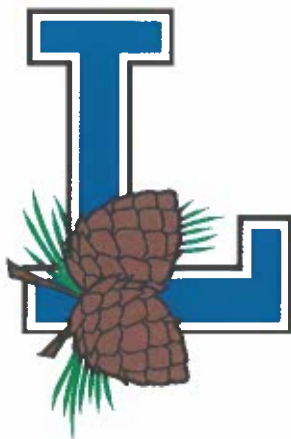


Lakewood Public Schools



Lakewood Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda

September 23, 2026

Public Session - 7:30 PM

High School Commons

855 Somerset Avenue

Lakewood, NJ 08701

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Moshe Bender- President

Mr. Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President

Mr. Aaron Chase

Mr. Meir Grunhut

Mr. Joel Kleinman

Mr. Samuel Melnik

Mr. Abraham Reich

Mr. Shlomie Stern

Mrs. Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg

SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Dr. Laura A. Winters, Superintendent

Mr. Kevin Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. Joshua Forsman, Esq., In-House Attorney/General Counsel

Mrs. Kristie Sussino, Assistant Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary

Ms. Louise Davis, State Monitor

Ms. Patricia Blood, State Monitor

Mr. James Trischitta, Director of Technology, NonPublic Technology & NonPublic Security Grant

Mr. Bryan Powell, Network and Systems Supervisor

Mr. Eric Holmberg, Translator

Mrs. Omaida Segui, Executive Administrative Professional

Mrs. Evelyn Schoenfeld, Executive Administrative Professional

AGENDA

TIME: 7:05pm

I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - President, Lakewood Board of Education

II. **STATEMENT BY THE BOARD SECRETARY**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 231, of the Laws of 1976 (THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT), Mr. Campbell notified the public that notice of the date, time, location and agenda of this meeting, to the extent known, was provided at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of this meeting in the following manner:

1. By posting such notice on the public announcement board of the Lakewood Board of Education Offices, and the Lakewood Township Municipal Building.
2. By e-mailing such notice to the office of the New Jersey Star Ledger, The Lakewood Scoop and The Lakewood Shopper.
3. By filing such notice with the Board Secretary.
4. By mailing such notice to all individuals who requested and paid for a copy of the same.

ROLL CALL:

Moshe Bender-President	<u>Absent</u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>P</u>
Aaron Chase	<u>P</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>P</u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>Absent</u>
Samuel Melnik	<u>P</u>
Abraham Reich	<u>P</u>
Shlomie Stern	<u>P</u>
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	<u>P</u>

III. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, known as the Open Public Meetings Act, provides that a public body may not exclude the public from any meeting to discuss any matter described therein until the public body has first adopted a Resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood has determined that the following items must be discussed in closed session and that the public must be excluded from said deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood has determined that the subject matter of the closed discussion falls within those matters described in subsection 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that

A. The Board of Education, in closed session, may discuss one or more of the following subject matter:

1. Confidential under Federal/State Law or rule of Court.
2. That which would impair a right to receive Government Funds.
3. Unwarranted invasion of Pupil's privacy.
4. Collective Bargaining Agreement.
5. Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of real property or investment.
6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public.
7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than as stated in #4.
8. Involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment.
9. Any deliberations occurring after a public hearing.

Which subject matters constitute a subject matter described in the subsection 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood, will disclose to the public the subject matter of said closed discussions, as soon as the matters have been resolved and the determination can be disclosed to the public.

Motion to go into Executive Session: 7:09pm

First: Mr. Rodriguez **Second:** Mr. Chase

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	<u>Absent</u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>Y</u>

Aaron Chase	<u>Y</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>Y</u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>Absent</u> (Arrived at 7:22pm)
Samuel Melnik	<u>Y</u>
Abraham Reich	<u>Y</u>
Shlomie Stern	<u>Y</u>
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	<u>Y</u>

Motion to go into Public Session: 7:36pm

First: Mr. Rodriguez **Second:** Mr. Chase

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	<u>Y</u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>Y</u>
Aaron Chase	<u>Y</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>Y</u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>Y</u>
Samuel Melnik	<u>Y</u>
Abraham Reich	<u>Y</u>
Shlomie Stern	<u>Y</u>
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	<u>Y</u>

IV. RECOGNITION & PRESENTATIONS

- A. 5-Year Strategic Plan Presentation
- B. Superintendent's Report to the Board
- C. State Monitor – Nothing to Report at this Time

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Public Meeting Minutes - August 5, 2026
- B. Public Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2026
- C. Executive Meeting Minutes - August 5, 2026

Motion to Approve the previous Board Meeting Minutes: 7:58pm

First: Mr. Rodriguez **Second:** Mrs. Westbrook Goldberg

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	<u>Y</u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>Y</u>
Aaron Chase	<u>Y</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>Y</u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>Y</u>
Samuel Melnik	<u>Y</u>
Abraham Reich	<u>Y</u>
Shlomie Stern	<u>Y</u>
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	<u>Y</u>

VI. CORRESPONDANCE

A. None at this Meeting

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. None at this Meeting

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - Agenda Items Only (Limited to 4 minutes as per Board Policy #0167)

Pursuant to Board Policy 0164, Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the Board of Education in its deliberations and in the conduct of its meetings. As such, all comments from the public and from other members of the Board should be directed to the Board President, who is responsible for presiding over the meeting. Public comments can be made during the public session.

The President shall direct all inquiries or comments to the appropriate Administrator or Board member for response, as appropriate. The law requires a period of public comment at our meetings, not a question or answer session or debate. The board president, at his discretion, may or may not feel it is appropriate to answer questions raised during the public comment period. The board and administration do take all public comments seriously and consider them when conducting business.

The President may interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive or obscene. In addition, Security Personnel may direct any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum, whether the person is at the microphone or at any other place in the meeting room. New Jersey law makes it a crime for any person to intentionally disrupt a public meeting. Law enforcement will be contacted if a person disrupts the meeting and fails to desist after being directed to do so.

Finally, we ask that you silence all electronic devices.

1. Kimberly Carpintero

2. Moises Mendez
3. Anderson Grande
4. Luis Ortiz, Sr.
5. Felipe Montes
6. Adelaida Hernandez
7. Valeria Flores
8. Adalhi Aguirre
9. Julieth Garzón
10. Rosa Umana
11. Luisa Olivera Morales
12. Pilar Morales Corona
13. Margarita Orellana
14. Sara Torres
15. Daniella Betancourt
16. Cole Martinez
17. Regina Johnson
18. Jessica Rivera
19. Joe Strupp- APP
20. Jessica Graterol
21. Margarita Moron
22. Celia Mendez
23. Carla Maldonado
24. Mariela Perez
25. Guadalupe Velazquez

*All members of the board spoke and addressed the concerns of the public comment individuals (both English and Spanish) in regards to the bussing and paraprofessional matters throughout the public comment portion of the board meeting. (Official verbatim transcription will be sent to the Board of Education through Magna Legal Services)

IX. REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

A. FINANCE

1. Approve the attached budgetary line item transfers as of **July 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026**.
2. Acceptance of the Treasurer and Board Secretary Reports as of **July 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026**.

3. **Certification of No Over Expenditures:**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10, I Kevin Campbell Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certify that as of **July 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026** no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1, and that the District financial accounts have been reconciled and are in balance.

Kevin Campbell

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

September 23, 2026

Date

4. Approve the **Bills List** for the **Warrant Account** for **September 23, 2026** in the amount of **\$15,960,207.96**.
5. Approve the **Bills List** for the **Cafeteria Account** for **September 23, 2026** in the amount of **\$91,340.80**.
6. Approval of Payroll and Board Share of Fica/Medi and DCRP for:
 - **August 30, 2026** in the amount of **\$1,207,934.22**
 - **September 15, 2026** in the amount of **\$2,489,930.02**
7. Approval of payment of New Jersey State Health Benefits for **July, 2026** in the amount of: **\$1,968,355.74**.
8. Approval of payment of district dental benefits to Delta Dental of New Jersey for **October, 2026** in the amount of: **\$99,191.25**.
9. Approve the Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund reimbursement payment for the 2025-26 school year to the State of NJ per NJSA 18A:66-90, in the amount of \$1,367,408.39 due on October 1, 2026, paid for by Federal programs.

10. Move to approve the amendment to the 2026-2027 School Based Budget to reflect the redistribution of funds between the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund as detailed below. This change is due to the Title I, Part A School Wide Blended Allocation as it is reflected in the FY 27 ESEA Application. The overall budget change is a net zero impact. It will be sent to the Ocean County Superintendent of Schools/ Business Administrator and is subject to the approval of the State Monitor.

<u>School</u>	<u>Original School Budget</u>	<u>Revised School Budget</u>
Lakewood High School	\$ 14,338,162	\$ 14,055,549
Lakewood Middle School	\$ 11,509,564	\$ 11,443,243
Clifton Ave Grade School	\$ 12,616,361	\$ 12,529,645
Spruce Street Elementary School	\$ 926,834	\$ 1,042,813
Oak Street Elementary School	<u>\$ 13,631,158</u>	<u>\$ 13,571,800</u>
Total	<u>\$ 53,022,079</u>	<u>\$ 52,643,050</u>

<u>School</u>	<u>Original Title I A</u>	<u>Revised Title I A</u>
Lakewood High School	\$ 200,000	\$ 482,613
Lakewood Middle School	\$ 200,000	\$ 266,321
Clifton Ave Grade School	\$ 200,000	\$ 286,716
Spruce Street Elementary School	\$ 200,000	\$ 84,021
Oak Street Elementary School	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 259,358</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,379,029</u>

<u>School</u>	<u>Total Original Budget</u>	<u>Total Revised Budget</u>
Lakewood High School	\$ 14,538,162	\$ 14,538,162
Lakewood Middle School	\$ 11,709,564	\$ 11,709,564
Clifton Ave Grade School	\$ 12,816,361	\$ 12,816,361
Spruce Street Elementary School	\$ 1,126,834	\$ 1,126,834
Oak Street Elementary School	<u>\$ 13,831,158</u>	<u>\$ 13,831,158</u>
Total	<u>\$ 54,022,079</u>	<u>\$54,022,079</u>

11. Approve the amendment to the district's 2026/2027 Preschool budget approved by the State of NJ after the adoption of the Public Hearing Budget on April 29, 2026 as follows:

PRESCHOOL EDUCATION BUDGET 26-27				
		ADOPTED BUDGET	AMENDED	CHANGE (+/-)
Program				
GF Contribution - Regular:		\$ 1,416,562.00	\$ 1,367,992.00	\$ (48,570.00)
Current Year PEA:		\$ 5,337,298.00	\$ 5,337,298.00	\$ -

Total Revenues :		\$ 6,753,860.00	\$ 6,705,290.00	\$ (48,570.00)
Description	Account Number			
State Projects: Instruction - Preschool Education Aid				
Salaries of Teachers	20-218-100-101	\$ 1,102,348.00	\$ 1,102,348.00	\$ -
Other Salaries for Instruction	20-218-100-106	\$ 668,401.00	\$ 668,401.00	\$ -
General Supplies	20-218-100-600	\$ 212,364.00	\$ 206,002.00	\$ (6,362.00)
Other Objects	20-218-100-800	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL INSTRUCTION		\$ 1,993,113.00	\$ 1,986,751.00	\$ (6,362.00)
	20-218-200-102	\$ 93,248.00	\$ 93,248.00	\$ -
Salaries of Program Directors	20-218-200-103	\$ 199,400.00	\$ 199,400.00	\$ -
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	20-218-200-104	\$ 101,396.00	\$ 101,396.00	\$ -
Salaries of Community Parent Involvement Specialists	20-218-200-173	\$ 97,865.00	\$ 97,865.00	\$ -
Salaries of Master Teachers	20-218-200-176	\$ 351,711.00	\$ 351,711.00	\$ -
Personal Services Employee Benefits	20-218-200-200	\$ 1,935,779.00	\$ 1,935,779.00	\$ -
Purchased Educational Services - Contracted Pre-K	20-218-200-321	\$ 1,545,028.00	\$ 1,617,820.00	\$ 72,792.00
Other Personal Professional-Educational Services	20-218-200-329	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
Other Purchased Professional Services	20-218-200-330	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (115,000.00)
Supplies and Materials	20-218-200-600	\$ 31,320.00	\$ 31,320.00	\$ -
Other Objects	20-218-200-800	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES		\$ 4,610,747.00	\$ 4,568,539.00	\$ (42,208.00)
Instructional Equipment	20-218-400-731	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL FACILITIES ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES		\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET		\$ 6,753,860.00	\$ 6,705,290.00	\$ (48,570.00)

12. Approve and Authorize Business Administrator to make payments on the 2025-26 grant purchase orders as it pertains to the closing of the grant liquidation period. These bills are required to be paid by September 30, 2026 and taken credit on the Nonpublic Completion Report. Payment of these bills will be ratified at the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting.

13. **READ-IN-** Kevin Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary - Motion to approve to request an additional \$14,879,634 in State Aid loan advance to pay for Nonpublic hazardous bussing.

***State Monitor, Louise Davis- Under Advisement**

****On October 27, 2026, State Monitor, Louise Davis wrote a letter stating that she is exercising her statutory authority to deny this resolution in the best interest of the District's fiscal health and in accordance with her statutory obligation to ensure the responsible use of public funds.***

14. **READ-IN-** Kevin Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary - Motion to approve to request an additional \$5 (five) million dollars in State Aid load advance to pay to reinstate full-time paraprofessionals.

****State Monitor, Louise Davis- Under Advisement***

****On October 27, 2026, State Monitor, Louise Davis wrote a letter stating that she is exercising her statutory authority to deny this resolution in the best interest of the District's fiscal health and in accordance with her statutory obligation to ensure the responsible use of public funds.***

B. PROCUREMENT/CONTRACTS

1. Approve the release of the September, 2026 payment to the LSTA not to exceed 1/10th of the total amount of the awarded contract approved on 8/5/2026 in the amount of \$31,041,021.00 which is **\$3,104,102.10**. (11-000-270-511-00-NPUB)
2. Move to renew Xtract One Technologies Inc. to provide support services for two (2) devices supplied for the Smart Detection Concealed Weapons Systems at the following costs for 2026/2027. (11-000-266-300-00-0000)
 - Maintenance (2 systems) \$47,200
 - Subscription (1 year) \$21,107
 - Total Amount \$68,307 for 2026/2027**

In addition, move to approve the past due payment to Xtract One Technologies, Inc. in the following amounts:

- Due March 2026 \$26,898
 - Due October 2025 (1 system retained by the district) \$21,107
 - Restocking Fee (3 systems) \$15,000
 - Total Past Due Amount \$68,307 for 2025/2026**
 - Total past Due and Current amount \$131,312.**
3. WHEREAS, Bid **03-2627** for Substitute Staffing Services was Board approved on May 27, 2026 and awarded to ESS Northeast; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2026 the Board approved the Second and Third lowest bidders, Kelly Services Inc. and Edustaff, LLC for Substitute Staffing Services in addition to ESS Northeast to insure the provision of a 100% fill rate for Paraprofessionals; and

WHEREAS, the Second and Third lowest bidders will not enter into a contract with the District to provide such services as they expected to be the sole provider of such services; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the lowest bidder is unable to guarantee a 100% fill rate on a daily basis for Paraprofessionals; and

WHEREAS, the District must provide Paraprofessionals to be in compliance with students' Individual Education Plans(IEP); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7 permits an emergency contract to be awarded without public advertising for bids or bidding, notwithstanding that the total cost exceeds the district's bid threshold, provided that the contracting agent is satisfied that an emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, acting as the authorized Purchasing Agent for the Board of Education, immediately authorized an emergency contract to alleviate said condition; and

WHEREAS The Board notes that in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1 or N.J.A.C. 6A guidelines), all mandatory documentation—including a copy of the emergency contract/agreement and the written requisition—has been or will be filed with the Executive County Superintendent of Schools within three (3) days of the award; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board award **50 Stars Staffing** to recruit, screen, credential and provide qualified educational, behavioral health, allied health and related professionals to the District on an as needed basis at the following costs:

- Special Education Paraprofessionals \$32 per hour
- Registered Behavior Technicians(RBTs) \$35 per hour
- Other educational professionals as requested

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Payment to the vendor is contingent upon the submission of a valid New Jersey Business Registration Certificate (BRC) and required Affirmative Action evidence (Certificate of Employee Information Report) prior to the disbursement of public funds, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44(k) and

N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.9.

Total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 (15-190-100-320-xx-xxxx and 11-190-100-320-00-0000)

4. Be it Resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC to provide Special Education Legal Services at the rates of \$250.00 per hour for Partners, \$200.00 per hour for Associates, \$100.00 per hour for work conducted by a law clerk or paralegal, for an additional amount not to exceed \$220,000.00 for the 2026/2027 school year. (11-000-230-331-00-0001)
5. Move to approve the purchase of the 2017 Ford Box Truck (VIN# 1FDUF4GY9HCD21001) from the Lakewood Board of Education Food Service Enterprise Fund to the Nonpublic Nursing and Nonpublic Technology Grants. The purchase price has been estimated at fair market value of \$20,000. This purchase will be used for the delivery of items purchased through Nonpublic Nursing and Nonpublic Technology Grants and delivery to the Nonpublic Schools in Lakewood. Budget account (20-509-400-732-29-2520-ADM/20-510-400-732-29-2520-ADM)
6. Approve Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, Lagana, LLC to provide Special Education Legal Services to the Lakewood School District, for the 2026-2027 school year, as assigned at a cost of \$205 per hour for all Attorneys and \$95 for paralegals and law clerks, not to exceed \$150,000 (11-000-230-331-00-0001)
7. **Resolved**, that the Lakewood Board of Education hereby approves the advertisement and solicitation of qualified legal counsel to provide special education legal services to the District, in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and procurement requirements.
8. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas LLP to provide legal services to Dr. Laura A. Winters, Superintendent, in connection with the matter entitled Vega, A. v. Lakewood Board of Education & Laura A. Winters (personally), bearing Docket No. OCN-L-1637-23, and any other matters that may arise, at the rates of \$350.00 per hour for Partners, \$250.00 per hour for Associates, and \$150.00 per hour for Paralegals, for a total additional amount not to exceed \$20,000;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such services shall be provided in accordance with applicable law and Board policy, and only to the extent that the acts giving rise to the representation occurred within the scope of Dr. Winters' employment and authority; to be paid through budget account #11-000-230-331-00-0001.

9. **WHEREAS, Bid 03-2627** for Substitute Staffing Services was Board-approved on May 27, 2026, and awarded to ESS Northeast; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2026 the Board approved the Second and Third lowest bidders, Kelly Services Inc. and Edustaff, LLC for Substitute Staffing Services in addition to ESS Northeast to insure the provision of a 100% fill rate for Paraprofessionals; and

WHEREAS, the Second and Third lowest bidders will not enter into a contract with the District to provide such services as they expected to be the sole provider of such services; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the lowest bidder is unable to guarantee a 100% fill rate on a daily basis for Paraprofessionals; and

WHEREAS, the District must provide Paraprofessionals to be in compliance with students' Individual Education Plans(IEP); and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board award Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission to recruit, screen, credential and provide qualified educational paraprofessional services to the District on an as needed basis at the following cost:

- Part-Time Paraprofessionals \$34 per hour

Total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 (15-190-100-320-xx-xxxx and 11-190-100-320-00-0000).

10. Move to Record and Award CC 07-2627 for **NJ High Impact Tutoring Grant Services**. Seven (7) responses were received on 9/4/2026 @ 10:00 a.m. and reviewed by an Evaluation Committee as follows:

The Seven (7) responses were received by the following vendors:

1. Braintrust Tutors, Inc.
100 Vandam St
Suite 5A
New York, NY 10013
2. Tutored by Teachers
2093 Philadelphia Pike #7265
Claymont, DE 19703

3. Imagine Learning, LLC
100S Mill Ave #1700
Tempe AZ 85281
4. TOKLA
Tree of Knowledge Learning Academy
428 Clifton Ave.
Lakewood, NJ 08701
5. NJ Tutoring Corps. Inc.
96 Clinton Ave PMB 330
Newark NJ 07714
6. Little Scholars LLC
1512 Willow Lawn Dr.
Richmond, VA 23230
7. Catapult Learning
150 Rouse Blvd. suite 210
Philadelphia, PA 19112

		TECHNICAL	MANAGEMENT
		MAX 30 PTS	MAX 40 PTS
SCORER #1	Braintrust Tutors, Inc.	30	40
	Tutored by Teachers	28	17
	Imagine Learning, LLC	26	30
	TOKLA Tree of Knowledge Learning Academy	30	40
	NJ Tutoring Corps. Inc.	24	28
	Little Scholars LLC	16	26
	Catapult Learning	30	40
SCORER #2	Braintrust Tutors	30	40
	Tutored by Teachers	29	20
	Imagine Learning	26	30
	TOKLA	29	40
	NJ Tutoring	26	31
	Little Scholars	18	26
	Catapult Learning	30	38

SCORER #3	Braintrust Tutors	30	40
	Tutored by Teachers	29	17
	Imagine Learning	26	32
	TOKLA	30	40
	NJ Tutoring	25	34
	Little Scholars	16	26
	Catapult Learning	30	40

AVERAGE SCORES		
	TECH	MANAGEMENT
Braintrust Tutors	30	40
Tutored by Teachers	28.67	18
Imagine Learning	26	30.67
TOKLA	29.67	40
NJ Tutoring	25	27.67
Little Scholars	16.67	26
Catapult Learning	30	39.33

The District requested a Cost Per Day and a Cost Per Hour on the proposal page. The following costs were presented: **The Maximum Cost points is 30.**

Based on a maximum **30 points for cost** the following are the scores for this component per vendor eliminating NJ Tutoring Corp as their proposal was not compliant in the cost area.

	Braintrust Tutors	Tutored by Teachers	Imagine Learning	Tree of Knowledge	NJ Tutoring Corp	Little Scholars, LLC	Catapult LEARNING
COST PER DAY	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$450.00	\$690.00	Unclear/Presented different scenarios which was not requested by the district. RFP rejected, could not accurately score the cost component	\$810.00	\$636.00

Points Received	18.75	18.75	30	19.56	n/a	16.67	21.23
COST PER HOUR	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$75.00	\$115.00	\$66.88	\$135.00	\$106.00
Points Received	18.75	18.75	30	19.56	n/a	16.67	21.26
Total Average of both cost components	18.75	18.75	30	19.56	n/a	16.67	21.26

Total points for all 3 components for all vendors based on the average per category for all evaluators.

TOTAL AVERAGE SCORES					
	TECH	MANAGEMENT	COST	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
Braintrust Tutors	30	40	18.75	88.75	3
Tutored by Teachers	28.67	18	18.73	65.4	Rejected below 75 pts
Imagine Learning	26	30.67	30	86.67	4
TOKLA	29.67	40	19.57	89.24	2
NJ Tutoring	25	27.67	n/a	52.67	Rejected below 75 pts and inaccurate cost component
Little Scholars	16.67	26	16.67	59.34	Rejected below 75 pts
Catapult Learning	30	39.33	21.23	90.56	1

***Full Committee Report can be viewed on the District Website.**

Recommend the award for CC 07-2627 for NJ High Impact Tutoring to Catapult Learning as they presented a responsive and responsible proposal and received the highest overall score of 90.56 points for these services, price and other factors considered. These services will be funded 100% by the NJ High Impact Tutoring Grant allocation not to exceed \$199,280.00.

Award is pending advertisement of the full Committee Report on the District website for 48 hours prior to contract award as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.5.

11. Approve Lenox Law Firm to provide Special Education Legal Services to the Lakewood School District, for the 2026-2027 school year, as assigned at a cost of \$250 per hour for all Partners and \$185 for Associates, not to exceed \$100,000 (11-000-230-331-00-0001)

C. FACILITIES USAGE- NONE AT THIS MEETING

D. OPERATIONS:

1. Transportation:

- a. Approval to award a Parental contract to the parents of Lakewood public school students in the amount of the per diem rate multiplied by the total number of days, for significant medical issues, to transport their child(ren) to and from approved schools located in NJ in accordance with NJAC 6A:27-1.5 and NJAC 6A:27-7.7. This assignment has been made in collaboration with the child's CST, District Physician, and Transportation department. Approval will allow the district to remain consistent with applicable federal requirements, student safety and welfare considerations, and the District's obligation to exercise appropriate fiscal responsibility.

Total award to parents: \$509,514.90

ROUTE#	NOTES	DAYS	TOTAL	ACCOUNT
SCHICK- 945346	\$79.20	210	\$16,632.00	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIBS- 936320	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIGK- 938974	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHILR- 912512	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIRA- 927382 & 922855	\$96.19	210	\$20,199.90	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIRM- 946202	\$79.20	210	\$16,632.00	11-000-270-511-00-0000

SCHIAB- 948072	\$79.20	210	\$16,632.00	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIAP- 948767	\$79.20	210	\$16,632.00	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHICS- 920939	\$58.22	210	\$12,226.20	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIDC- 941147	\$79.20	210	\$16,632.00	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIDS- 944501	\$79.20	210	\$16,632.00	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIFD- 918521	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHILY- 921114	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIMF- 923405	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIMG- 946542	\$79.20	210	\$16,632.00	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIMS- 925452	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHINM- 924244	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIRB- 905583	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIRJ- 910484	\$79.20	210	\$16,632.00	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIRN- 943232	\$79.20	210	\$16,632.00	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIRZ- 932139	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHISA- 923912	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHISB- 916253	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHISK- 947367	\$79.20	210	\$16,632.00	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHISN- 948688	\$79.20	157	\$12,434.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHITA- 927388	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHITH- 908014	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIYG- 930021	\$79.20	210	\$16,632.00	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIYH- 920962	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SCHIZY- 913355	\$83.84	210	\$17,606.40	11-000-270-511-00-0000

- b. Due to a change in the drop-off times from what was originally bid under T03-2627 contractor J&M was no longer able to accommodate SC1 and SC4. The next lowest bidders, Seman-Tov & Jays, were also unable to accommodate these changes. SC4 has been reassigned to Klarr, and SC1 is able to be accommodated by DAG. Below are the updated results with corresponding notes.

Dag= \$60,120.00

Klarr= \$55,440.00

	DAG							
ROUTE NUMBER	ROUTE COST	PER DIEM/PER	INC/ DEC	TOTAL PER DIEM ROUTE COST	DAYS	TOTAL	AWARD	ACCOUNT

		AIDE/NURSE COST						
ROUTE								
SC1*	\$289.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 0.01	\$ 334.00	180	\$60,120.00	AWARD	11-000-270-511-00-0000
SC4*	\$319.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 0.01	\$ 364.00	180	\$65,520.00		
	KLARR							
ROUTE NUMBER	ROUTE COST	PER DIEM/PER AIDE/NURSE COST	INC/DEC	TOTAL PER DIEM ROUTE COST	DAYS	TOTAL	AWARD	ACCOUNT
ROUTE								
SC1*	\$335.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.01	\$ 385.00	180	\$69,300.00		
SC4*	\$258.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.01	\$ 308.00	180	\$55,440.00	AWARD	11-000-270-514-00-0000
	J&M							
ROUTE NUMBER	ROUTE COST	PER DIEM/PER AIDE/NURSE COST	INC/DEC	TOTAL PER DIEM ROUTE COST	DAYS	TOTAL	AWARD	ACCOUNT
ROUTE								
SC1*	\$160.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 0.01	\$ 188.00	180	\$33,840.00	Time Change unable to accommodate	
SC4*	\$160.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 0.01	\$ 188.00	180	\$33,840.00	Time Change unable to accommodate	
	JAY'S							
ROUTE NUMBER	ROUTE COST	PER DIEM/PER AIDE/NURSE COST	INC/DEC	TOTAL PER DIEM ROUTE COST	DAYS	TOTAL	AWARD	ACCOUNT
ROUTE								
SC1*	\$210.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.01	\$ 260.00	180	\$46,800.00	not able to accommodate as the next lowest bidder	
SC4*	\$210.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.01	\$ 260.00	180	\$46,800.00	not able to accommodate as the next lowest bidder	
	SEMAN-TOV							
ROUTE NUMBER	ROUTE COST	PER DIEM/PER AIDE/NURSE COST	INC/DEC	TOTAL PER DIEM ROUTE COST	DAYS	TOTAL	AWARD	ACCOUNT
ROUTE								

SC1*	\$180.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.01	\$ 230.00	180	\$41,400.00	not able to accommodate as the next lowest bidder
SC4*	\$180.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.01	\$ 230.00	180	\$41,400.00	not able to accommodate as the next lowest bidder

**c. SOMERSET COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION
991 Route 22 West, Suite 301 • Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

2026-2027 School Year

Resolution/Agreement for Participation in Coordinated Transportation Services

WHEREAS Lakewood Township School District (“Board”) desires to transport special education, public and vocational school students to specific destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (“SCESC”) offers coordinated transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the SCESC will organize, provide and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed the Board will pay prorated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 5.5%, as presented to the Board as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the SCESC. The total amount to be charged to the Board will be adjusted based on actual costs. Payments will be due within 30 days of receipt by the district and deemed late after 60 days with an additional 1% fee for late payments. At the discretion of the SCESC, late fee charges may be waived for extenuating circumstances.

- i. The SCESC will provide the following services for Special Education Transportation:

Routes coordinated with other districts when possible to achieve a maximum cost reduction while maintaining a realistic capacity and travel time;

1. Monthly billing and invoices;
2. Student lists for all routes coordinated by SCESC;

3. All information necessary for the accurate submission of the District Report of Transported Resident Students;
4. All necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
5. Constant/timely review and revision of routes;
6. Transportation as soon as possible after receipt of the formal written request;
7. Timely submission of contracts, contract renewals or contract addenda to the county office for approval.

ii. The SCESC will provide the following services for Nonpublic Transportation:

Routes coordinated with other districts when possible to achieve a maximum cost reduction while maintaining a realistic capacity and travel time;

1. Monthly billing of all district nonpublic students within State allocated funding;
2. Student lists for all routes coordinated by SCESC;
3. All information necessary for the accurate submission of the District Report of Transported Resident Students;
4. All necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
5. Transportation provided within five days or sooner during school year after receipt of the formal, signed, written request and B6T form;
6. Timely submission of contracts, contract renewals or contract addenda to the

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will provide the SCESC with the following:

Copies of district policies as they relate to ride time or other specific transportation parameters;

1. Request for transportation on forms or software provided by the SCESC, completed in full and signed by authorized district personnel;

2. Forms will contain all necessary and relevant information, medical or otherwise, regarding individual student's condition and transportation needs;
3. Withdrawal or long term suspension (over 5 school days) for any special education transportation communicated in writing by authorized district personnel; no billing adjustments will be made if not submitted in writing in advance;
4. Strict adherence to the established payment schedule.

iii. Additional Cost:

1. All additional costs generated by unique requests, including but not limited to mid-day runs or early dismissals, will be borne by the district making such requests. It is understood that any change in the number of students being transported on each route, or changes in mileage during the course of the year may necessitate a reapportionment and adjustment of costs. If an athletic or field trip charter cancellation occurs after the bus departs from the terminal, a cancellation fee of the first 2 hours of the scheduled trip contracted amount will be charged.
2. The SCESC accepts no responsibility for assuring a pupil's use of arranged transportation or attendance on an established route. Once assigned to a route, the monthly billings for the pupil's reserved seat will continue until the SCESC is otherwise notified, in writing, to delete the pupil from the assigned route.
3. The SCESC will contract transportation each day while school or classes attended are in session unless the Board's district is closed due to weather conditions (snow, ice, flooding, etc.). The SCESC accepts no responsibility for defaults by transportation contractors; however, the SCESC will make every effort to re-establish transportation expediently.
4. Other Services: The SCESC also provides safety training, and other related transportation services for an additional fee as a shared services program, the Board may participate at any time.
5. Length of Agreement: This agreement and obligations and requirements therein shall be in effect between September 1, 2025 and August 31, 2026.
6. Entire Agreement: This agreement constitutes the entire and only agreement between the parties and may be

amended by an instrument in writing over authorized signature.

7. It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that this agreement shall be without force and effect until it shall have been approved by the Executive County Superintendent of the County of Somerset.

- d. Move to approve payment to the SCESC for displaced Special Education Student ID#933024 for an amount not to exceed \$59,818.50 for the 26/27 SY. To be paid through budget acct# 11-000-270-514-00-0000.
- e. Move to approve at no additional cost to the district and in accordance with N.J.A.C. (6A: 27-1.6, 9.3, & 9.15) the subcontracting of routes between Jays Bus Service, DAG Transport, & Seman-Tov for routes HS10, SO2, SO5, S5, S17.
- f. Move to **record and award Bid T12-2627** received on 9/10/26 @ 10am for two routes for the Center for Education's 6:30pm dismissal as follows:

Total award Seman-tov: \$67,200.00

VENDOR- DAG								
Route	Rt Cost	Aide	Inc/Dec	Total Rt Cost	Days	Total	Award	Acct#
OWTCC25P*	\$ 269.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.01	\$319.00	160	\$51,040.00		
OWTCC25P*	\$ 289.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.01	\$339.00	160	\$54,240.00		
VENDOR- SEMANTOV								
Route	Rt Cost	Aide	Inc/Dec	Total Rt Cost	Days	Total	Award	Acct#
OWTCC25P*	\$ 150.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 0.01	\$210.00	160	\$33,600.00	Award	11-000-270-514-00-0000
OWTCC25P*	\$ 150.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 0.01	\$210.00	160	\$33,600.00	Award	11-000270-514-00-0000

- g. Move to record and award **RFQ-T02-2627** as follows for the specialized transportation of Student ID#944899 to and from Ocean Academy Charter School:

Total award to J&M Transit=\$16,851.00

							AWARD	ACCOUNT
Contractor: A2Z								
Route	Per Diem	Aide	Inc/Dec	Total Per Diem	Days	Total		
SOACS	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 140.00	123	\$17,220.00		
Contractor: HARTNETT TRANSIT								
Route	Per Diem	Aide	Inc/Dec	Total Per Diem	Days	Total		
SOACS	\$ 120.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 168.00	123	\$20,664.00		
Contractor: J&M TRANSIT								
Route	Per Diem	Aide	Inc/Dec	Total Per Diem	Days	Total		
SOACS	\$ 115.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 0.01	\$ 137.00	123	\$16,851.00	AWARD	11-000-270-511-00-0000
Contractor: PRESIDENTIAL								
Route	Per Diem	Aide	Inc/Dec	Total Per Diem	Days	Total		
SOACS	\$ 499.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.01	\$ 599.00	123	\$73,677.00		
Contractor: ST MARK SCHOOL BUS								
Route	Per Diem	Aide	Inc/Dec	Total Per Diem	Days	Total		
SOACS	\$ 250.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 330.00	123	\$40,590.00		

h. Move to record and award Trip quote #1-#7 as follows:

			AWARD	ACCOUNT
CONTRACTOR: ST MARK				
TRIP #	COST PER BUS	TOTAL		
Trip #1	NQ			
Trip #2	\$ 355.00	\$ 355.00	AWARD	15-000-270-512-03-0003
Trip #3	\$ 177.00	\$ 177.00	AWARD	15-000-270-512-03-0003
Trip #4	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00	AWARD	15-000-270-512-03-0003
Trip #5	\$ 287.00	\$ 287.00		
Trip #6	\$ 287.00	\$ 287.00		
Trip #7	NQ			
CONTRACTOR: HAPPY LIME				
TRIP #	COST PER BUS	TOTAL		
Trip #1	\$ 610.00	\$ 610.00	AWARD	SGA CLUB FUNDS
Trip #2	\$ 540.00	\$ 540.00		
Trip #3	\$ 510.00	\$ 510.00		
Trip #4	\$ 540.00	\$ 540.00		

Trip #5	\$ 580.00	\$ 580.00		
Trip #6	\$ 580.00	\$ 580.00		
Trip #7	\$ 580.00	\$ 580.00	AWARD	15-000-270-512-03-0003
CONTRACTOR: J&M TRANSIT				
TRIP #	COST PER BUS	TOTAL		
Trip #1	NQ			
Trip #2	NQ			
Trip #3	NQ			
Trip #4	NQ			
Trip #5	\$ 660.00	\$ 660.00		
Trip #6	\$ 660.00	\$ 660.00		
Trip #7	\$ 660.00	\$ 660.00		
CONTRACTOR: HARTNETT TRANSIT				
TRIP #	COST PER BUS	TOTAL		
Trip #1	\$ 692.00	\$ 692.00		
Trip #2	\$ 440.00	\$ 440.00		
Trip #3	\$ 274.00	\$ 274.00		
Trip #4	\$ 440.00	\$ 440.00		
Trip #5	\$ 184.00	\$ 184.00	AWARD	15-000-270-512-03-0003
Trip #6	\$ 184.00	\$ 184.00	AWARD	15-000-270-512-03-0003
Trip #7	\$ 692.00	\$ 692.00		
CONTRACTOR: PRESIDENTIAL				
TRIP #	COST PER BUS	TOTAL		
Trip #1	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		
Trip #2	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		
Trip #3	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		
Trip #4	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		
Trip #5	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		
Trip #6	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		
Trip #7	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		

- i. **READ-IN-** Kevin Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. Stern put a motion for the following:

Approve the reinstatement of courtesy bussing to all public school students.

Motion to reinstate courtesy bussing for Public school students:

First: Mr. Stern

Second: Mr. Rodriguez

Moshe Bender-President	<u>Y</u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>Y</u>
Aaron Chase	<u>Y</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>Y</u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>Y</u>
Samuel Melnik	<u>Y</u>
Abraham Reich	<u>Y</u>
Shlomie Stern	<u>Y</u>
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	<u>Y</u>

j. **READ-IN-** Kevin Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary:

Mr. Stern put a motion for the following:

Motion to provide hazardous-route transportation for eligible nonpublic-school students:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lakewood Board of Education hereby authorizes payment to the Lakewood Student Transportation Authority (LSTA) to fund hazardous-route transportation for eligible nonpublic-school students, consistent with the District's continued funding of hazardous-route transportation for public-school students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payment shall be based on the District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS) for up to **12,642 students**, at an amount not to exceed **\$1,177 per student**, for a total amount not to exceed **\$14,879,634**, subject to verification of student eligibility, supporting documentation.

Motion to provide hazardous-route transportation for eligible nonpublic-school students:

First: Mr. Grunhut

Second: Mrs. Westbrook Goldberg

Moshe Bender-President	<u>Abstain</u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>Y</u>
Aaron Chase	<u>Y</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>Y</u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>Abstain</u>
Samuel Melnik	<u>Y</u>

Abraham Reich	<u>Y</u>
Shlomie Stern	<u>Abstain</u>
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	<u>Y</u>

***State Monitor, Louise Davis- Under Advisement**

***On October 27, 2026, State Monitor, Louise Davis wrote a letter stating that she is exercising her statutory authority to deny this resolution in the best interest of the District's fiscal health and in accordance with her statutory obligation to ensure the responsible use of public funds.**

2. Food Service

- a. None at this Meeting

3. Maintenance

- a. Approve Hutchins HVAC Inc., an MOESC approved contract vendor. **Bid # MOESC 26-14** to perform preventative maintenance as per manufacturer's specifications for the district's 13 boilers, to meet state boiler inspection requirements at a cost of \$48,375.00. (11-000-261-420-15-0721).

Motion to Approve the Business Administrator Agenda: 11:32pm

First: Mr. Rodriguez **Second:** Mr. Reich

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	<u>Y</u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>Y</u>
Aaron Chase	<u>Y</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>Y</u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>Absent</u>
Samuel Melnik	<u>Y</u>
Abraham Reich	<u>Y</u>
Shlomie Stern	<u>Y</u>
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	<u>Y</u>

X. AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. PERSONNEL

1. Retirements

Name	Title/Role	Effective
STURMAN, JANET	6TH GRADE LLD SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER- LMS	JANUARY 1, 2027
CORREIA, CHERYL	ESL TEACHER- CAGS	JANUARY , 2027

2. Resignations

Name	Title/Role	Effective
DEVICO, SANDRA	PART-TIME PARAPROFESSIONAL- SPRUCE	AUGUST 26, 2026
PINTER, HENNY	SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER/TOD- SPRUCE	AUGUST 26, 2026
FLINT, TYLER	MUSIC TEACHER- LHS	OCTOBER 24, 2026 OR SOONER
KELLY, KATHLEEN	SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST- CST- LHS	OCTOBER 27, 2026
SCHORR, LEAH	SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST- CST	OCTOBER 28, 2026
DEMARINIS, JENNA	PARAPROFESSIONAL- SPRUCE	AUGUST 28, 2026
PETRALIA, JACLYN	PARAPROFESSIONAL- LMS	SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
BRANDL, CHRISTINA	SPECIAL EDUCATION ABA PRESCHOOL TEACHER- SPRUCE	JULY 19, 2026
WALKER, STEPHANIE	INTERVENTION TEACHER- OAK	JUNE 30, 2026

CHIRICHELO, LINDSEY	PRESCHOOL TEACHER- OAK	NOVEMBER 16, 2026 OR SOONER
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3. Appointments: *(New employees must provide all new hire documentation prior to three (3) Business days before their scheduled start date. Should documentation not be provided, the new employee may not start as scheduled until all documentation has been received.)*

a) Certificated

Name	Title/Role	Salary	Effective	Account #
SANDIN, KATELYN	HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER- LMS	STEP 4, BA- SALARY- \$62,696.00 (PENDING LEA NEGOTIATIONS)	SEPTEMBER 2, 2026* (*AMENDMENT TO THE AUGUST 26, 2026)	15-130-100-101-04-0004 (REPLACEMENT FOR G. COVIELLO- RESIGNED)
DONSKY, SAMUEL	BAND TEACHER- LMS	STEP 7, MA- SALARY- \$66,596.00 (PENDING LEA NEGOTIATIONS)	OCTOBER 5, 2026	15-130-100-101-04-0004 (REPLACEMENT FOR Z. GRUN- TRANSFERRED)

b) Non-Certificated

Name	Title/Role	Salary	Effective	Account #

c) Unaffiliated

Name	Title/Role	Salary	Effective	Account #

*Appointment subject to approval of Criminal History background check by State Department of Education, as per NJSA 18A:6-7-1, et. seq., NJSA 18A:39-17 et. seq., or NJSA 18A:6-4.13 et seq., as applicable.

****As required by law and code, this Emergent Employee Resolution, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that this person be employed by the Board of Education of the Lakewood Public School District in the County of Ocean on an emergent basis.**

***** This position does not include the following:**

Medical Coverage	Personal Days
Dental Coverage	Professional Days
Prescriptions	Vacation Days
Optical Coverage	Sick Days
Reimbursement for Credits	

Payment will not be made by the Board of Education Business Office until a contract is fully executed by the Board and prior to work commencing, reviewed and initiated by General Counsel.

4. Leave of Absences- **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the following leave(s) of absence in accordance with Board policy, collective bargaining agreements, and applicable state and federal laws.

New Certified			
Name	Position	Type of Leave	Start-End/Return
Ding, Cecelia	Teacher - Clifton	Paid - Family Leave - Intermittent (9/23/26–6/30/27)	9/23/26–6/30/27
Herriger, Candy	Teacher - LHS	Paid - Family Leave - Intermittent (9/2/26–9/28/26)	9/2/26–9/28/26
Kaufman, Carolyn	Teacher - OSS	Paid - Family Leave - Intermittent (9/7/26–9/18/26) Unpaid - Family Leave - Intermittent (9/21/26–10/16/26)	9/7/26–10/16/26
Palmieri, Heather	Teacher - Clifton	Paid - Family Leave - Intermittent (9/1/26–6/1/27)	9/1/26–6/2/26

Parlow, Kathleen	Teacher - LMS	Unpaid - Family Leave (9/8/26–3/8/27) Unpaid - Contractual (3/9/26–6/30/27)	9/8/26–6/30/27
Stead, Thomas	Athletic Director - LHS	Paid - Family Leave (9/3/26–9/17/26)	9/3/26–9/18/26
Sturman, Janet	Teacher - LMS	Paid - Family Leave (9/1/26–10/1/26)	9/1/26–10/2/26
Revised- Non Certified			
Name	Position	Revised Type of Leave To:	Revised Type of Leave from:
Garcia, Lisette	Admin/Sec. - Clifton	Paid - Family Leave (8/24/26–11/23/26) Returning: 11/24/26	Correction from 8/23: *Paid - Medical (8/24/26– 11/20/26) *Paid Minus Sub - Medical (11/23/26-11/24/26) Returning: 11/24/26

5. Transfers

Name	From	To	Effective	Rationale/Account #
BETHEA, ADAM	PARAPROFESSIONAL- SPRUCE	PARAPROFESSIONAL - LMS	SEPTEMBER 2, 2026	15-212-100-106-04-0004
GRUN, ZACHARY	MUSIC TEACHER- LMS	MUSIC TEACHER- LHS	SEPTEMBER 2, 2026	15-140-100-101-03-0003 (REPLACEMENT FOR T. FLINT- RESIGNED)
FLINT, TYLER	MUSIC TEACHER- LHS	MUSIC TEACHER- LMS	SEPTEMBER 2, 2026	15-130-100-101-04-0004 (REPLACEMENT FOR Z. GRUN- TRANSFERRED)

CABLE, KIMBERLY	SOCIAL WORKER, CST- SPRUCE	SOCIAL WORKER, CST- PRESCHOOL INTAKE	SEPTEMBER 24, 2026	11-000-219-104-13-0013
WEHRENBURG, KRISTINA	SOCIAL WORKER, CST- SPRUCE	SOCIAL WORKER, CST- PRESCHOOL INTAKE	SEPTEMBER 24, 202	11-000-219-104-13-0013
TEJADA, EVELYN	SOCIAL WORKER, CST- PRESCHOOL INTAKE	SOCIAL WORKER, CST- SPRUCE	SEPTEMBER 24, 2026	11-000-219-104-13-0013
WIECZERZAK, HEIDI	SOCIAL WORKER, CST- PRESCHOOL INTAKE	SOCIAL WORKER, CST- LHS	SEPTEMBER 24, 2026	11-000-219-104-13-0013
MCNEILL, MARIA	SOCIAL WORKER, CST- OAK	SOCIAL WORKER, CST- SPRUCE	SEPTEMBER 24, 2026	11-000-219-104-13-0013
BRUNO, SALLY	SOCIAL WORKER- COUNSELING- OAK-	SOCIAL WORKER, CST- OAK	SEPTEMBER 24, 2026	11-000-219-104-13-0013

6. Salary Adjustments

Name	From Step/Salary	To Step/Salary	Effective	Account #

7. Stipends

a. Child Study Team Member

Summer Employment Per LEA Contract Article VI

To be paid as part of the yearly salary

Effective: July 1, 2026

Terminating: June 30, 2027

* At current step and salary pending LEA negotiations

Last Name	First Name	Stipend
MENACHE	EVELYN	\$9,849.60* (CORRECTION FROM THE 4/29/26 AGENDA)

8. Tuition Reimbursement

Approve the following teachers to be reimbursed for the cost of the class listed. Reimbursement to be given upon proof of completion, as per the LEA contract.

Name	Credits	School/Class	Cost	Account #
Laura Choffey	3	SPED 6210 Introduction to the Exceptional Child	\$576.00	11-000-291-280-00-0000
		Total	\$576.00	

9. Professional Development

Name	Date	Title/Company	Cost	Account
MALKA STEIN	OCTOBER 28, 2026 OCTOBER 29, 2026	STEAM SHOWCASE EDISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$0	N/A
KRISTIN FOGARTY	OCTOBER 28, 2026 OCTOBER 29, 2026	STEAM SHOWCASE EDISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$0	N/A
JACQUELYN BURKE	SEPTEMBER 30, 2026	ETHICS & AI- SRI & ETTC ONLINE WORKSHOP	\$58.00	20-270-200-500-29- 2520-000
JESSICA CERCHIO	OCTOBER 3, 2026 NOVEMBER 21, 2026 JANUARY 9, 2027 FEBRUARY 20, 2027 MARCH 13, 2027 APRIL 17, 2027 MAY 8, 2027	CIACC TRAINING AND REPORTING CHILD ABUSE- OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE-119 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753	\$0.00	N/A
KATHERINE BONELLI	SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 OCTOBER 16, 2026 NOVEMBER 13, 2026 DECEMBER 11, 2026 JANUARY 22, 2027 FEBRUARY 19, 2027 MARCH 4-5, 2027 MARCH 19, 2027 APRIL 16, 2027 MAY 21, 2027	OCEAN COUNTY REGION OF STUDENT ASSISTANCE COUNSELORS	\$0.00	N/A

JESSICA RING (MTSS COORDINATOR) STEVE BUKOWINSKI (I&RS COORDINATOR) KRISTIN FOGARTY (DATA COORDINATOR)	OCTOBER 2, 2026	"504 ACCOMMODATION PLANS: UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS, IMPLEMENTATION AND MEASURING EFFECTIVENESS" ALIGNED WITH PSEL STANDARDS 3, 4, AND 6."	NOT TO EXCEED \$425	TITLE II FUNDS ACCOUNT: 20-270-200-500-29-2520-000
TOMORROW'S TEACHERS CLASS AT LHS AND JESSICA KALISA (TEACHER)	NOVEMBER 13, 2026	TOMORROW'S TEACHERS FALL CONFERENCE AT KEAN UNIVERSITY	N/A	15-000-270-512-03-0003 TRANSPORTATION COSTS
KRISTEN REX	OCTOBER 5, 2026	GUIDED PLAY, GROUNDED LEARNING: MAXIMIZING GROWTH THROUGH PLAY-BASED INSTRUCTION" TRAINING AT FEA IN MONROE TWP	\$95 REGISTRATION FEE	TITLE III, ACCOUNT NUMBER 20-241-200-500-29-2520-000
MARJORIE FLECK	MARCH 4 & MARCH 5, 2027	OCEAN COUNTY REGION OF STUDENT ASSISTANCE COUNSELORS "ASAP" NJ (ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT PROFESSIONALS)	\$0.00	N/A
PHYLICE BEVERETTE	JANUARY 8, 2027 FEBRUARY 5, 2027 MARCH 12, 2027 APRIL 23, 2027 MAY 14, 2027	CIACC	\$0.00	N/A
JESSICA BLISS	JANUARY 8, 2027 FEBRUARY 5, 2027 MARCH 12, 2027 APRIL 23, 2027 MAY 14, 2027	CIACC	\$0.00	N/A
KELLY HOWLETT	JANUARY 8, 2027 FEBRUARY 5, 2027 MARCH 12, 2027 APRIL 23, 2027 MAY 14, 2027	CIACC	\$0.00	N/A

MARJORIE FLECK	JANUARY 8, 2027 FEBRUARY 5, 2027 MARCH 12, 2027 APRIL 23, 2027 MAY 14, 2027	CIACC	\$0.00	N/A
TARA NAPOLITANO	OCTOBER 23, 2026 NOVEMBER 20, 2026 JANUARY 8, 2027 FEBRUARY 5, 2027 MARCH 12, 2027 APRIL 23, 2027 MAY 14, 2027	CIACC TRAINING OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE 119 HOOPER AVENUE, TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753	\$0.00	N/A
SHAINY SCHLOSS	OCTOBER 22, 2026	COACHING FOR CHANGE IN PEA CLASSROOMS: DATA-DRIVEN PRACTICES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING SUCCESS; PART 2	N/A	N/A
TARA DEFALCO	OCTOBER 22, 2026	COACHING FOR CHANGE IN PEA CLASSROOMS: DATA-DRIVEN PRACTICES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING SUCCESS; PART 2	N/A	N/A
HENI MOZES	MAY 6, 2027	NJPSA EC SERIES: GROWING VOICES 7 MINDS:BUILDING LITERACY & CONFIDENCE IN P-3 CLASSROOMS	\$95.00	11-000-223-500-00- 0000
TOVA FEIFER	MAY 6, 2027	NJPSA EC SERIES: GROWING VOICES 7 MINDS:BUILDING LITERACY & CONFIDENCE IN P-3 CLASSROOMS	\$95.00	11-000-223-500-00- 0000
ROCHEL LAZEWNIK	MAY 6, 2027	NJPSA EC SERIES: GROWING VOICES 7 MINDS:BUILDING LITERACY & CONFIDENCE IN P-3 CLASSROOMS	\$95.00	11-000-223-500-00- 0000
DEIDRE KROK	OCTOBER 23, 2026	CIACC HOMELESS YOUTH & DCF	N/A	N/A
SHARON SOLAR	OCTOBER 22-23, 2026	44TH ANNUAL AUTISM CONFERENCE	N/A	N/A

CHRISTINA ASLIN	OCTOBER 14, 2026	HESSA COUNSELOR SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP IN-PERSON — STOCKTON UNIVERSITY	N/A	N/A
AMBER PATTERSON / MARGARET BOGAN	OCTOBER 2, 2026	HESSA COUNSELOR SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP IN-PERSON — GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY	N/A	N/A
GLORIA VARELA / MARGARET BOGAN / STEPHANIE TAVARES	OCTOBER 23, 2026	HESSA COUNSELOR SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP- VIRTUAL	N/A	N/A
CORRINE HOFFMAN	OCTOBER 28, 2026	HESSA COUNSELOR SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP IN-PERSON — THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	N/A	N/A
HAILE DONAHOE	SEPTEMBER 28, 2026	SHORE CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP RWJB ARENA TOMS RIVER NORTH	N/A	N/A

B. NONPERSONNEL

1. Policy Adoptions/Revisions

a)

2. Job Descriptions-

a)

3. Out of District Placements-

- a) Approve the 2026-2027 tuition costs for the following out-of-district placements to be paid through budget account #11-000-100-566-00-0000 and #11-000-100-566-00-0001.

ID#	Placement	Per Diem/ Monthly Rate	Aide Per Diem/ Monthly Rate	Billable Days/ Months	Student Program	Total Tuition Cost	Start Date

907989	Collier (EPEC)	\$350.00/Day	N/A	210	ERI	\$73,500.00	07/06/2026 - 06/30/2027
913134	New Road School*	\$245.70/Day	N/A	180	MD	\$44,226.00	09/03/2026 - 06/30/2027
910083	New Road School*	\$452.59/Day	N/A	30	MD	\$13,577.70	07/06/2026 - 08/31/2026
910083	New Road School*	\$302.40/Day	N/A	180	MD	\$54,432.00	09/03/2026 - 06/30/2027
944209	SCHI*	\$830.59/Day	\$225.00/Day	210	MD	\$221,673.90	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
933402	SCHI*	\$830.59/Day	\$225.00/Day	210	MD	\$221,673.90	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
941147	SCHI*	\$830.59/Day	\$225.00/Day	210	MD	\$221,673.90	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
945345	SCHI*	\$830.59/Day	\$225.00/Day	210	MD	\$221,673.90	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
	TOTAL					\$1,072,431.30	

*Correction from June 24, 2026 Agenda

- b) Approve the 2026-2027 tuition costs for the following out-of-district placements to be paid through budget account #11-000-100-565-00-0000 and #11-000-100-565-00-0001.

ID#	Placement	Per Diem/ Monthly Rate	Aide Per Diem/ Monthly Rate	Billable Days/ Months	Student Program	Total Tuition Cost	Start Date
920683	Bayshore Jointure Commission*	\$10,000.00/ Month	\$5,450.00/ Month	10 Months	AUT	\$154,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
940689	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,050.00/ Month	\$5,500.00/ Month	10 Months	MD	\$135,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027

946574	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,050.00/ Month	N/A	10 Months	MD	\$80,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
941991	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,050.00/ Month	\$5,500.00/ Month	10 Months	MD	\$135,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
909533	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,050.00/ Month	N/A	10 Months	MD	\$80,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
930977	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,050.00/ Month	\$5,500.00/ Month	10 Months	MD	\$135,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
939489	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,050.00/ Month	\$5,500.00/ Month	10 Months	MD	\$135,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
941664	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,050.00/ Month	\$5,500.00/ Month	10 Months	MD	\$135,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
939390	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,050.00/ Month	\$5,500.00/ Month	10 Months	MD	\$135,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
940498	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,050.00/ Month	\$5,500.00/ Month	10 Months	MD	\$135,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
937456	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,050.00/ Month	\$5,500.00/ Month	10 Months	MD	\$135,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
926655	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,050.00/ Month	\$5,500.00/ Month	10 Months	MD	\$135,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
942132	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,050.00/ Month	\$5,500.00/ Month	10 Months	MD	\$135,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
934914	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,050.00/ Month	\$5,500.00/ Month	10 Months	MD	\$135,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
932115	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,050.00 /Month	\$5,500.00/ Month	10 Months	MD	\$135,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
941235	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,050.00/ Month	\$5,500.00/ Month	10 Months	MD	\$135,500.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
946574*	Manchester Regional Day	\$8,500.00/ 6 Weeks	N/A	6 Weeks	MD	\$8,500.00	07/01/2026 - 08/12/2026

909635	Neptune Township	\$375.00/Day	N/A	204 Days	MD	\$76,500.00	07/06/2026 - 06/30/2027
926412	Neptune Township	\$375.00/Day	N/A	204 Days	MD	\$76,500.00	07/06/2026 - 06/30/2027
	TOTAL					\$2,238,500.00	

*Correction from June 24, 2026 Agenda -

**Correction from August 26, 2026 Agenda

- c) Approve the 2026-2027 tuition costs for the following out-of-district placements to be paid through budget account #11-000-100-561-00-0000 and #11-000-100-561-00-0001.

ID#	Placement	Per Diem/ Monthly Rate	Aide Per Diem/ Monthly Rate	Billable Days/ Months	Student Program	Total Tuition Cost	Start Date
951670	Neptune Township	\$105.56/Day	N/A	180	MKV	\$19,000.80	09/03/2026 - 06/30/2027
951671	Neptune Township	\$105.56/Day	N/A	180	MKV	\$19,000.80	09/03/2026 - 06/30/2027
	TOTAL					\$38,001.60	

- d) Approve the 2026-2027 tuition costs for the following out-of-district placements to be paid through budget account #11-000-100-567-00-0000.

ID#	Placement	Per Diem/ Monthly Rate	Aide Per Diem/ Monthly Rate	Billable Days/ Months	Student Program	Total Tuition Cost	Start Date
919858	Boston Higashi School	\$897.10/Day	N/A	365 Days	AUT	\$327,441.50	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
	TOTAL					\$327,441.50	

- e) Approve the 2026-2027 tuition costs for the following out-of-district placements to be paid through budget account #11-000-100-569-00-0000.

ID#	Placement	Per Diem/ Monthly Rate	Aide Per Diem/ Monthly Rate	Billable Days/ Months	Student Program	Total Tuition Cost	Start Date
942245	Marie H. Katzenbach School	\$4,410.00/ Month	N/A	1 Month	MD	\$4,410.00	07/06/2026 - 07/30/2026
	TOTAL					\$4,410.00	

- f) Approve the 2024-2025 tuition costs for the following out-of-district placements to be paid through budget account #11-000-100-561-00-0000 and #11-000-100-561-00-0001.

ID#	Placement	Per Diem/ Monthly Rate	Aide Per Diem/ Monthly Rate	Billable Days/ Months	Student Program	Total Tuition Cost	Start Date
951498	Tinton Falls School District	\$1929.10/ Month	\$1,336.00/ Month	10 Months	MKV	\$32,651.00	09/04/2024 - 06/23/2025
	TOTAL						\$32,651.00

- g) Approve the 2025-2026 tuition costs for the following out-of-district placements to be paid through budget account #11-000-100-561-00-0000 and #11-000-100-561-00-0001.

ID#	Placement	Per Diem/ Monthly Rate	Aide Per Diem/ Monthly Rate	Billable Days/ Months	Student Program	Total Tuition Cost	Start Date
951498	Tinton Falls School District	\$2,120.60/ Month	\$1,349.81/ Month	10 Months	MKV	\$34,704.10	09/04/2025 - 06/26/2026
	TOTAL						\$34,704.10

4. Programs- None at this Meeting
5. School Security Drills- None at this Meeting
6. HIB Report- None at this Meeting

C. OTHER

1. Approval of Full-Time Paraprofessional Positions – Spruce Street School Preschool Program 2026–2027 School Year

WHEREAS, the Lakewood Board of Education is committed to providing appropriate educational services and supports for preschool students in accordance with federal and state law; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education has approved the District's 2026–2027 Preschool Education Aid (PEA) Grant, which includes funding for twenty-two (22) full-time paraprofessional positions assigned to the District's preschool program; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lakewood Board of Education hereby approves twenty-two (22) full-time paraprofessional positions, with applicable salary and benefits pursuant to the terms and conditions of employment, to be assigned to the Spruce Street School Preschool Program for the 2026–2027 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the resignation, retirement, or other permanent separation of any of these full-time paraprofessionals, the resulting vacancy shall not be filled as a full-time position. Instead, the vacancy shall be filled with a part-time paraprofessional position, subject to Board approval, available funding, and the staffing needs of the District, provided such action remains consistent with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, collective bargaining obligations, and New Jersey Department of Education Preschool Education Aid requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to implement this resolution and take all administrative actions necessary to effectuate its intent.

Full Time Paraprofessionals by Seniority:

Paraprofessional	Salary for 26-27 pending LEA Negotiations
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Maureen Cusick - 90 credits (Replacement for E. Emporelli)	Step 18- \$29,674.00
Abdellatif Nakhli - 90 credits (Replacement for L. Gavan)	Step 17- \$28,449.00

2. Approve Krista Smith and Stephanie Santiago for the Adult High Teacher positions, at a rate of \$55.00 per hour (pending LEA negotiations), up to 4 hours per week per teacher, from September 28, 2026 through June 22, 2027, total cost not to exceed \$16,720, to be paid through budget account #15-140-100-101-03-0003.

3. Approve the following Part-Time Paraprofessionals:
Effective: See Date Below
Terminating: June 30, 2027
(Not to exceed 29.5 hours per week)
(Account #15-212-100-106-04-0004)
(Account #11-216-100-106-15-0015)
(Account #15-190-100-106-03-0003)
(Account #15-190-100-106-06-0006)
 - Jaclyn Petralia \$21.88 per hour LMS- (9/2/2026)
 - Rebecca Vennettilli \$26.00 per hour SPRUCE- 9/9/2026)
 - Yaquelin Crump \$20.20 per hour LHS (9/8/2026)
 - Ida DeMarco \$21.46 per hour LHS (10/5/2026)
 - Melissa Sorrentino \$23.33 per hour CAGS (10/5/2026)
 - Julea Sorrentino \$21.63 per hour CAGS (10/5/2026)

4. Approve Nicole Mackow, in partnership with Lighthouse Christian Academy, to teach STEM classes to nonpublic students at an hourly rate of \$84.66, and a maximum of 228 hours of teaching not to exceed \$19,302.48, paid by the FY 2027 STEM grant budget account #20-481-100-101-30-1019-35J.

5. Approve Marsha Pepper, in partnership with Bais Reuven Kaminetz, to teach STEM classes to nonpublic students at an hourly rate of \$93.80, and a maximum of 442.32 hours of teaching not to exceed \$41,489.62, paid by the FY 2027 STEM grant budget account #20-481-100-101-30-0957-79I.

6. Approve Kristen Elias, in partnership with Hillel Yeshiva of the South Shore, to teach STEM classes to nonpublic students at an hourly rate of \$76.05, and a maximum of 220.80 hours of teaching not to exceed \$16,791.84, paid by the FY 2027 STEM grant budget account #20-481-100-101-30-0791-27H.

7. Approve SY6 Emergency Training and Equipment Sales to provide CPR training to 31 district therapists at a cost not to exceed \$1,710.00; to be paid through budget account #11-000-216-320-00-0000. (Correction from 8/5/26 agenda, item 9)
8. Approve the following teachers as Mentors for the 2026-2027 school year. Those mentoring a CE holder will be paid a rate of \$1,000.00 over the 30 weeks of mentoring and those mentoring a CEAS holder will be paid a rate of \$550.00 over the 30 weeks of mentoring, at no cost to the district, as the mentees fund the payment.
 - McCarthy, Jennifer- SSS
 - Mikhail, Maryan- LHS
9. Approve the termination of Employee #8629 due to job abandonment.
10. Approve the administrative leave of Employee #6693 pending investigation.
11. Approve the following Oak Street School Morning Bus Duty Stipend. Teacher Stipend \$1,800.00 per year for the 2026-2027 School Year (This Stipend is Pensionable), to be paid through budget account #11-000-270-107-00-2001. (8 Morning Duty Staff at a cost not to exceed \$14,400-Effective September 21, 2026)
 - Maryellen McLaughlin
 - Chelsea Kiley
 - Lauren Thomas
12. Approve the purchase of 125 PSATs and 50 SATs for students at Lakewood High School, at a total cost not to exceed \$3,000.00; to be paid through budget account #15-190-100-610-03-0003.
13. Approve dual enrollment credits through Kean University for students in the Tomorrow's Teachers class at Lakewood High School, at a total cost not to exceed \$2250; to be paid through Title IV budget account #20-280-100-500-29-2520-000.
14. Approve Celenia Hernandez and Ana Tsapatsaris to participate in a Latino Family Literacy Project webinar on September 30th at 6pm in order to become certified program presenters. The total cost, not to exceed \$600 (correction form \$450) for registration fees, will be paid using Title III

funds, budget account #20-241-200-500-29-2520-000. (Revision from August 27 board agenda (item # 30).

15. Approve Tomorrow's Teachers students from Lakewood High School to complete their field experiences at Spruce, Oak, and Clifton Avenue Schools on October 14 and October 28. Transportation costs to be paid through budget account #15-000-270-512-03-0003.
16. Approve the following staff to advise the indicated co-curricular positions for the 2026- 2027 school year for Lakewood High School. Attendance must be taken each day using the district created attendance spreadsheets. Stipends will not be paid without a copy of the club's attendance spreadsheet and Principal signature. All clubs must have 10+ students. All clubs must be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday. Clubs may not be held on Monday or Friday. As per Board Policy, Fundraisers must be approved by the Superintendent and Board of Education. Funds collected must be deposited within two working days. All staff members must review the 2026-2027 Student Activities Handbook. Account Number: 15-140-100-101-03-0003*. Stipends Pending Contract Negotiations. (Correction to the 8/26/2026 agenda)

Position	Teacher Name	Dates:	Days Per Week	Time	Stipend
Art Show (After Contractual Hours)	Matthew Varacalli	----	----	----	\$1,523.00
Art Show (After Contractual Hours)	Audre Mckelvey	----	----	----	\$1,523.00
Art Show (After Contractual Hours)	Dan Jensen	----	----	----	\$1,523.00
Winter/Spring Concert	Kathleen Hall*	----	----	----	\$1,796.00
Winter/Spring Concert.	Thomas Wilson	----	----	----	\$1,796.00

17. Approve Elsa Mena as part-time K-5 ML Instructional coach to be paid a stipend of \$12,000 through Title III, account #20-241-200-100-29-2520-000 (included in Title III plan which was board approved on July 15).

18. Approve Jessica Kalisa as part-time 6-12 ML Instructional coach to be paid a stipend of \$8,500 through Title III, account #20-241-200-100-29-2520-000 (included in Title III plan which was board approved on July 15)
19. Approve the following co-curricular positions for the Lakewood Middle School for the 2026-2027 School Year as per the LEA Contract (pending negotiations), Schedule G, to be paid through account #15-401-100-100-04-0004.

Name	Position	Stipend
Renee Putelo	Art Show	\$1,523.00
Ariel Williams	Art Show	\$1,523.00
Rachel Resignato	Winter/Spring Concert	\$1,796.00
David Greenberg	Winter/Spring Concert	\$1,796.00

20. Approve the following Co-Curriculum Stipend Positions for Lakewood Middle School for the 2026-2027 school year as per the LEA Contract (pending negotiations) Schedule F - teacher stipends to be paid through budget account #15-401-100-100-04-0004.

Position	Staff Member	Dates	Days Per Week	Stipend
8th Grade Class Advisor	Phyllice Beverette	September 3, 2026 - May 30, 2027	Monday - Friday	\$2,017

21. Approve the program We're Not Buying it 2.0 for the Lakewood Middle School, an evidence based substance use prevention program and a media literacy program designed for 6th grade students that focuses on the dangers of alcohol, marijuana, prescription and over the counter medication, cyber bullying, and the influence that the media has on attitudes toward these topics. This program is conducted over 6 sessions that are around 40-45 minutes each during the school day for 6 weeks with one session per week or 3 weeks with 2 sessions per week, at no cost to the district.
22. Approve the Ocean County Public Library YA Team to conduct various STEM Activities during Periods 2-8 at the Lakewood Middle School on the following dates at no cost to the district.

- October 20, 2026
- November 20, 2026
- December 18, 2026
- January 29, 2027
- February 26, 2027
- March 19, 2027
- April 16, 2027
- May 28, 2027

23. Approve the following LMS employees for morning duty for the 2026-2027 school year Mondays through Fridays, at a stipend rate of \$3,600 for certificated staff; to be paid through budget account #11-000-270-107-00-2001 (30 minutes prior to the start of school) (Originally approved on: August 26, 2026) (Effective Monday, September 21, 2026- Total Cost not to exceed \$28,800- 8 Staff Members total)

Staff Member	Morning Duty Location
Jon Wudzki	Outside Buses
LJ Clark	Auditorium
Brian Quinlan	Auditorium
Susan Myers	Cafeteria
Julie Bruno	Cafeteria
Nicole Mackow	4 Corners Hallway
Valerie Truisi	Outside Buses
Marjorie Fleck	Outside Buses

24. Approve Clifton Avenue Grade School Morning Duty Stipend: Teachers- \$1,800.00/year (15 minutes early) for the 2026-2027 School Year (This Stipend Is Pensionable) (prorated if the start date is after September 1, 2026) beginning September 21, 2026, to be paid through budget account #11-000-270-107-00-2001.

Name	Assignment	Position	Stipend
John Revell	Morning Duty	Teacher	\$1800.00
Kevin Popek	Morning Duty	Teacher	\$1800.00

Dawn Palazzo	Morning Duty	Teacher	\$1800.00
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25. Approve Clifton Avenue Grade School Morning Duty Substitutes \$13.75 per day (15 minutes early) for the 2026-2027 School Year. At no time will there be more than (8) eight paid morning duty teachers, to be paid through budget account #11-000-270-107-00-2001. Beginning September 21, 2026.

Name	Assignment	Position
Stacey Cloonan replacing Dawn Palazzo	Morning Duty Substitute	Teacher
Todd Pizzella replacing Kevin Popek	Morning Duty Substitute	Teacher

26. Approve the following placements for the 2026-2027 school year for student teaching (subject to approval of Criminal History background check):

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	BUILDING/ STAFF	DATES FOR PLACEMENT
Burleson	Darren	Georgian Court Univ.	LHS John Bernaski	9/8/2026 – 12/22/2026 75 hours Observation
Jackson	Bryannah	Georgian Court Univ.	CAGS Zoe Cofransisco & Jaqueline Quinn	100 Hours 9/8/2026 to 12/22/2026 FULL TIME STUDENT TEACHING 1/19/2027 to 5/8/2027
Lowe	Cameron	Kean University	LMS Tara Moore Phys/Ed	25 Hours Observation

27. Approve the following student interns from Kean University, from the Sophomore Field Experience Program to complete 10 observation hours.

Professor Joanna Abramo (P-3 only) & Patricia McDermitt, Course Instructor will supervise the interns, at no cost to the District.

P-3/TSD	P-3/TSD	K-6/TSD	K-6/TSD	MS/HS English
Erin Araujo	Lee Ann Romero	Madison Bernardo	Alexia O'Donnel	John Belch

Anna Bado	Olivia Sansone	Alexandria Bloodgood	Lillianna Patton	
Gianna Browner	Emma Seyfried	Emma Colwell	Madison Rhinehardt	
Samantha Chersevari	Kayla Toback	Rebecca Crick	Olivia Riccardelli	
Jayla Devino	Julia Sargent	Julia Digiantomasso	Sarah Ruggiero	
Anna Dlugosz		Isabella Georgiano	Emily Schott	
Gabriella Giglio		Rylie Hopkins	Devin Scully	
Ashley Howell		Hannah Jones	Abigail Shroyer	
Abigail Madariaga		Ariana Julius	Madison Tress	
Fiorella Marroquin		Amanda Klass	Sofia Triano	
Shelby Morris		Meghan Knox	Jessica Pedre	
Erin Muirhead		Mya Kucharski	Emma Hamilton	K-6
Kelly Parks		Alexa Lapuzz		
Ashley Reedy		Lillian Lau		
		Alyssa Maisano		

28. Approve the following school trips for the 2026-2027 school year.

Date/Trip #	School	Where to Purpose	# Students	# Staff / Adults	Admission \$ Acct#	Transportation \$ Acct#
10/6/26	LHS Brenda Douglas	NJASC Leadership Conference TCNJ	15	1	\$450.00	\$610.00 (Happy Time) ***Club Funds***
11/16/26	LHS Brenda Douglas	NJASC State Officer Meeting- Burlington City High School	1	1	N/A	\$355.00 15-000-270-512-03-0003

12/15/26 (Rain Date 12/17/26)	LHS Brenda Douglas	NJASC State Officer Meeting- Howell High School	1	1	N/A	\$177.00 15-000-270-512-03- 0003
2/9/27	LHS Brenda Douglas	NJASC State Officer Meeting- Melvin Kreps Middle School	1	1	N/A	\$220.00 15-000-270-512-03- 0003
10/14/26	LHS Tracy Paolantonio	Tomorrow's Teachers LHS to OSS to LHS	8	1	N/A	\$184.00 15-000-270-512-03- 0003
10/28/26	LHS Tracy Paolantonio	Tomorrow's Teachers LHS to CAGS to LHS	8	1	N/A	\$184.00 15-000-270-512-03- 0003
11/13/26	LHS Tracy Paolantonio	Tomorrow's Teachers LHS to Kean University (Union Campus) to LHS	8	1	N/A	\$580.00 15-000-270-512-03- 0003

29. Approve the Ocean County Public Library YA Team to conduct STEM activities at Lakewood High School. The STEM lessons will provide students with engaging, hands-on learning opportunities that build problem-solving, critical thinking, real world job and collaboration skills. Dates: October 2, December 4, January 8, February 5, March 5, April 9, May 7, and June 4. At no cost to the school district.

30. Approve FAFSA night at Lakewood High School. The events are hosted by the Guidance Department in order to provide the parents of current seniors with information and instructions on how to complete FAFSA. Currently, completion of FAFSA is a graduation requirement for high school seniors in the State of New Jersey. The event features free English and Spanish-speaking presenters from Ocean County College. Counselors to be paid the contractual rate of \$55 per hour (Pending Contract Negotiations) to attend the event. Account Number: 15-000-218-104-03-0003.

FAFSA night 1: 10/27/2026 from 5:00pm to 7:00 pm

- Christina Aslin
- Stephanie Tavares
- Margaret Bogan
- John Barton

FAFSA night 2: 2/25/2027 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

- Corrine Hoffman
- Guilmary Brooks
- Gloria Varela
- Amber Patterson

31. Approve the following staff to advise the indicated co-curricular positions for the 2026- 2027 school year for Lakewood High School. Attendance must be taken each day using the district created attendance spreadsheets. Stipends will not be paid without a copy of the club's attendance spreadsheet and Principal signature. All clubs must have 10+ students. All clubs must be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday. Clubs may not be held on Monday or Friday. As per Board Policy, Fundraisers must be approved by the Superintendent and Board of Education. Funds collected must be deposited within two working days. All staff members must review the 2026-2027 Student Activities Handbook. Account Number: 15-401-100-100-03-0003. Stipends Pending Contract Negotiations

Position	Teacher Name	Day Per Week	Time	Stipend
Horticulture Club	Brian Surgent	2 Days (TBD)	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	\$1,877.00
Gospel Choir	Tracey Kearney	2 Days (TBD)	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	\$2,741.00
Game Club	David Lansing/ Michael Dorsi (Split)	2 Days (TBD)	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	\$1,877.00
Band/Orchestra/Choir/Marching Band:	Zachary Grun Replacing Tyler Flint -Resigned	September 8, 2026 - June 30, 2027	5 Days	\$6,600.00

Winter/Spring Concert	Zachary Grun Replacing Tyler Flint -Resigned	-	-	\$1,796.00
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32. Approve the Lakewood High School after school tutoring program for students in grades 9 to 12, Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays afterschool from 1:30pm-3:00pm. October 1, 2026-May 31,2027 The after school tutoring program will focus on academic improvement by assisting students who struggle with specific subjects or concepts, providing extra practice, clarifying difficult topics, and offering homework help. Teacher costs not to exceed \$28,957.50, to be paid through budget account #15-421-100-101-03- 0003 Transportation costs which includes 7 large buses shared with the Lakewood Middle School Account # 11-000-270-511-00-0000 not to exceed \$90,041. 2 special education buses shared with Lakewood Middle School Account #11-000-270-514-00-0000 not to exceed \$59,253.60 Stipends Pending Contract Negotiations.

Position	Teacher Name	Dates:	Days Per Week	Time	Stipend	Not to Exceed Amount
Social Studies Tutoring	Michael Dorsi	October 1, 2026- May 31, 2027	2 Days (TBD)	1:30- 3:00 p.m.	\$55.00 an hour 1.5 hours a day	\$4,455.00
English Tutoring	Stephen Peacock	October 1, 2026- May 31, 2027	2 Days (TBD)	1:30- 3:00 p.m.	\$55.00 an hour 1.5 hours a day	\$4,455.00
Social Studies Tutoring	Gina Silinonte	October 1, 2026- May 31, 2027	1 Day (TBD)	1:30- 3:00 p.m.	\$55.00 an hour 1.5 hours a day	\$2,227.50
Science Tutoring	Valerie Hutchinson Daniluk	October 1, 2026- May 31, 2027	2 Days (TBD)	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	\$55.00 an hour 1.5 hours a day	\$4,455.00
Science Tutoring	Estefani Torres	October 1, 2026- May 31, 2027	1 Day (TBD)	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	\$55.00 an hour 1.5 hours a day	\$2,227.50
Bilingual Tutoring	Javier Canchon Vergara/Krista Girgis	October 1, 2026- May 31, 2027	Tuesdays Wednesda ys Thursdays		\$55.00 an hour 1.5 hours a day	\$6,682.5

Math Tutoring	Ayman Aziz	October 1, 2026- May 31, 2027	2 Days (TBD)	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	\$55.00 an hour 1.5 hours a day	\$4,455.00
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33. Approve the following Lakewood High School Staff to monitor detention (rotating basis) at a rate of \$55 per hour up to 1.5 hours per day for the 2026-2027 school year. Stipend Pending Contract Negotiations. (budget account #15-140-100-101-03-1012)

- Kelly Jeranek

34. Approve Lakewood High School- Morning Duty Stipend: Teachers- \$3,600 (30 minutes before schools starts) for the 2026-2027 School Year (This Stipend Is Pensionable) (8 staff members- beginning September 21, 2026) (budget account #11-000-270-107-00-2001).

- Donahoe Haile
- Hadley Michael
- Heilman Eileen
- Fildardo, Michael
- Hammel, Kelly
- Dorsi, Michael
- Francese, Joanna
- Nielsen, Stephanie

35. Approve Lakewood High School to utilize Title IV PBSIS funds to purchase shirts and incentives from Display Graphics not to exceed \$4,000 from budget account 20-280-200-600-29-2520-003.

36. Approve Lakewood High School to host its Homecoming dance on Thursday October 15, 2026 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM.

37. Approve Lakewood High School Homecoming dance chaperones on October 15, 2026 from 5:00-8:00pm to be held in the high school cafeteria. Staff members are to be paid the contractual rate of \$55.00 for the night pending contract negotiations. Budget account # 15-140-100-101-03-1017.

- Spina Bridget
- Wilson Thomas
- Mauriello Cassandra
- Parisi John
- Leach Cara

- Brooks Guilmary
- Silinonte Gina

38. Approve the following Lakewood High School Activities, at no cost to the district:

Club / Organization	Fundraiser / Activity	Date(s)
Class of 2027	Snack sale	October 6, 2026
Class of 2027	Snack sale	October 22, 2026
Class of 2027	Snack sale	November 12, 2026
Class of 2027	Snack sale	November 24, 2026
Class of 2027	Snack sale	December 8, 2026
Class of 2027	Snack sale	December 17, 2026
Class of 2027	Snack sale	January 12, 2027
Class of 2027	Snack sale	January 21, 2027
Class of 2027	Snack sale	February 9, 2027
Class of 2027	Snack sale	February 18, 2027
Class of 2027	Snack sale	March 16, 2027
Class of 2027	Snack sale	March 25, 2027
Class of 2027	Snack sale	April 6, 2027
Class of 2027	Snack sale	April 22, 2027
Class of 2027	Snack sale	May 4, 2027
Class of 2027	Snack sale	May 20, 2027
Class of 2028	Bake sale	September 23, 2026
Class of 2028	Bake sale	October 14, 2026
Class of 2028	Bake sale	October. 28, 2026
Class of 2028	Bake sale	November 18, 2026

Class of 2028	Bake sale	December 9, 2026
Class of 2029	Sell chocolate-covered pretzels after school	October 30, 2026
Engineering Club	Lollipops for a Cure	September 30–October 1, 2026
Engineering Club	Sell snacks after school	October 8, 2026
Engineering Club	Sell snacks after school	November 12, 2026
Engineering Club	Lollipops for a Cure	November 19–20, 2026
Engineering Club	Sell snacks after school	December 3, 2026
Engineering Club	Sell candy canes	December 16–18, 2026
Engineering Club	Sell snacks after school	December 22, 2026
Engineering Club	Sell snacks after school	January 14, 2027
Engineering Club	Lollipops for a Cure	January 20–21, 2027
Engineering Club	Sell snacks after school	January 28, 2027
Engineering Club	Sell snacks after school	February 11, 2027
Engineering Club	Lollipops for a Cure	February 17-18, 2027
Engineering Club	Sell snacks after school	February 15, 2027
Engineering Club	Sell snacks after school	March 11, 2027
Engineering Club	Kisses for the Cure	March 22–25, 2027
Engineering Club	Sell snacks after school	April 1, 2027
Engineering Club	Lollipops for a Cure	April 7–8, 2027
Engineering Club	Sell snacks after school	April 15, 2027
Engineering Club	Sell snacks after school	May 6, 2027
Engineering Club	Sell snacks after school	May 20, 2027
Engineering Club	Lollipops for a Cure	May 25–27, 2027
HOSA Club	Sell snacks after school	November 19, 2026
HOSA Club	Sell snacks after school	December 10, 2026

HOSA Club	Sell snacks after school	January 20, 2027
HOSA Club	Sell snacks after school	March 10, 2027
HOSA Club	Sell snacks after school	April 7, 2027
HOSA Club	Sell snacks after school	May 19, 2027
HOSA Club	Kiss a Senior Goodbye – chocolate grahams	June 1–14, 2027
HOSA Club	Valentines pretzel grahams	February 1–11, 2027
HOSA Club	Halloween snack sale	October 29, 2026
Lakewood High School	Holiday Shop during lunches	November 30–December 22, 2026
LHS Drama Club	Sell snacks after school	October 7, 2026
Student Government	Sell World's Finest Chocolates	October 13–30, 2026
Student Government	Sell World's Finest Chocolates	January 14–29, 2027
Student Government	Sell World's Finest Chocolates	May 18–June 4, 2027

39. Approve the following retirement payouts (11-000-291-299-00-0000):

Payout Type	Name	Hired-Retired	Location/Pos	Salary	Working Days	Total Days Per Contract	Per Diem	Accrued Value
Retired	Climer, Donna	3/3/2003 - 9/1/2026	SW-PPS	\$102,900.60	183	20.25	\$562.30	\$11,386.58
Retired	Cucuro, Yvette	11/22/2005 - 8/1/2026	Asst Prn - LMS	\$190,814.00	240	7.25	\$795.06	\$5,764.19
Retired	Esmart, Awilda	2/14/1995 - 9/1/2026	Secretary-CST	\$43,962.00	220	15.75	\$199.83	\$3,147.32
Retired	Zarro, Deborah	7/24/2019 - 9/1/2026	Executive Admin Sec-BOE	\$91,350.55	240	35.75	\$380.63	\$13,607.52

40. Approve the following Lakewood School District Fall Assistant Coaches for the 2026-2027 school year, to be paid through budget account #11-402-

100-100-15-0000:

Last Name	First Name	Sport	Position	Step	Stipend
Sandin	Katelyn	Field Hockey	Asst. Coach (MS)	1	\$3,052.00
Kirby	Kathleen	Cross Country	Asst. Coach (MS)	4	\$3,348.50

41. Approve the following Athletic Event Staff for the 2026 -2027 School Year (as needed) to be paid through budget account #11-402-100-100-15- 0000.

Position	Salary	Single Event	Salary	Multiple Events	Required Personnel
Announcer	\$60.00	Varsity	\$100.00	Varsity & Sub-Varsity	One Per Event
Announcer	\$45.00	Sub-Varsity	\$90.00	Two Sub-Varsity	One Per Event
Site Director	\$90.00	Varsity	\$180.00	Varsity & Sub-Varsity	One Per Event
Fluids	\$45.00	Varsity	\$75.00	Varsity & Sub-Varsity	One Per Event 2 Per Event
Crowd Control	\$50.00	Varsity	\$100.00	Varsity & Sub-Varsity	(1 – 10)
Timer	\$45.00	MS Basketball/ Wrestling/ Volleyball	\$67.50	MS Basketball/ Wrestling/ Volleyball A & B Game	One Per Event
Timer	\$50.00	Spring Track Events	\$75.00	Spring Track TriMeets/Double Dual Events	(4 – 8) Per Event
Timer	\$60.00	Varsity Games	\$105.00	Varsity & Sub-Varsity	One Per Event
Timer	\$45.00	Sub-Varsity Games			One Per Event
Timer Multi-Team	\$50.00	Per Match/Round			(1 – 6) Per Event
Pitch Counter	\$50.00	Per Varsity Game			One Per Event
Tickets	\$75.00	Basketball V/JV & Volleyball V/JV			(1-2) Per Event
Tickets	\$75.00	Football & Wrestling Varsity			(1-2) Per Event

GAME WORKERS POSITION FOR VARIOUS SPORTS:**FALL SPORTS**

Football

Girls Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS

Boys & Girls Basketball

Boys & Girls Wrestling

SPRING SPORTS

Boys & Girls Track and Field

Boys Volleyball

Baseball (pitch count)

Site Director as needed for all Athletic activities.

*The Athletic Director will assign Event Workers, on an as-needed basis, based on the projected number of spectators (may not exceed allocated funds)

Event Worker	
Reddan, Timothy	

42. Approve Michael Filardo, Jon Wudzki and the Girls Tennis team to attend the Ocean County Girls Tennis Tournament on Friday, September 25, 2026 at Bey Lea Tennis Courts, Toms River, New Jersey, at a cost of \$150.00 for entry fee, to be paid through student athletic activities account #11-402-100-800-15-0000.

43. Approve the following Medical/Administrative/Supplemental Homebound Instruction for the following students by the following agency/consultant. (Budget Account #11-150-100-320-00-0000).

Number	Agency/Consultant	Date	Hours (not to exceed)	Hourly Rate	Total (not to exceed)
918983	UCESC/Trinitas Hospital	9/8/2026 - 10/8/2026	10 hours/ weekly	\$80.00	\$6,400.00
908936	Kathy Bower	9/1/2026 - 9/29/2026	up to 10 hours weekly	\$55.00	\$4,400.00
938848	Malka Golovenvitz	9/8/2026 - 11/7/2026	10 hours/weekly	\$125.00	\$11,250.00

44. Approve the following Medical/Administrative/Supplemental Homebound Instruction for the following students by the following agency/consultant. (Budget Account #11-150-100-101-00-0000).

Number	Agency/Consultant	Date	Hours (not to exceed)	Hourly Rate	Total (not to exceed)
920754	Stephanie Nielsen	7/22/26 - 11/13/26	up to 10 hours weekly	\$55.00	\$9,900.00
919400	Gissela Malgeri	8/21/26 - 10/21/26	10 hours/weekly	\$55.00	\$4,500.00
937085	Jason Storch	9/8/26 - 10/6/26	10 hours/weekly	\$55.00	\$2,200.00
913013	Javier Canchon Vergara	9/8/26 - 6/22/27	5 hours/weekly	\$55.00	\$9,900.00
952208	Jessica DeSantis	9/10/26 - 11/18/26	5 hours/weekly	\$55.00	\$2,750.00
924571	Michael Hadley	9/14/26 - 11/10/26	10 hours/weekly	\$55.00	\$4,500.00
930278	Eric Holmberg	9/14/26 - 11/14/26	10 hours/weekly	\$55.00	\$4,500.00

45. Approve the following Child Study Team members to work on an hourly 'as needed basis' to maintain compliance at the rate of \$300.00 per evaluation, not to exceed fifteen evaluations. This is based on departmental needs and must be approved prior by the Supervisor of the Child Study Team to meet state mandated requirements during the 2026-2027 school year; not to exceed a collective total of \$7,500.00; to be paid through budget account #11-000-219-104-13-0013.

- Kimberly Cable
- Kristina Wehrenberg

46. Approve the following Bus Duty Teachers at Spruce Street School for early morning arrival, 15 minutes prior to school opening for a stipend of \$1800 paid through budget account #11-000-270-107-00-2001. (8 Morning Duty Staff at a total cost of \$14,400- Effective September 21, 2026)

Staff	Role
Lisa Pierce	Teacher
Marie Trapkin	Teacher
Jill Deguilio-Decarlo	Teacher

47. Approve Reina Patricia Flores as Parent Liaison at Spruce Street School for the 2026-2027 school year, for a contractual stipend amount of \$3650.00 (pending LEA Negotiations); to be paid through budget account #11-000-211-173-15-015.

48. Approve OHI to administer flu vaccines on October 29, 2026 from 9:00am-1:00pm to Spruce Street School students and staff, at no cost to the district.

49. The following schools have existing Security Services with the vendors provided. Please approve the following purchases:

SCHOOL	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	COST	ACCOUNT
CHEDER TORAS ZEV 0987 07J	DATALINK SYSTEMS	FIBER CABLES FOR EXISTING SECURITY SYSTEM Q 4614B	\$ 8,260.00	20-511-266-610-30-0987-07J
CHEDER TORAS ZEV 0987 07J	DATALINK SYSTEMS	SERVICE FOR EXISTING ACCESS CONTROL DOORS Q 4615B	\$ 8,000.00	20-511-266-300-30-0987-07J
CHEDER TORAS ZEV 0987 07J	DATALINK SYSTEMS	CABLE RUN AND SET UP FOR EXISTING SECURITY EQUIPMENT Q 4613B	\$ 10,000.00 \$ 10,000.00	20-511-266-610-30-0987-07J 20-511-266-300-30-0987-07J
CHEDER TORAS ZEV 0987 07J	DATALINK SYSTEMS	SERVICE CONTRACT OF EXISTING VIDEO SURVEILLANCE Q4612B	\$ 38,000.00	20-511-266-300-30-0987-07J

50. Approve the following additional *textbooks* to be used in non-public schools. The complete list of approved nonpublic textbooks for the 2026-2027 school year is maintained by the Grant Office.

Book Title	ISBN #	Publisher
My time to Shine	9780328039340	Scott Foresman
New Beginnings	9780328039333	Scott Foresman
Milim Utzlilim Level 1 A	9781733098502	Safah Lane'emanim
World of Literacy Mini Series - Level 7	9781948241793	Achievements Educational Services
Witness to History	9780982494905	Project Witness
Mosdos Press Literature Opal student	9780985807832	Mosdos press
Fundamentals of Algebra	9780821583371	Sadlier
Foundations of algebra	9780821583388	Sadlier
To Vanquish the Dragon	0873065700	Feldheim Publishers

Dibs In Search of Self	9780345339256	The Random House Publishing Group
Wordly Wise 3000 Book 10	9780838877104	EPS Learning
A Portrait of Two Families	9781680257557	Feldheim Publishers
Spots Math First Grade New - 2 Vol. Set + Facts	9781737161318	Spots Resources
Ticket To Read	9781636490540	TeacherSmart
Literacy Level D	9781955773676	Lighthouse Curriculum
United States History: Civil War to the Present Student Edition	9780544669017	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

51. Approve the following items are *workbooks* to be used in nonpublic schools.

Book Title	ISBN#	Publisher
Lighthouse Math D	9781955773034	Lighthouse Curriculum
Lighthouse Math E	9781955773041	Lighthouse Curriculum
Level 1A Kid in the Middle with Phonetic Stories-	9781967602391	ReadBright
Letters and numbers for me	9798885664929	Learning Without tears
This Month In History 3	9781955773270	Lighthouse Curriculum
The iCount Method® Level Gold Math Book	9781957527970	iCount Method
The iCount Method® Level Purple Math Book	9781957527277	iCount Method
Handwriting 2020 Grade 1 Student Edition	9781453119280	zaner-bloser
Kal U'vahir Beginner's Handwriting Book	9780615218618	Brighter Education
Foundations of Algebra practice book	9780821582282	Sadlier
Vocabulary Workshop Level C	9780821571088	Sadlier Oxford
Language Fundamentals Grade 2	9781596731622	BP Print Group
Language Fundamentals Grade 3	9781596731639	BP Print Group
Kriah With Ease - Level Four	9781953254030	SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS INC.
Phonics	9780821579008	Sadlier
The WRITE Way: ABC Handwriting Adventures	9798995367208	Happy Handwriters 613Y
1, 2, 3 Go!	9798988892472	Happy Handwriters 613
Workbook Shar Haklalom - Orange	9781941856369	Martin Blau
My Handwriting	9780929908370	Ohr Halimud
Vocabulary Workshops- Level Purple	9781421716428	Sadlier
Fundamentals of Life Science Workbook and Lab	9781733053105	Jewish Center for Science

Middle Grades Math Course 1 Practice Workbook	9780134354194	Prentice Hall
Middle Grades Math Tools For Success Course	9780134354200	Prentice Hall
Writing For Learning-Gr 1-Manuscript Enrichment	9781934732588	Universal Publishing
ReadWise Vol. 3	9781938428708	LEI Literacy
.ReadMaster Vol. 4	9781938428715	LEI Literacy
LitCraft Vol 5	9781938428739	LEI Literacy
World of Literacy-Red	9781963536201	Achievements Educational Services

52. Approve the updated 2026-2027 Payroll Schedule.

53. Approve the following staff to have a portion of their salary charged to grants due to the connection of their work done with the grant department.

Adm. Costs for NP Nursing Program: Inventory is sent to Central Warehouse, then delivered to the Non Public Schools:

50% Non-Public Nursing

Acct# 20-509-200-100-29-2520-

ADM

	Salary	FICA/HB Estimate
Alfred Starling	\$ 23,256.32	\$11,779.11
Kenneth Short	\$ 23,400.00	\$ 2,840.10
Michael Lawler	\$ 23,400.00	\$ 11,790.10
Peter Zitniak	\$ 23,400.00	\$ 2,840.10
Ralph Laboy	\$ 42,317.10	\$ 4,287.26
Tricia Mc Dermott	\$ 31,513.76	\$ 25,910.80
	\$ 167,287.18	\$ 59,447.47

Adm. Costs for NP Technology Program: Inventory & Asset Management, review NP technology requests

10% Non-Public Technology

Acct# 20-510-200-100-29-2520-ADM

	Salary	FICA/HB Estimate
James Trischitta	\$ 20,178.23	\$ 1,643.63

54. Approve the renewal of DocuSign Ensign subscription for the 2026-2027 school year from CDW at a total cost of \$20,510.00 to be billed to account #11-000-251-340-00-0000.
55. Approve the renewal of Freshdesk Pro from Freshdesk for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$3,673.92 to be paid through budget account #11-000-252-500-00-0000.
56. Approve the renewal of Vector Solutions from Scenario Learning for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$12,540.00 to be paid through budget account 11-000-223-320-00-0000.
57. Approve the Chronic Absenteeism Plans for the 2026-2027 School Year for:
- Lakewood High School
 - Lakewood Middle School
 - Clifton Avenue Grade School
 - Oak Street School
 - Spruce Street School
58. Approve the Biannual Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff.
59. Approve the District's Emergency Response Procedure for staff-students outside a school building.
60. **WHEREAS**, the District has been unable to recruit and retain a sufficient number of part-time paraprofessionals, and third-party staffing vendors have been unable to consistently fill paraprofessional vacancies in special education classrooms; and
- WHEREAS**, consistent paraprofessional staffing is necessary to support student safety, implement Individualized Education Programs, and ensure the delivery of mandated special education services; and
- WHEREAS**, sufficient funding is available within the District's approved budget, including an open balance of approximately \$1.9 million in account 11-190-100-320-00-0000, where funding was budgeted to replace full-time paraprofessionals with substitute staffing; and
- WHEREAS**, the estimated maximum annual salary cost for twenty full-time paraprofessionals is approximately \$700,000, based on an estimated

salary of \$35,000 per employee, and sufficient additional funding is available to cover applicable benefits; and

WHEREAS, as negotiated with the Lakewood Education Association (“LEA”), eligible paraprofessionals shall be recalled in accordance with the established paraprofessional seniority list;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lakewood Board of Education hereby approves the recall and hiring of up to twenty full-time paraprofessionals, in accordance with the paraprofessional seniority list and subject to all applicable hiring requirements, to provide consistent staffing and support in special education classrooms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sufficient funding is available to support these positions, as reflected in the attached budget reports, and that the Business Administrator is authorized to make any necessary budget transfers and accounting adjustments, subject to all applicable requirements and approvals.

61. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lakewood Board of Education approves the use of Home Health Aides provided by Towne Nursing at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, for no more than 29.5 hours per aide per week, as needed to support students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each aide must complete the NJDOE criminal background check and fingerprinting requirements and receive the required clearance before providing services in the District.

62. Approve Martha Mroz and Maryan Mikhail as the LHS/OCC Dual Enrollment Coordinators for the 2026-27 school year, at a rate of \$400 monthly per person, from September 24, 2026 through June 30, 2027, to be paid through Title IV budget account #20-280-200-100-29-2520-000.

Motion to Approve the Business Superintendent’s Agenda: 9:48pm

First: Mr. Bender

Second: Mr. Rodriguez

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	<u>Y</u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>Y</u>
Aaron Chase	<u>Y</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>Y</u>

Joel Kleinman	<u>Y</u>
Samuel Melnik	<u>Y</u>
Abraham Reich	<u>Y</u>
Shlomie Stern	<u>Y</u>
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	<u>Y</u>

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - (Limited to 4 minutes as per Board Policy #0167)

1. Moshe Raitzik
2. Ebony Rivera- Principal, CAGS
3. Kimberlee Shaw- President, Lakewood Education Association
4. Lisa Mitchell- ESPAN
5. Adelaida Hernandez
6. Mike Mannion- NJEA
7. Michael Babb
8. Maureen Gallant
9. Aaron Hirsch- Requested for the following questions he asked to be placed 'on the record':

To Mrs. Davis, State Monitor:

- "Mrs. Davis, are you also overriding tonight's courtesy bussing resolution for public students?"
- "Your letter states non-mandated transportation for both public and nonpublic school students was eliminated for the lack of funding and was not in the budget. If you allow the public resolution, where is that money coming from? And why can't it be applied to nonpublic school children crossing the same hazardous roads?"
- "On what basis did you override tonight's vote given that the funding language you emphasized what removed?"

To General Counsel, Mr. Forsman:

- Whether overriding safety bussing for one group of children while permitting courtesy bussing for another on the same roads is arbitrary and capricious.
- This Board's own hazardous route policy which counsel set on September 9th does not distinguish from public and nonpublic school students.

- Whether PL 2023 Chapter 326 actually governs the LSTA and whether a district run hazardous service outside the consortium would avoid it.
- Whether the 2006 Bacon decision the Monitors letter relies on still controls given the Supreme Court's religious liberty decision since then.

*All members of the board spoke and addressed the concerns of the public comment individuals (both English and Spanish) in regards to the bussing and paraprofessional matters throughout the public comment portion of the board meeting. (Official verbatim transcription will be sent to the Board of Education through Magna Legal Services)

XIV. GOOD & WELFARE

XV. SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION – RESOLUTION- 10:55pm

WHEREAS, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, known as the Open Public Meetings Act, provides that a public body may not exclude the public from any meeting to discuss any matter described therein until the public body has first adopted a Resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood has determined that the following items must be discussed in closed session and that the public must be excluded from said deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood has determined that the subject matter of the closed discussion falls within those matters described in subsection 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that

A. The Board of Education, in closed session, may discuss one or more of the following subject matter:

1. Any pending or anticipated litigation.

Which subject matters constitute a subject matter described in the subsection 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood, will disclose to the public the subject matter of said closed discussions, as soon as the matters have been resolved and the determination can be disclosed to the public.

Motion to go into Executive Session: 10:57pm

First: Mr. Chase

Second: Mrs. Westbrook Goldberg

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	<u>Y</u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>Y</u>
Aaron Chase	<u>Y</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>Y</u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>Absent</u>
Samuel Melnik	<u>Y</u>
Abraham Reich	<u>Y</u>
Shlomie Stern	<u>Y</u>
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	<u>Y</u>

Motion to go into Public Session: 11:30pm

First: Mr. Rodriguez

Second: Mr. Bender

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	<u>Y</u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>Y</u>
Aaron Chase	<u>Y</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>Y</u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>Absent</u>
Samuel Melnik	<u>Y</u>
Abraham Reich	<u>Y</u>
Shlomie Stern	<u>Y</u>
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	<u>Y</u>

Motion to Approve the Business Administrator Agenda: 11:32pm

First: Mr. Rodriguez

Second: Mr. Reich

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	<u>Y</u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>Y</u>
Aaron Chase	<u>Y</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>Y</u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>Absent</u>
Samuel Melnik	<u>Y</u>
Abraham Reich	<u>Y</u>

Shlomie Stern	<u>Y</u>
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	<u>Y</u>

*Motion and Voting for the Business agenda is also referenced at the end of the Business Administrator's Agenda items on page 27.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the meeting: 11:35pm

First: Mr. Rodriguez **Second:** Mr. Bender

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	<u>Y</u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>Y</u>
Aaron Chase	<u>Y</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>Y</u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>Absent</u>
Samuel Melnik	<u>Y</u>
Abraham Reich	<u>Y</u>
Shlomie Stern	<u>Y</u>
Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg	<u>Y</u>

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35pm

I, Kevin Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, of the Lakewood Board of Education, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the Minutes for the In-Person Public Meeting held on September 23, 2026.



 Kevin Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

October 28, 2026



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October 27, 2026

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RE: Fiscal Monitor Decision September 23, 2026 Regular Meeting

Agenda Report of the SBA Finance

Read In:

- #13 Motion for Advance in State Aid for Payment of NP Hazardous Busing \$ 14,879,634
 - #14 Motion for Advance in State Aid for Payment for Reinstatement of FT Paraprofessionals \$5 million
- Agenda Item D. Operations:
- Transportation, Item J – Motion to provide Hazardous Route Transportation for Eligible NP Students Thru the LSTA for up to 12,642 students, Not to Exceed \$ 14,879,634.

All Read In Motions Placed Under Advisement by Fiscal Monitor

Dear Dr. Winters:

Please accept this letter as notification that, pursuant to my statutory authority, the Lakewood Board of Education's above-referenced action items are denied.

At its September 23, 2026 meeting, the Board sought to authorize "payment to the Lakewood Student Transportation Authority (LSTA) to fund hazardous-route transportation for eligible non-public school students, consistent with the District's continued funding of hazardous-route transportation for public-school students," based on the District Report of Transported Resident Students "for up to 12,642 students, at an amount not to exceed \$1,177 per student, for a total amount not to exceed

\$14,879,634." This is substantively the same resolution I denied following the Board's September 9, 2026 special meeting.

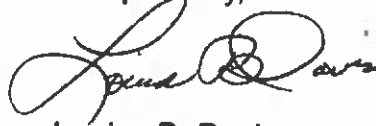
The Board's fiscal position has not changed. The FY 26-27 Budget is in deficit with no available funding, and the Board has already requested a State Aid advance exceeding \$132 million for this fiscal year. At the same meeting, the Board moved to request an additional \$14,879,634 State Aid advance specifically for this nonpublic hazardous busing. Funding this non-mandated service would only deepen the District's financial challenges and is denied.

As explained in my letter dated September 23, 2026, State law requires districts to bus only students who live beyond certain distances from school. See N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1. Courtesy busing, including on routes the District considers hazardous, is optional, and offering it to public school students does not require the District to offer it to nonpublic school students. Nor is the District obligated to provide or pay for transportation for nonpublic school students who do not meet the statutory distance requirements. See N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.8. Furthermore, under P.L. 2023, c.326 and N.J.A.C.6A:27-14.2(b) whenever the LSTA provides courtesy busing, the cost is borne by the parents, not the District.

Additionally, a \$5 million increase in State Aid advance was requested for re-hiring of full time paraprofessionals. Subsequently, you have re-hired additional para's without increasing the provisionally approved FY 26-27 Budget and instead utilizing existing budget line items, making this resolution moot.

Given the District's severe fiscal crisis, the FY 26-27 budget deficit, and the pending State Aid advance request, I am exercising my statutory authority to deny these resolutions in the best interests of the District's fiscal health and in accordance with my statutory obligation to ensure the responsible use of public funds.

Respectfully,



Louise B. Davis
Fiscal State Monitor

Cc: Kevin Campbell, SBA/BS
Members, Lakewood Board of Education
Susan Naples, Executive Superintendent, Ocean County
Jason Bedell, Executive SBA, Ocean County
Dr. Lily Laux, New Jersey Commissioner of Education
Joseph Howe, New Jersey Deputy Commissioner of Education
Stephanie Kuntz, New Jersey Director of State Monitors
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