

**Atlantic City Board of Education
Special Meeting - 5:00 pm
September 30, 2026**

A. Call To Order Mr. Steele, President

B. Roll Call Mr. Bailey ____; Mr. Chowdhury ____; Mr. Holland, Sr. ____;
Mr. Johnson ____; Mr. Mayfield ____; Mr. McKinley ____; Mr. Siddik ____; Mr. Steele ____;
Ms. Young ____.

Dr. Small ____; Dr. Hyman ____; Mr. Rose ____; Mrs. Ricketts ____; Ms. Saunders ____;
Mrs. Riley ____.

C. Statement of Notice

A notice of the special meeting was posted on the district website under the Legal Public Notices section, mailed to the City Clerk and posted on the bulletin boards of the Citi Center Building at 1300 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 on September 15, 2026.

D. Flag Salute

E. Vision & Mission Statement:

Vision: Atlantic City Public Schools and members of the community believe in the development of the whole child. Together we are committed to providing a nurturing, safe and stimulating environment for all students to continuously learn and grow.

Mission: All students will be actively engaged and supported as they learn and grow on the journey to become independent, life-long learners equipped for the 21st Century.

F. Superintendent's Report - Dr. La'Quetta S. Small

G. Public Comments

The Board welcomes input from parents, students and community members and encourages participation in its meetings. Those who wish to speak during public comments must sign in prior to the public portion. The Board wishes to remind residents that public complaints and grievances concerning district personnel shall be handled in accordance with Policy & Regulation number 9130 and that personnel matters will not be discussed by the board in public. It is incumbent upon us as a Board to advise the public that comments asserted that are stated in such a way as to convey to the listeners that they are factual and true, when in fact, may just be the speaker's opinion, may be considered slanderous and present the risk of liability to the speaker as well as to the Board. The Board desires to make it known that verbal abuse, threats, or other pressure tactics shall not be tolerated. In the event that inappropriate behavior becomes evident, the board shall reserve the right to limit or cease public discussion. The Board kindly asks that you limit your comments to three (3) minutes and wishes to thank you for coming and for taking your time to join us.

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H. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION 1

1. Approve unscheduled travel and expenses for the Elementary Schools and Atlantic City High School, including, but not limited to the following clubs and activities: Chorus/Choir, Math 24 Competition, ACHS Band, District Arts Festival, G&T Brain Blasts, ACHS Science Club, Chess Team, Read AC, STEM Team, CTE Program, Robotics Team, Public Safety Program, Community Service Clubs (Community Clean-Up, Clean Communities, etc.), Harvest Festival, Walking to the FireHouse, Friends of Music, GATE-Academic Meets, Academic Excellence (Carriage House), Perfect Attendance, ACHS NJROTC, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA). Field Trip requests will be approved by the superintendent and be submitted in Trip Finder.

H. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION 1

Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Yes ____ No ____ Abstain ____

I. GOODS & SERVICES 1-2

1. Award the contract for Bid #27-005 New Administration Building to T.N. Ward Company, 815 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401, in the amount of \$27,132,590.00 (Base Bid less Alternate #1) for the contract period October 1, 2026 until completion of the project; charge to account number 12-000-400-450-015-00-450. Proposals were opened September 17, 2026 with the following results:

	Kappa Construction Corp. 1 Freehold Road Ocean, NJ 07712	Newport Construction Management Corporation 5032 Marlton Pike Pennsauken, NJ 08109	T. N. Ward Company 815 Atlantic Avenue, Suite A Atlantic City, NJ 08401	Weatherby Construction & Renovation, Corp. 147 N. Iowa Avenue Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Base Bid	\$30,900,000.00	\$26,877,000.00	\$25,694,276.00	\$27,965,000.00
Allowance #1: 5% Contingency	\$1,545,000.00	\$1,343,850.00	\$1,284,714.00	\$1,398,250.00
Allowance #2	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Allowance #3	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Allowance #4	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Total Base Bid	\$32,660,000.00	\$28,435,850.00	\$27,193,990.00	\$29,578,250.00
Alternate #1: ADD / DEDUCT: Provide 10" deep covers at the curtain wall locations shown on the drawings, in lieu of the perforated aluminum sunshade fins.	(\$390,000.00)	(\$85,000.00)	(\$61,400.00)	(\$100,000.00)
Total Bid Amount	\$32,270,000.00	\$28,350,850.00	\$27,132,590.00	\$29,478,250.00
Unit Prices:				
Concrete Sidewalk	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$12.00	\$18.00
Concrete Curb	\$50.00	\$45.00	\$34.00	\$40.00
Granite Curb	\$100.00	\$850.00	\$209.00	\$200.00 Straight \$750.00 Corner
Concrete Gutter	\$25.00	\$80.00	\$54.00	\$60.00
2" Mill & Pave	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$43.00	\$50.00

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2. Approve the settlement in the matter of JOHN DEVLIN v. CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY, ET AL., Docket No.: ATL-L-1381-24 in the amount of \$100,000.00.

I. GOODS & SERVICES 1-2

Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Yes ____ No ____ Abstain ____

J. Closed Session

Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Yes ____ No ____ Abstain ____

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Atlantic City 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 6:00 p.m. this evening.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the City of Atlantic City 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 (Provision relied upon:); Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;
Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;
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;
Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking 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; 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;
Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 N.J. 478), the employee(s) nature of discussions are employment requirements/modifications.

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Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 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 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. I, Celeste Ricketts, Board Secretary do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City of Atlantic City at their meeting held on September 30, 2026.

K. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Yes ____ No ____ Abstain ____

Adjourn

Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Yes ____ No ____ Abstain ____