recommend the Board retroactively approve Mrs. Teri Montgomery as the Transportation Coordinator for the 2026-2027 School Year, effective September 1, 2026 at the pro-rated stipend amount of \$2,500.00
- 3) Recommend the Board approve the volunteer list for the Eastampton Community School Library for the 2026-2027 School year, as on file in the Superintendent's Office.
- 4) Recommend the Board approve Ms. Kayla L. Ems, a student enrolled at Rowan College pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), to complete her mandated clinical hours under the supervision of Ms. Catherine Alderman, school nurse, for a total of 30 hours from September 30, 2026, to November 30, 2026.
- 5) Recommend the Board approve Mr. Jeffrey Bowlby, to run the listed clubs, per the current negotiated agreement:
 - a) Chess Club
 - b) Board Game Club
 - c) World Affairs Club
- 6) Recommend that the board approve the following volunteers to assist with the soccer team. Both students are ECS alumni, currently in 9th grade at RVHS, and will volunteer under the mentorship of Mr. Michael Shoukry.
 - A) Blake Aaronson
 - B) Alex Zwierzunski

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Stephanie McHugh							
Jamie Smith							

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12. FINANCE: (Edward Besko, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the following payroll:
 - a. August 30, 2026 - \$39,408.56
 - b. September 15, 2026- \$284,269.93
- 2) Recommend the Board approve the following invoices for payment: **(26-27-23)**
 - a. Regular Bills:
 - i. September 29, 2026 Bill List (Includes Cafeteria; No Student Activities at this time) - **\$693,085.09**
- 3) Recommend the Board approve and accept student ID # 3925854501 to attend Eastampton Community School under McKinney Vento Education Program. Educational services commenced on 9/14/26 and will terminate on 6/30/27. Tuition cost is \$13,808.00.
- 4) Recommend the Board approve and accept student ID # 7160216710 to attend Wilbur Watts Intermediate School in Willingboro, NJ for the 2026-2027 school year. Educational services will commence on 9/1/26 and terminate on 6/30/27. Tuition cost is \$24,713.00.
- 5) Recommend the Board approve and accept student ID # 8919295988 to attend Wilbur Watts Intermediate School in Willingboro, NJ for the 2026-2027 school year. Educational services will commence on 9/1/26 and terminate on 6/30/27. Tuition cost is \$24,713.00.
- 6) Recommend the Board approve and accept student ID # 3403229028 to attend Wilbur Watts Intermediate School in Willingboro, NJ for the 2026-2027 school year. Educational services will commence on 9/1/26 and terminate on 6/30/27. Tuition cost is \$23,743.00.
- 7) Recommend the Board approve the following to attend the New Jersey School Boards Workshop 2026, Atlantic City, 10/19/26 to 10/22/26 at a net cost to the Board of Education of \$2,400.00
 - Kerry Douglas
 - Lianne Kane
- 9) Recommend the Board approve the renewal of the Nutri Serve Food Management food service for the 2026-2027 school year (3rd year of a 5-year agreement) with a fixed price per meal of \$4.0119 and a projected annual gain of \$11,996.16 and No Guarantee. The estimated cost of the agreement is \$216,916.75 for the fiscal year.
- 10) Recommend the Board approve and accept the Pest Elimination Agreement with Western Pest Services as on file in the Business Office.
- 11) Recommend the Board approve and accept the contract with Catapult Learning Nursing Services for the 2026-2027 school year as on file in the Business Office. **(26-27-22)**

- 12) Recommend the Board approve and accept the submission of the amended IDEA grant in the NJGMS.
- 13) Recommend the Board approve and accept the submission of the amended ESEA grant in the NJGMS.
- 14) Recommend the Board approve and accept the Shared Service Agreement for Accounts Receivable for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- 15) Recommend the Board approve and accept the Shared Service Agreement for Reporting for the 2026-2027 School Year
- 16) Recommend the Board approve the purchase from the following vendors in the corresponding aggregate amounts. Individual contracts in excess of \$52,999.00 will be presented to the Board for approval. Each of the following has already been bid through a cooperative pricing system (Monmouth Ocean County Educational Services Commission #289 MOESC). The purpose of the purchase is to provide the Eastampton Community School with new servers.

Pitt Bull Secure Technologies \$65,000.00

- 17) Recommend the Board approve the Board Secretary's Report dated July 31, 2026. **(26-27-25)**

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- Motion Carries
- Motion Fails

13. CURRICULUM: (Walter Maluchnik, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the district Title IA School Parental Engagement Plan and the Parent/Student/School Title IA Compact. **(26-27-24)**
- 2) Recommend the Board approve the need for the submission of the Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screeners (FOCUS) Cohort 2 Year 2- Continuation Grant.
- 3) Recommend the Board approve Mrs. Rebecca Breidinger to attend the Autism NJ Annual Conference on October 22, 2026 with the cost of \$300.00.

- 4) Recommend the Board approve Mrs. Jessica Jones to attend the Community- Based Instruction Overview (Virtual), sponsored by Rutgers Health on October 14, 2026. This is a free workshop and will have no cost to the district.
- 5) Recommend the Board approve the Statement of Assurance Submission for District Professional Development Plans and Mentoring Plans.
- 6) Recommend the Board approve the Biannual Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the timeframe between September 30, 2026 and January 31, 2027.

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14. POLICY: (Kerry Douglas, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the Alert 237 second reading and adoption of the following policies: **(sent via email)**

A. N.J.A.C. 6A:8 – Standards and Assessment

P 1230	Superintendent's Duties (M) (Revised)
P 2200	Curriculum (M) (Revised)
R 2200	Curriculum Content (M) (Abolished)
P 2411	Career Education and Academic Counseling (M) (Revised)
R 2411	Guidance Counseling (M) (Abolished)

B. General Policy and Regulation Guide Updates

P 0162	Notice of Board Meetings (Revised)
P 0162.01	Legal Notices (M) (New)
P 1643	Family Leave (M) (Revised)
P 2260	Equity in School and Classroom Practices (M) (Revised)
R 2460.30	Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (M) (Abolished)
P 5561	Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities (M) (Revised)
P 6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant

	Expenditures (M) (Revised)
R 6115.01	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Allowability of Costs (M) (Revised)
P 6115.02	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Mandatory Disclosures (M) (Revised)
P 6311	Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (M) (Revised)
P 8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised)

Early Release Alert 238 Policies First Reading

Early Release of Alert 238

P 2363 – Student Use of Privately-Owned Technology (Abolished)

P & R 5516 – Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices (Revised)

P 8660 – Transportation by Private Vehicles – To and From School-Related Activities (Revised)

P 8662 – Transportation by Private or District-Owned Vehicles – To and From School (New)

District Review

P 2468 - Independent Education Evaluation (New)

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15. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: (Edward Hill, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

1) Recommend the Board approve the following request for use of facilities:

Westampton Recreation Dept. Youth BB 6pm-9pm	Mondays MS Gym Jan. 4,11,25, Feb. 1,8,22 Mar.1,8,15,22	Tuesdays Ms Gym Jan.5,12,19,26 Feb. 2,9,16,23 Mar.2,9,16,23	Wednesdays MS Gym Jan.6,13,20,27 Feb.3,10,17,24 Mar. 3,10,17,24	Thursdays MS Gym Jan.7,14,21,28 Feb.4,11,18,25 Mar.4,11,18,25	Fridays MS Gym Jan.8,15,22,29 Feb.5,12,19,26 Mar.5,12,19,26
Westampton Recreation Dept. Youth BB 8am-5pm	Saturdays MS Gym Jan. 9,16,23,30 Feb.6,13,20,27 Mar.6,13,20,27				
Westampton Recreation Dept. Youth Futsal Soccer 8am-6pm	Sundays MS Gym Jan. 10,17,24,31 Feb.7,14,21,28 Mar.7,14,21,28				
Westampton Recreation Dept. Youth BB 6pm-9pm	Mondays Elem. Gym Jan.4,11,25, Feb.1,8,22 Mar.1,8,15,22		Wednesdays Elem.Gym Jan.6,13,20,27 Feb.3,10,17,24 Mar.3,10,17,24		Fridays Elem. Gym Jan.8,15,22,29 Feb.5,12,19,26 Mar.5,12,19,26
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December 7-11, 2026	PTA Holiday Shop	8:00am-3:00pm	ECS Library
January 22, 2027 (Previously approved for 1/15/27)	PTA January Family Fun Night Trivia	6:30pm-8:30pm	ECS Cafetorium
February 11, 2027 (Previously approved for 2/12/27)	PTA Sweetheart Dance	4:30pm-8:30pm	ECS Cafetorium
May 15, 2027 (Saturday)	PTA Color Run	9:00am-1:00pm	ECS Grounds/Fields
October 21, 2026	Eastampton Twp. Land Use Planning Board	6:30pm-10:00pm	ECS Cafetorium

Karate-Mr. Lawrence	Elementary Gym	Tuesdays Oct.6,13,20,27 Nov. 3,10,17 Dec.1,8,15,22 Jan.5,12,19,26 Feb.2,9,16,23 March2,9,16,23 Apr. 6,13,20,27 May 4,11,18,25 June 1,8	Thursdays Oct.1,8,15,22,29 Nov.12,19 Dec. 3,17 Jan. 7,14,21,28, Feb. 4,11,18,25 March. 4,11,18,25 Apr. 8,15,22,29 May 6,13,20,27 June 10	5:00-8:30pm	Eastampton
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19. ADJOURNMENT:

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20. DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 6 – Progress Reports Online
Oct 8 – Barksdale School Pictures
Oct 9 – School Closed/Staff In-Service
Oct 12 – School Closed/Columbus Day
Oct 23- PTA Halloween Dance 6:00-8:00pm
Oct 27- Board of Education Meeting
Nov 5 & 6- NJEA Convention- School Closed
Nov 11- End of Marking Period 1
Nov 13- PTA November Family Fun Night 7:00-8:00pm